

BYLAWS of THE GREEN SPRINGS ROD AND GUN CLUB

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS

A) This Organization shall be known as “**GREEN SPRINGS ROD AND GUN CLUB**” hereinafter referred to as the “**CLUB**”. The utilization of the term “**CLUB**” in the following Bylaws shall infer the total Organization, including all Officers and General Members in good standing, real estate and chattel.

B) The physical address of the CLUB shall be; **121c GREEN SPRINGS ROAD, HANOVER, PA. 17331**

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

A) The purpose for which this organization is formed is as follows;

- 1) To provide a safe and convenient place for members to enjoy the shooting sports.
- 2) To support the Second Amendment Right to “keep and bear arms” guaranteed by the United States Constitution and Section 21 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, “The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.”
- 3) To offer membership on an equal opportunity basis to all legally qualified persons.
- 4) To promote active participation in the shooting sports through education, fellowship and shooting events.
- 5) To promote good sportsmanship through ethical and lawful hunting and wildlife management practices.
- 6) To be a positive influence and resource for our local communities through service and education.
- 7) To support other Pro shooting sports organizations.

ARTICLE III

DURATION

1) The CLUB shall exist perpetually and shall exercise all the powers and means necessary or essential to affect the purpose it was formed.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD of DIRECTORS

A) Responsibilities and Nature of the Board

1) The business and affairs of the CLUB shall be managed by the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to oversee the maintenance of CLUB property and grounds, it shall also be the duty of the Board of Directors to keep, in the possession of the Board of Directors, the CLUB Charter, and to perform such other duties as may occasionally be required. **All Members of the Board of Directors and all ex-officio members of the Board of directors shall be expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors.**

B) Number of Directors

1) The Board of Directors shall consist of **FIVE (5)** Members with at least two (2) years membership in good standing. The President shall act as chairperson and be the fifth (5th) member.

C) Terms of service

1) Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of One (1), Two (2), Three (3) or Four (4) years in order to effect staggered terms so that, under normal circumstances, the situation will not arise wherein more than one (1) vacancy will occur at a time.

D) Meetings

1) Regular, annual and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with the terms of **ARTICLE VII, G)** of this document.

E) Quorum

1) If a majority (3) or more of the Board of Directors in office are present in persona at the commencement of the Board meeting, a quorum shall exist for all purposes of the meeting.

F) Voting

1) Every act or decision by a majority or quorum of Directors present and voting at a duly held meeting shall be regarded as an official act of the Board of Directors.

G) Resignation of a Director

1) Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section B) paragraph 1) sub-paragraph a, any Director may resign at any time by **Written Notice** to the CLUB. A resignation shall become effective upon receipt of the notice of resignation by the CLUB or at any later date specified by the resigning Director in the written notice of resignation. Acceptance of the resignation by the CLUB is **not** necessary unless otherwise specified by the resigning Director in the written notice of resignation.

H) Removal of a Director

1) The President shall have the authority to declare vacant the office of a Director, subject to the approval of the majority of the remaining Directors, on any of the following grounds;

a, The Director in question has been declared of unsound mind by a court.

b, If after election, the Director in question is convicted of an offense punishable by imprisonment of more than one year whether or not any actual prison time is served.

c, The Director in question, within sixty (60) days of notice of selection or such other time after notice as specified in the Bylaws, has **not** accepted in writing or by attendance at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the position for which they were elected and fulfilled other requirements or qualifications as prescribed in the Bylaws.

d, The Director in question has been absent, without excuse, from one-half (1/2) of the Board meetings during their first year of office or from three (3) consecutive Board meetings thereafter, and after receiving **written** notice from the Nominating Committee Chairperson that their position shall be declared vacant, fails to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

2) Any Director may apply to the Board to remove from office any Director who has acted in a manner that would tend to defame the CLUB, committed fraudulent or dishonest acts, has grossly abused their authority or discretion in the management of the CLUB or has otherwise abandoned their fiduciary responsibilities.

I) Vacancies

1) A vacancy or vacancies shall be deemed to exist on the Board of Directors if any of the following occur;

a, The death, resignation or removal of any Director.

b, The authorized number of Directors is increased.

c, If the membership fails to elect the required numbers of Directors.

2) No reduction in the authorized number of Directors shall have the effect of removing, or disqualifying the vote of, a Director before their term of Office has expired.

