

Article 1 - Club Name

Section 1. The name of this association shall be the Shirley Rod and Gun Club, Inc. The location of the Club shall be in the town of Shirley. The location shall not be changed except by two-thirds vote of active members of the club.

Article 2 - Object

Section 1. The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows: to promote and protect the interests of all legitimate sports with rod, gun, and bow; promote respect for the rights of farmers and property owners; to encourage obedience to the laws for the protection and maintenance of our fish and game resources; to carry on a program of education and public relations, particularly among sportsmen, in order to create a better understanding of our mutual problems and to stimulate membership in our club; to promote public fishing, hunting, recreational areas and wildlife sanctuaries; to endeavor to inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, fidelity, and education; to aid in promoting the welfare and enhancing the happiness of its members; and in connection there with to do any and all things in the furtherance of these purposes permissible under Chapter 180 of the General Laws and amendments there to.

Article 3 - Membership

Section 1. Every person eighteen years of age and older shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Any person between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years of age shall be eligible for membership with the written consent of parent or guardian. Such person may become a non-voting member by paying regular yearly dues and upon the eighteenth birthday must pay the regular initiation fee and shall, thereafter be a voting member.

Section 3. No person below the age of fifteen years shall be eligible for membership.

Section 4. Membership shall be granted to eligible persons at any regular meeting by two-thirds vote of those present and voting. New members may not vote at the meeting in which they are elected.

Section 5. Any member who has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the purposes set forth in the Club's Articles of the Organization may be expelled or suspended at any regular meeting by two-thirds of the members present and voting. Provided, however, that any charge of misconduct against a member shall be in writing and signed by the person or persons making such a charge and said member shall be notified, in writing, by the clerk-secretary at least ten days prior to said meeting, of such charge and the nature thereof. Any member or guest who causes damage to club property is responsible for restitution.

Section 6. Dues and initiation fees may be changed at any Annual or Special meetings of the Club provided that notice of such proposed action shall have been given to all members in writing and/or digital communication. Dues shall be payable before the Annual meeting held in March. Members who have not paid their dues by June monthly Club meeting following the Annual Meeting shall be dropped from the Club.

Section 7. Any member failing to pay his or her dues by the March meeting shall be notified in writing and/or digital communication that if the dues are not paid by the June monthly Club meeting the member will be dropped from the Club. Any such member may apply, at any later date, for membership under the foregoing provisions on the same basis as any new applicant.

Section 8. All members are required to perform a minimum of four hours work at the club each year of membership. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the reassessment of the initiation fee each year.

Section 9. The Club may, from time to time, elect Honorary membership such persons as it may desire to honor for their age, experience, and interest in the objects of the Club. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues and shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

Section 10. Any member of the Club who has been a member in good standing for at least TEN (10) consecutive years and who has attained the age of sixty-five years, shall automatically become a life member. Life members shall not be required to pay dues but shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership. Regular members in good standing for 10 consecutive years may apply for life membership at the end of the tenth year or any subsequent consecutive year using the 60 percent rule. $(65 - \text{Current age}) \times \text{current dues} \times 60\%$.

Section 11. Any new members joining after October 1, dues will be reduced by fifty percent of current dues. Initiation fee is not reduced.

Section 12. Members of the Club may bring guests to the Club. Guests may not remain on Club grounds if the Member leaves. Members are responsible for all the actions and conduct of their guests while on Club grounds. All guests must be accompanied by a member at all times while on Club grounds.

Article 4 - Officers

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Clerk- Secretary, all to be elected by a majority vote of the members at the annual meeting, and a Board of not less than five nor more than nine Directors. Every officer shall keep proper books and all others properties issued for the Club purposes shall be the property of the Club; every such officer shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified vacancies shall be filled by the Directors until the next annual meeting; other officers and committees may be appointed and removed by the President, and duties may be assigned them at the President's discretion and as the Directors approve. Nothing in this order or any other section shall be construed in such a way as to restrict offerings of nominations from the floor.

