



## **BY-LAWS of the WEYMOUTH Sportsmen's CLUB Inc.**

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NAME

Article 1

The organization shall be known as the Weymouth Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

PURPOSE

Article 2

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote legitimate sport with handguns, 22 rifles, bows, and other field sports; and to support propagation and conversation of fish and wildlife.

OFFICERS

Article 3

\*Section 1. The elected officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and a board of five Trustees. They shall hold office for one year commencing at the beginning of new business at the October business meeting, and concluding at the conclusion of old business at the October business meeting; or until their successors are elected or appointed.

\*Section 2. The organization shall consist of various standing committees as deemed necessary by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3. The officers, together with the chairman of all standing committees shall constitute the Executive Board.

\*Section 4. The Executive Board, which shall meet at least once every month and shall plan and direct the work of the organization. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The standing committees shall be announced by the President.

Section 6. Duties of the President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be member ex officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to his office.

Section 7. Duties of the Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

Section 8. Duties of the Secretary: The Secretary shall undertake such correspondence as the President or Executive Board shall direct. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Committee, and have custody of the books and papers of the club.



\*Section 9. Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be bonded and shall have charge of all funds of the organization and shall place same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall be withdrawn by check, signed by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, according to such procedures as may be approved by the Executive Board.. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions, and shall render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested, and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.

\*Section 9A) Duties of the Assistant Treasurer: The Assistant Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Treasurer in his absence or at his request.

\*Section 10. Duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms: At the direction of the presiding officer, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall enforce good order and decorum at business meetings. He shall call the roll of officers, and keep an accurate record of attendance of all members at the business meetings.

Section 11. Duties of the Trustees: It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to audit the financial records of the Weymouth Sportsmen's Club Inc., and the Weymouth Junior Sportsmen's Club, at the end of the fiscal year. A full report of such auditing shall be made at the December business meeting of each year. The auditing shall be witnessed by the treasurer, treasurer elect, junior treasurer, and junior treasurer elect.

Section 12. Duties of the Manager: The Club Manager shall be appointed by the President. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Board. He shall be responsible for the provision and disbursement of refreshments and be in charge of the all keys to the refreshment area. He shall keep an accurate account of his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at all meetings of the Executive Board and an annual report to the organization at the December business meeting.

Section 13. Duties of the Range Officer: The Range Officer shall be appointed by the President. He shall have charge of the ranges of the Club and keep same in repair. He shall have the authority to set range safety rules, range procedures. He shall see to the supervision of the firing line at all times and will enforce safety rules, range priorities, house rules, and Club By-Laws. He shall contract no bills without the approval of the Executive Committee. The Range Officer may appoint Assistant Range Officers as he deems necessary to carry out his duties and responsibility. The Range Officer must hold, in good standing, a Range Officer's certificate from the NRA.

Section 14. Duties of the Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman shall be appointed by the President. He shall keep records of Life, Associate, and Regular members. He shall issue keys as directed and authorized by the President. He shall report to the members at each business meeting.

Section 15. Vacancies: In the event of the resignation or inability of any member of the Executive Board to fulfill his obligations, his term of office shall automatically cease. It shall be the duty of the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, to appoint a member to serve the unexpired term.

\*Section 16. Recall of Officers: A special meeting for the purpose of holding a recall vote for any elected officer may be called at any time in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 Section 3 of these by-laws. A majority vote of the Executive Board shall be required to remove any officer and a two thirds vote of regular members present at the meeting shall be required to remove an officer.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS Article 4

\*Section 1. Nominating Committee: At the regular business in the June of each year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to submit a slate of officers for the coming year at the September business meeting. The slate of officers to be voted upon shall appear on the October meeting notice posted thirty days before the day of election.

Nominations of any members to run for an office must be presented to the Secretary at least thirty days before the election.

\*Section 2. No member shall be eligible to assume an elective or appointive office unless his dues are current at the time of his election or appointment. No member shall be eligible for an elected position until they have been a member for two years.

\*Section 3). Voting: All annual elections shall be by secret ballot at the October business meeting. In case of a tie vote for any office, a second ballot shall be prepared for that office and be voted on at the next regular meeting.

## MEMBERS Article 5

Section 1. Any person at least eighteen years of age may become a member of this organization by payment of one year's dues and initiation fee as described in Article 8, Section 1, provided (1) His application card is signed by and endorsed by the Screening Committee, and (2) the applicant is approved by the membership at the regular business meeting. (3) The applicant is present at the meeting when his application is being voted on.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be submitted through the Membership Committee Chairman of the organization.

\*Section 3. Applications for membership must include the applicant's pistol permit or FID number, if applicable, and NRA membership number.

\*Section 4. Any member whose conduct shall be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board to have been injurious to the interest or welfare of the Club shall forfeit his membership rights; but such vote shall not be taken without giving the member two weeks notice of the charges against him and affording him the opportunity of being heard in his defense. He may appeal from a decision of the Executive Board to the Club membership at a special meeting called for that purpose in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, Section 3, of these By-Laws, but it shall require a two-thirds majority vote of those present to reverse the Board's decision.

Section 5. Any person who has been convicted of a felony shall be admitted to the membership only upon a favorable vote of the Executive Committee. Any member who is convicted of a felony shall his membership immediately suspended pending an investigation by the Executive Committee.