3) Vacancies occurring during the term of office of any Director shall be filled by the Board of Directors convening a meeting for the purpose of electing a new Director from the Membership. A Director so elected shall serve for the remaining term of the Director they replace.

4) In the case of any vacancies resulting from the absence of a Director pursuant to Subparagraphs H) 1) d, above, and vacancies not during the term of a Director, the President shall direct the Nominating Committee Chairperson to present a recommendation to fulfill the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting during which the Board will elect a member to fill the vacancy.

J) Presiding Officer

1) The President of the CLUB shall preside at all Board of Directors' meetings at which the President is present. If the President is not present, the Board shall select one person from amongst its members present at the meeting to preside over the meeting.

K) Minutes

1) The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Board of Directors' meetings at which The Secretary is present. If the Secretary is not present, the Board shall select one person from amongst its members present at the meeting to record the minutes of the meeting.

L) Adjournments

1) A majority of Board members present at a Board meeting may adjourn any Board meeting to meet again at a time and place fixed in the resolution adjourning the current meeting. Notice need not be given if the period of adjournment does not exceed Ten (10) days and the time and place of reconvention of the adjourned meeting is fixed in the resolution.

M) Dissenting Votes

1) Any Director whom is present a meeting of the Board, or of a committee of the Board, at which an action is taken on a CLUB matter shall be presumed to have agreed to the action unless the Director or Committee person either;

a, Causes their opposition to the action to be entered in the minutes of the meeting when the action was taken.

b, Files a written opposition to the action with the Secretary of the meeting before the meeting is adjourned.

c, Files a written opposition to the action no later than seven(7) days before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

2) Nothing in Subparagraph M), 1) above shall prevent a Director from asserting that the minutes of the meeting incorrectly recorded or omitted their opposition to the action, if, promptly on receipt of a copy of the minutes, the Director notifies the Secretary of the alleged omission or inaccuracy.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

A) Establishment of Committees

1) There shall exist a minimum of the following six (6) committees;

a, Executive and Grievance Committee

b, Nominating Committee

c, Audit Committee

d, Hunter Education Committee

e, Membership Committee

f, Small Games of Chance Committee

2) The President shall appoint such committees, temporary or permanent, as deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the CLUB. The names of committee members so appointed shall be listed in an attachment to the Bylaws and be changed or updated as required.

3) Committee members shall not serve beyond the term of the appointing President. Except for the Nominating Committee, the President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

B) Standing Committees

1) Executive and Grievance Committee

a, The Executive and Grievance Committee shall be composed of one(1) or more CLUB Officers appointed as soon after the President's election as practicable.

b, The duties of the Executive and Grievance Committee shall be to review any and all purported violations of the CLUB's Bylaws.

c, The members of the Executive and Grievance Committee shall serve a term of one(1) year or until the members successor shall qualify.

2) Nominating Committee

a, The Nominating Committee shall be composed of one(1) or more members in good standing of the CLUB appointed as soon after the President's election as practicable.

b, The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to nominate candidates from the membership of the CLUB to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or the Officers of the CLUB as those vacancies occur. The Nominating Committee shall submit the name(s) of the person(s) the Committee recommends, in writing, to the membership at the meeting prior to the election of the CLUB's Officers.

c, The members of the Nominating Committee shall serve a term of one(1) year or until the member's successor shall qualify.

3) Audit Committee

a, The Audit Committee shall be composed of one(1) or more members of the CLUB appointed by the President as soon after the President's election as practicable.

b, The duties of the Audit Committee shall be to review all financial aspects of the CLUB for the preceding year.

c, The members of the Audit Committee shall serve for a period of one(1) year or until the member's successor shall qualify.

4) Hunter Education Committee

a, The Hunter Education Committee shall be composed of one(1) or more members appointed by the President as soon after the President's election as practicable.

b, The duties of the Hunter Education Committee shall be to foster and continue to develop hunter safety awareness and good sportsmanship.

c, The members of the Hunter Education Committee shall serve a term of one(1) year or until the member's successor shall qualify.

5) Membership Committee

a, The Membership Committee shall be composed of one(1) or more members of the CLUB appointed by the President as soon after the President's election as practicable. The Financial Secretary shall sit on this committee.

b, The duties of the Membership Committee shall be as follows;

(i) To ensure that the Membership register is in order at all times.