Section 2. The President, subject to direction by votes of the Club and votes of the Directors, shall manage the affairs of the Club; shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Club; shall in his discretion, call meetings of the Club, Directors, or any committee. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees other than the nominating committee and shall perform all other duties required by law, or by the Club.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall act in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President, consistent with provisions of Section 2 above.

Section 4. The Directors shall consist of between five and nine members. New candidates for the Board of Directors must be members in good standing for at least five consecutive years prior to being appointed. The term of the Directors shall be of indefinite duration. The Directors shall from their number, choose a President and Vice-President of the Board of Directors; shall fill vacancies of the Board of Directors; may by at least two thirds vote remove any member, shall examine and cause to be properly kept, the books, accounts, and other property of the Club and subject to the vote of the members, may by their votes, direct the officers in the management of the affairs of the Club.

To remain a director in good standing Directors are required to attend both Board of Directors meetings and at least 2 monthly Club meetings per year. The two Board of Directors meetings per year will be scheduled the Tuesday prior to the March Annual Club Meeting and the Tuesday prior to the September monthly meeting, respectively. The minimum of 2 monthly club meetings that must be attended should be scheduled such that at least 1 monthly club meeting is attended between each of the Board of Directors meetings. If these requirements are not met the Board of Directors may replace the director at their discretion.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall see that all bills due to the Club are promptly paid; shall pay all bills due from the Club when approved by the Membership; shall keep and have charge of the corporate seal, if any, and affix an impression thereof on any document he deems proper; shall, when it is required, certify that the execution of any document is the free act and deed of the Club; shall keep and have charge of the accounts of the Club, the vouchers thereof, and the moneys, books, and valuable papers of the Club; shall deposit all funds of the Club to its credit in its name with such banking corporations as the Directors shall approve, to be drawn only on checks signed by the Club Treasurer. Shall, at the annual meeting, present a detailed report by items of the receipts and expenditures of the Club during the preceding year, which said report will be submitted to an auditing committee appointed by the President consisting of three (3) members one week before said meeting and the Treasurer's book shall be closed for such a period; shall at each monthly meeting present a detailed report by items of the receipts and expenditures of the Club during the preceding month or during the period since the last monthly meeting whichever is greater.

Section 6. The Clerk-Secretary shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, shall keep a detailed record of all proceedings at the meetings; shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting or any special meeting, cause notice to be given to all members by mail and/or digital communication so far as the names and addresses of such members appear on record, such notice to state, within the Clerk-Secretary's knowledge, the place, hour, and purpose of the meeting; shall, under supervision of the President and the Directors, conduct the correspondence of the Club; shall perform all other duties required by law, the Club, or the Directors.

Section 7. No officer shall receive any remuneration for the performance of his or her duties. All elected Officers and appointed committee chairs shall receive Free Shirley Rod & Gun Club membership as long as they hold their office and perform their duties according to the By Laws.

Section 8. Nominating Committee - The President can either appoint a chair and have the chair pick the rest of the committee, or the President can pick the entire committee him or herself. The Nominating committee shall bring to the annual meeting a list of names to be voted as officers and any elected officials for the ensuing year.

Section 9. Grievance Committee – Appointed by President to hear a protest of expulsion or suspension by the Board of Directors from the member in question.

Section 10. Bylaw Committee – Appointed when the President deems it necessary to have the By-Laws looked at for possible change. The President can appoint a chair and have the chair pick the rest of the committee or pick the entire committee his or herself. Any changes this committee makes must go through the Board of Directors before being presented to the membership.

Section 11. Election Committee – Shall be appointed by the President on the night of the election. The members of the election committee shall be different from the nominating committee. They are responsible for the counting of the votes cast at the Annual election. They should select a spokesperson to address the members of the results.

