

AMENDED
PROPOSAL
TO THE
OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 4, 2011

SECOND YEAR CLUB EXEMPTION OF DUES FOR ONE YEAR

Rationale: Newly built clubs have financial problems in their first years of existence. A newly built club starts its second year often with no funds or reduced funds in the bank and new leadership and members who are often new to the organization. It is difficult to carry out activities for our youth, recruit new members and pay Optimist International dues without funds. This penalizes the youth they were built to serve and is also one of the reasons clubs disband in their second year. The second year poses a great risk of club expulsion from our organization because of nonpayment of dues, a loss of membership and lack of established fundraising projects. In order to give clubs a chance to find the means of training effective leaders, recruiting new members and raising adequate funds to operate youth programs, the following proposal is offered:

Motion Requested:

~~That the Optimist International Board of Directors consider Second Year clubs in good standing, with Optimist International as of October 1st of their second year to be exempt from international dues for their second year, October 1–September 30th.~~

That the Optimist International Board of Directors consider Second Year clubs in good standing (current in dues one year after its charter date), receive a one time waiver of one quarter's dues (signed by president and secretary-treasurer) and having a +5 in membership over its charter membership roster.

Respectfully submitted,
Fatima Plater, Member of the OI Board of Directors