(ii) To review all applicants for membership.

(iii) To provide a report at the next scheduled meeting of the CLUB following the meeting during which the applicant(s) was proposed.

c, The members of the Membership Committee shall serve a term of one(1) year or until the member's successor shall qualify.

6) Small Games of Chance Committee

a, The Small Games of Chance Committee shall be composed of one (1) or more members of the CLUB appointed by the President as soon after the President's election as practicable.

b, The Small Games of Chance Committee Chairperson shall be responsible for all funds collected and keep all other such records as required by state and local statutes, laws or any other legal entity.

c, The members of the Small Games of Chance Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year or until the member's successor shall qualify.

C) Presiding Officer and Secretary

1) Each committee shall choose one of its members to act as chairperson unless the Board designates a chairperson. Each committee may from time to time designate a Secretary whom shall keep records of its proceedings.

D) Alternate Members

1) By resolution, the Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint one (1) or more members or officers as required to serve as alternate members of any committee in the absence or disability of a member of any committee. The appointee(s) shall have all the powers of the absent or disabled committee member.

E) Removal of a Committee Member

1) By resolution, the President or Board shall have the power to remove any committee member from membership on any committee at any time; with just cause.

F) Vacancies

1) Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by the Board or President, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board, for the unexpired term of the member whose death, resignation or removal caused the vacancy.

G) Meetings

1) The standing committees and all other committees shall meet upon the call of the committee chairperson. Each committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure for meetings.

H) Notice of Meetings

1) If a committee establishes regular meeting dates, it shall not be necessary to give notice of a regular meeting. Notice of all special meeting shall be given in the manner and within the time period specified in these Bylaws with respect to notices of special meetings of the Board of Directors.

I) Quorum and Voting

1) A quorum shall exist at any committee meeting where a majority of the entire committee members are present. Every act or decision by a majority of the members present at a duly held committee meeting where a quorum exists shall be regarded as an act of the committee.

J) Reports

1) Actions made or decisions made by any committee shall be reported to the Board and President at the next Board meeting.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

A) Due Diligence and Fiduciary Responsibilities

1) Occasionally officers of the CLUB may become aware of information or situations that if disseminated to the general public could cause harm to the CLUB's reputation or the reputation of the CLUB's members. Therefore it shall be each officers obligation and duty to use due diligence when addressing the CLUB's matters when in a public arena or anytime those matters may be overheard by someone the matter does not directly concern.

2) A reasonable person would expect an officer of the CLUB to be an honorable individual and held to a higher standard. Therefore a fiduciary responsibility of trust, discretion and loyalty shall exist relating to the relationship between any officer and the CLUB or the CLUB's members.

B) Eligibility and Election

1) Eligibility for Nomination, Election or Appointment to an Officer's position shall be membership for Two (2) years for Board of Directors or one (1) year for other Officer's positions and at least Eighteen (18) years of age and in good standing.

a, Officer candidates that have previously abandoned or resigned an Officer's post **under bad terms**, after review of the Board, may be deemed "in bad standing" for the purposes of nomination or appointment to any office. Declining a nomination shall have no effect on eligibility for Office.

2) The officers of the CLUB shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Range Master, Rifle Captain, Pistol Captain, Steward, Caretaker, Sergeant at Arms and any other such officers as the Board of Directors may occasionally deem necessary. The officers shall perform duties as set forth in Article VI section C) and D) of these Bylaws. The officers shall be elected from the membership, in good standing, of the CLUB. Two (2) or more members of the same immediate family may not serve as officers simultaneously. Nominations shall take place on the fourth (4th) Thursday of October each year. The election of officers shall take place at the next regular meeting in November. New officers will assume their respective positions on the First (1st) of January the following year.

C) Terms of office

1) Each officer shall hold office until either of the following;

a, A term of one (1) year from the date elected has elapsed or such further time as required until a successor has been elected and qualified.

b, If no one else is elected for the position, the officer shall serve until the death, resignation or removal of the officer.

D) Duties of Officers

1) President

- a, It shall be the duty of the President to preside over and preserve order in all monthly meetings.
- b, The President shall present all items to be voted upon by the general membership and cast the deciding vote in the case of a draw (tie) vote.
- c, The President shall call a special meeting upon a written request from five (5) persons from the general membership in good standing.
- d, The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the CLUB.