Section 6. Every prospective member must be investigated and interviewed by the Screening Committee appointed by the President. New applications may not be acted upon until the Screening Committee has approved them or referred them to Executive Committee. The application, if approved by the Screening Committee, will be brought on the floor of the next business meeting for a vote by the body.

Section 7. The Executive Committee may accept new members if no business meeting is held or because of the lack of a quorum on the date of a regular scheduled business meeting.

Section 8. All persons applying for membership in the Club agree to accept as binding, and abide by all By-Laws, House Rules, and Range Rules of the Weymouth Sportsmen's Club.

Section 9. Masculine pronouns used in these By-Laws are for grammatical convenience only, and are understood to apply members of either sex.

## MEETINGS Article 6

Section 1. The fiscal year shall begin on September 1, and end on August 31 of the following year.

\*Section 2. Unless ordered otherwise by the Executive Board, the organization shall hold its general business meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8 PM at the Weymouth clubhouse, unless changed by the Executive Board and posted in advance. The Executive Board shall meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M. Any member in good standing may attend an Executive Board meeting, unless it goes into executive session.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. At any time 10 members in good standing may petition for a special meeting, and only that special business may be discussed and voted on.

Section 4. All regular meetings and special meetings shall be in charge of the President or other elected official in accordance with accepted parliamentary procedure. Annual reports of all officers and standing committees shall be presented at the annual meeting before the election of officers.

Section 5. Ten percent of the members in good standing or one-half of the Executive Committee present at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

Section 6. In the event of any conflict in the interpretation of these By-Laws, or in the interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order, the interpretation adopted by the Executive Committee shall be conclusive and binding on the Club and its members.



## DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

### Article 7

Section 1. The annual dues shall be recommended by the Board of Trustees by the scheduled date of the December business meeting for approval by 2/3 of the membership present. The dues shall be determined by the basic annual operating cost of the organization and the members liable for its upkeep and preservation.

Section 2. Dues and assessments are due and payable by September 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting. There is a grace period until Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. All dues must be paid on or before the December business meeting.

## INITIATION

### Article 8

\*Section 1. All applicants for membership shall be required to pay an initiation fee as determined by the Executive Board. This fee shall apply to delinquent members as well as to new applicants. All fees to be determined by the Executive Board and be approved by 2/3 of regular voting members present.

## SPECIAL MEMBERS

### Article 9

Section 1. Members who are unable to participate in the activities of the Club by reason of active military service in United States Armed Forces shall be exempt from payment of dues and placed on inactive list, retaining their continuous membership during such military service. Service Membership may be maintained for an initial enlistment only, and not for re-enlistment.

\*Section 2) All instructors using club facilities must follow training rules and regulations.

## COMMITTEES and EXPENDITURES

### Article 10

Section 1. The Executive Board must approve all bills against the organization before they are paid by the Treasurer. No officer or chairman of any committee, other than the Club Manager, may incur any expense or obligation to the organization in excess of one hundred and fifty dollars without an authorization and appropriation by the Executive Board.

## PRIVILEGES

### Article 11

Section 1. Except as modified in Section 3 of this Article, every member shall enjoy access to and use of the clubhouse and grounds, and use of the indoor ranges and the outdoor archery ranges; with the understanding that their use and conduct thereon shall not interfere with any organized event approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may limit access to certain areas of the Club in the interest of safety or security.



Section 2. Every member shall enjoy the unlimited use of the fish pond for fishing, casting, and skating.

Section 3. Any member wishing to have a key to the indoor firing range must present evidence of current membership in the National Rifle Association.

Section 4) All members hosting a guest is solely responsible for their guest's behavior, conduct, care, custody, and control of firearms and or bow being utilized by that guest. While on any of the ranges, the person shall only occupy one position with his guest, supervising all actions and behaviors of his guest at all times.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### Article 12

\*Section 1. Amendments: These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Board and a 2/3 majority of regular members present at the meeting, provided, that all members have notice of the amendments at least 5 days before the meeting.

\*Section 2. Real Estate: Any proposal involving purchase, sales, mortgage, encumbrance, or alienation in any way, or real estate; may be voted by 2/3 majority vote of Executive Board and a 2/3 majority vote of regular members present at the meeting.

Section 3 All Range Rules shall be incorporated by reference, and fully enforced by this article, the Executive Board, and the members of the Weymouth Sportsmen's Club Inc.

## JUNIOR ORGANIZATION

### Article 13

\*Section 1) The Weymouth Sportsmen's Club may sponsor a youth program, known as the Weymouth Sportsmen's Club Junior Program.

\*Section 2) The Junior Program shall be open to all boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18.

\*Section 3) The Program shall enjoy its own autonomy in organization and in the conduct of its affairs, but it shall be bound by the club bylaws, rules, and regulations.

\*Section 4) The Program shall have a senior advisor, chosen by the Executive Board, to serve on the Executive Board. He shall assist the juniors in organizing, advising, and guidance of the program.

\*Section 5) All matters of policy, decided upon by the Weymouth Sportsmen's Club Inc., shall be binding on the Junior Program.



\*Section 6) Any member of the Junior Program, on attaining the age of eighteen years, may join the Senior club, provided such member pays the usual dues and is accepted as a member by the Senior Club. He shall be exempt from the initiation fee.

\*Section 7) The Junior Program Treasurer shall submit a complete financial statement to the Senior Club Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year.