Article 5 - Meetings

Section 1. A quorum at any Club meeting shall consist of at least eleven (11) members, including officers.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the second Thursday of March of each year at any place and hour designated by the President, such place, however, to be within the Town of Shirley.

Section 3. Monthly meeting shall be held during the second week of each month but otherwise on and at any day, place, and hour designated by the President.

Section 4. Special meetings shall be called by the President, or in the event of his inability or incapacity, by the Vice-President, for the purpose and on and at any day, place, and hour designated by such President or Vice-President.

Section 5. If any meeting is not held or any election is not made, or any other business is not transacted, on the day it should have been, or if any election is not legally made, or any other business is not legally transacted, the meeting may be held and the election and other business may be ratified, at any subsequent meeting duly called.

Section 6. All meetings shall be conducted, as to their order, according to customary rules of parliamentary procedure and Roberts Rules of Order shall govern except where expressly in conflict with other provisions of the by-laws.

Article 6 - Use of the Clubhouse

Section 1. The Clubhouse is to be used only for Club functions or for functions by or for a Club member that have been approved at a regular meeting by a two thirds majority vote. A Fee for this function could be charged for this service including a security deposit.

Article 7 - Amendments

Section 1. The By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed or a new By-Law may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Club by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting, provided that notice of such a proposed action shall have been given to the members, in writing and/or digital communication, at least 10 days prior.

Article 8 - Funds

Section 1. No funds of the Club shall be expended for any purpose other than the promotion and furtherance of the purposes set forth in agreement of association and article of organization.

Section 2. Fund raising activities shall be determined by the membership at any annual, special, or monthly meeting, shall be carried out by the President and such committee or committees as the President may appoint.

Section 3. Any funds appropriated by the members of the Club at any annual, special, or monthly meeting and not expended within twelve (12) months of appropriation, shall lapse and not be available for expenditure unless re-appropriated by the members of the Club.

Article 9 – Operations

Section 1. No alcohol may be sold at any function held on Club grounds other than a function held by the Club.

Article 10 – Dissolution

Section 1. Dissolution may be voted at any regular meeting, provided, however, that notice of such intention to dissolve the corporation shall be given, in writing and/or digital communication by the Clerk-Secretary to all members, at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting and a vote of four-fifths of the members present, in good standing and voting shall be required. And further provided that any such dissolution must be according to the applicable statutes made and provided.

Section 2. In case of disbandment, the property and assets of the Shirley Rod and Gun Club, Inc. are to be held under the control of the Directors who shall determine the disposal of property and assets as they shall by unanimous vote decide, but said property shall, in any event, be used for hunting, fishing, and trapping purposes. If within a period of five years, no responsible group is ready to start a new Rod and Gun Club, the property and assets may be turned over to the inhabitants of the Town of Shirley, under provisions of Chapter 40, section 8C of the General Laws, to be used for hunting, fishing, and trapping purposes. No personal gain is to be made by any Director by the sale or disposal of Club assets.

Article 11 - Reserve emergency account

Section 1. The Shirley Rod and Gun Club will create and maintain a "reserve emergency account" to safeguard the future financial stability of the Club. This money should be held in an insured interest yielding account. The amount in this account will be at least two times the annual operating costs for the Club. Removal of money from this account will require written and/or digital notification to all members stating the reason for the removal of money, the amount requested, and the date of the meeting. The Board of Directors and the Finance Committee will issue their opinion at this meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting shall decide the request for removal. Upon recommendation of the Treasurer and Finance Committee, additional money may be added to the account by majority vote at regular club meetings.

Article 12 -Sale of Real Estate

Section 1. The sale of any club owned real estate will require written and/or digital notification to all members in good standing stating the reason for said sale, the parcel to be sold, the estimated value to be received, and the date and place of the meeting taking up said vote. A two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting is required for the sale to proceed. Agreement to any prospective buyer via a purchase and sale agreement shall require the signature of the President of the Club and the Chairman of the Board.