

MNBC AGM STANDING RULES

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNBC Citizens in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the B.C. *Societies Act*, the MNBC Bylaws, and *Constitution*.
2. Only MNBC Citizens are entitled to speak and vote at this meeting.
3. A Citizen who is attending the meeting in person and wishes to speak will approach the microphone or have the microphone brought to them, wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking, and open by stating their name.
4. A Citizen who is attending the meeting virtually and wishes to speak will request to do so by using the “raise hand” function, wait to be recognized by the Chair and be unmuted, and open by stating their name.
5. As much as possible, the Chair will alternate between recognizing virtual speakers and in person speakers.
6. On each issue or motion, a Citizen will be entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than two (2) minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than two minutes will require permission from the assembly.
7. If a Citizen has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same two minute time slot.
8. To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a Citizen must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
9. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Chair may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
10. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
11. Speakers must observe decorum, must avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.