2) Vice President

- a, It shall be the duty of the Vice President to attend all meetings presided over by the President, unless excused by the President, and to assume and exercise all of the duties of the President in the case of the President's absence.

3) Secretary

- a, It shall be the duty of the Secretary to carry on all communications relative to the business affairs of the CLUB.
- b, The Secretary shall keep an accurate report of all the minutes from all regular and special meetings.
- c, The Secretary shall sign all vouchers (checks) and discharge all other duties that may be assigned which may be considered affairs of the office of Secretary.
- d, At the end of the Secretary's term of office, the Secretary shall surrender all books, papers and vouchers to the Auditing Committee of the CLUB for audit.
- e, After the Audit, the Audit Committee shall relinquish all books, papers and keys belonging to the CLUB to the Secretary's successor in office.

4) Financial Secretary

- a, It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep true and accurate records of the CLUB's membership.
- b, it shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to receive and keep proper account of all dues paid by each member.
- c, The Financial Secretary shall surrender all dues to the Treasurer of the CLUB at each regular meeting and obtain receipts for the same.
- d, The Financial Secretary shall issue all membership identification cards and, in the case of a damaged or lost card, issue, or cause to be issued, a replacement card in a timely manner if the card in question belongs to a current member shown on the membership roll to be in good standing. A minimal fee may be charged to the member for a replacement card to cover expenses incurred by the CLUB. The member's original card will become invalid and the member must surrender the damaged or lost, if later found, card to the Financial Secretary or President of the CLUB.
- e, The Financial Secretary shall annually submit a report of all funds received and number of members in good standing and perform all clerical work assigned.

f, At the end of the Financial Secretary's term of office, the Financial Secretary shall surrender all books, papers and vouchers belonging to the CLUB to the Auditing Committee of the CLUB for audit.

g, After the Audit, the Audit Committee shall relinquish all books, papers and keys belonging to the CLUB to the Financial Secretary's successor in office.

5) Treasurer

a, It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to be the custodian of all funds of the CLUB, except Small Games of Chance funds, and shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the same.

b, The Treasurer shall sign all vouchers (checks), except Small Games of Chance, and be responsible for paying out all money that the CLUB agrees to.

c, The Treasurer shall deposit all money, except for Small Games of Chance funds and petty cash normally held by the CLUB Steward for making change, in a bank or trust company in the name of the CLUB.

d, At the end of the Treasurer's term of office, the Treasurer shall surrender all books, papers and vouchers belonging to the CLUB to the Auditing Committee of the CLUB for audit.

e, After the Audit, the Audit Committee shall relinquish all books, papers and keys belonging to the CLUB to the Treasurer's successor in office.

6) Range Master

a, It shall be the duty of the Range Master to supervise and appoint Assistants as needed.

b, It is the duty of the Range Master to assure all ranges are kept in proper order and have charge of all scheduled shooting activities at the ranges.

c, The Range Master shall cause to be enforced all range rules that the CLUB sees fit to make and cause those rules to be posted conspicuously at each range as required depending on the normal use of any particular range.

d, The Range Master shall be responsible for the maintenance of shooting areas, benches, backstops and shooting area pavilions.

7) Rifle Captain

a, It shall be the duty of the Rifle Captain to take charge of all scheduled rifle shooting events at all times and may appoint Assistants as needed.

b, The Rifle Captain shall cause to be enforced all rifle range rules that the CLUB sees fit to make and ensure those rules are posted conspicuously at each range as required.

c, The Rifle Captain shall be responsible for the maintenance of rifle shooting areas, benches, backstops and shooting area pavilions.

8) Pistol Captain

a, It shall be the duty of the Pistol Captain to take charge of all scheduled pistol shooting events at all times and may appoint Assistants as needed.

b, The Pistol Captain shall cause to be enforced all pistol range rules that the CLUB sees fit to make and ensure those rules are posted conspicuously at each pistol range as required.

c, The Pistol Captain shall be responsible for the maintenance of pistol shooting areas, benches, backstops and shooting area pavilions.

9) Steward

a, It shall be the duty of the Steward to take charge of all general kitchen duties and may appoint Assistants as needed.

