

BYLAWS BASICS

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The purpose of this document is, hopefully, to simplify the understanding of the Bylaws that govern us here at Lions Head South (LHS).

OPINION (along with a few facts:)

Recently, the Association's attorneys advised our Trustees to recommend a Tort Amendment to our ByLaws. The Trustees tasked the Bylaws Committee to present information on this proposed amendment to the community and conduct a vote on the matter. As you are aware, letters of intent explaining this amendment were distributed to all homeowners, information was published in The Pride and subsequently ballots were mailed out on this important issue.

State of New Jersey statutes require that 2/3 of the members of our community must vote in favor of such an amendment for it to be adopted. That means with 615 homes there must be 410 votes in favor.

The deadline for receipt of the ballots was 12 noon on May 21, 2021. At 1:00 pm on that date the ByLaws Committee opened and tallied the votes. This was witnessed by 3 of our Trustees. Unfortunately only 403 valid ballots were returned. Of these, 292 voted in favor of the amendment with 111 against it. Those 292 Yes votes fell far below the required 410 votes required for approval. However, of the 403 votes, that 292 represents 72% in favor. If at least 600 of our homeowners had shown more interest in this issue, you *could* factor out that 72% to an approval count of 432 (more than enough for approval).

Volunteers worked diligently to complete this task; it is disappointing that more members of the community did not exercise their privilege to vote and have an active say in the running of Lions Head South.

Now, the ByLaws Committee can get down to our original task of reviewing the ByLaws for any necessary changes for the benefit of Lions Head South and those who care. We do!