B, It shall be the duty of the Steward to keep proper account of the Petty Cash in the Steward's charge.

b, The Steward shall take charge of and be responsible for the cleanliness of and general maintenance of the kitchen area and related equipment.

10) Caretaker

a, The Caretaker shall have the duty to keep the grass mowed during the warm months and be responsible for snow clearing in the winter months when required.

11) Sergeant at Arms

a, It shall be the duty of the Sargent at Arms to have charge and control over the meeting hall or meeting place.

b, The Sergeant at Arms shall permit only authorized and qualified persons to enter or remain present in the meeting hall or place; The Sergeant at Arms shall also assist the President, as required, to maintain peace and order at all times.

E) Removal, Suspension or Resignation

1) Any officer may be removed from office by the Board with cause. The removal or suspension of an officer shall be without prejudice to any contractual rights that the officer may have. Election of an officer shall not, in and of itself, create contractual rights.

2) Any officer may at any time resign by presenting written notice to the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article VI, Section B) paragraph 1) sub-paragraph a, on page 8 of these Bylaws . The resignation shall become effective on the date of the receipt of the notice or at any later time specified in the written notice.

F) Vacancies

1) In the event that a vacancy occurs during the term of any office by death, resignation or failure to perform assigned duties in a professional manner or by failure to attend regularly scheduled meetings as provided for in ARTICLE VII, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment made by the President; such appointee shall hold office until the next election.

G) Captains

1) Such Captains as shall be necessary to conduct the safe use of the CLUB's facilities and activities shall be elected at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

A) Monthly Meetings

1) Meeting Dates

a, The CLUB shall hold at least twelve (12) monthly meetings which shall fall on the fourth (4th) Thursday of each month except for the months of November and December when the meetings shall fall on the third (3rd) Thursday of the month.

b, The President may change the meeting dates with the consent of the membership of the CLUB.

c, The Board of Directors shall hold regularly scheduled meetings immediately prior to the start of the monthly general membership meeting.

2) Attendance

a, All members and prospective members may attend the regularly scheduled monthly general membership meetings.

b, All members may attend the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Director's meetings.

3) Quorum

a, A quorum shall exist when there are at least fifteen (15) members present at a monthly meeting.

b, Any meeting may be adjourned and reconvened, from time to time until the business is completed.

c, Members attending any meeting where a quorum does not exist may adjourn until a quorum is present.

B) Annual Meetings

1) Meeting Date

a, The annual meeting of the CLUB shall be held the third (3rd) Thursday of November.

2) Attendance

a, The Board of Directors shall attend the annual meeting.

b, All members may attend the annual meeting.

3) Elections

a, New Board members and officers shall be elected during the annual meeting.

4) Quorum

a, A quorum shall exist when there are at least fifteen (15) members present at the annual meeting.

b, The annual meeting may be adjourned and reconvened, from time to time until the business is completed.

c, Members attending the annual meeting where a quorum does not exist may adjourn until a quorum is present.

C) Special Meetings

1) Meeting Dates

a, Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, by order of the Board of Directors or upon written request of fifteen (15) members of the CLUB.

2) Notice of Special Meetings

a, Written notice of special meetings shall state the time, place and objective of the special meeting.

b, The written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the members in a manner as the President or the Board of Directors may order.

c, Under no circumstances shall written notice of a special meeting be given less than five (5) days prior to the special meeting date.

3) Quorum

a, A quorum shall exist when there are at least fifteen (15) members present at a special meeting.

b, Any special meeting may be adjourned and reconvened, from time to time until the business is completed.

c, Members attending any special meeting where a quorum does not exist may adjourn until a quorum is present.

D) Order of Business at Meetings

1) Order of Business

- a, Call to order.
- b, Pledge of allegiance and Moment of Silence if needed.
- c, Reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary.
- d, Financial Secretary's report.
- e, Treasurer's report.
- f, Committee reports.
- g, Delegate report, if any.
- h, Reports of bills to be acted upon.
- i, Old business.
- j, New business.
- k, Proposition and election of membership.
- l, Communication and guest speakers, if any.
- m, Nomination of officers, at the October general meeting only.
- n, Election of officers, at the annual November general meeting only.
- o, Remarks for the good of the CLUB.
- P, Monthly Drawings
- q, Adjournment.

2) Written reports from each Captain, the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and the President shall be presented for adoption, by the membership, no later than the regularly scheduled general meeting held in January of each year.

3) All business of the preceding year shall be reviewed no later than the regularly scheduled general membership meeting held in January of each year.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERSHIP

A) Eligibility

- 1) The membership of the CLUB shall be composed of persons at least Sixteen (16) years of age or older who wish to associate themselves with the CLUB's purposes as given in ARTICLE II of these Bylaws.
- 2) To become a member of this CLUB a person must meet the following standards;
 - a, Be in the United States Legally.
 - b, Be fluent in American English so as to understand range and safety commands.
 - c, Any prospective member must be sponsored by a member in good standing of the CLUB who represents to the membership that the prospective member is of good character.
 - d, Prospective members must complete an application providing their name, residence, occupation, phone number and, if available, E-mail address. Prospective Members will also be required to show Positive Identification (such as a Driver's License, a "Green Card", a Visa)

B) Election

- 1) Prospective members shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the meeting during which the election is held.

C) Membership Register

- 1) Registration period.
 - a, The membership register shall be open twelve (12) months of the year subject to the limitations in paragraph (3) below relating to closing of the membership register.
- 2) Maximum Membership.
 - a, The membership register shall be capped at seven hundred fifty (750) members immediately after which no application for any membership may be considered. Upon such action, the President shall cause notification of the closing to be posted in a conspicuous place. No application of any kind shall be accepted by the CLUB while the membership register is closed.

D) Honorary, Associate and Lifetime Memberships

- 1) Honorary memberships and Associate memberships, when granted, shall be valid for one (1) year only. The re-election of Honorary members shall be made yearly at the beginning of the year.
- 2) Effective the twenty first (21st) of March 2011 Lifetime memberships will no longer be awarded.

3) Beginning the first (1st) of January 2012, Members that held Lifetime memberships prior to the twenty first (21st) of March 2011 may make voluntary payments of one half (1/2) the annual dues charged to regular members.

4) All officers of the CLUB will receive an Honorary membership for the year(s) for which they serve.

E) Misconduct and Violation of Fish and Game Laws

1) Any member who violates any fish or game law, and after trial and conviction, must notify the CLUB and can be expelled for misconduct.

2) If a prospective new member has violated any fish or game law, that person must notify the CLUB upon application and will be denied membership if, after trial and conviction, that person's hunting or fishing **license has been revoked.**

F) Handling of Firearms by Persons under the Age of Eighteen Years

1) Pennsylvania's definition of a "firearm" is somewhat unusual considering that most people classify any gun as a firearm, but PA's definition does not. Specifically, Under 18 PA.C.S. § 6102, "Firearm" is defined as, "Any pistol or revolver with a barrel length less than 15 inches, any shotgun with a barrel length less than 18 inches or any rifle with a barrel length less than 16 inches, or any pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun with an overall length of less than 26 inches. The barrel length of a firearm shall be determined by measuring from the muzzle of the barrel to the face of the closed action, bolt or cylinder, whichever is applicable." Thus, a typical non-NFA shotgun with a barrel of 18" or longer and with an overall length of 26" or more is NOT covered by the definition of "Firearm" in PA.

2) No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall handle firearms on CLUB property unless accompanied by a member twenty one (21) years of age or older or by a parent, legal Guardian or certified instructor who is a CLUB member.

ARTICLE IX

DUES

A) Annual Dues

1) Existing Members

a, Unless otherwise authorized pursuant to the terms of these Bylaws, every member shall pay annual dues no later than the **Thirty First (31st) of December** covering membership during the following year.

b, Membership shall run from the **First (1st) of January** to the **Thirty First (31st) of December** inclusive.

c, The amount of annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee.

2) New Members

a, Applicants for new membership must appear in person at a general membership meeting. The applicant may be excused from personal appearance with the permission of at least two (2) CLUB Officers and the applicant's sponsor.

b, Dues for new members are payable upon application and shall include an initiation fee. Unless otherwise authorized pursuant to the terms of these Bylaws, the amount of initiation fees shall be determined yearly by the Membership Committee.

c, Dues for new members who apply during the period between the First (1st) of July thru the September general membership meeting inclusive, shall pay one half (1/2) regular annual dues in addition to the initiation fee.

d, New members who join at or after the October general membership meeting and pay full dues for the following year, plus the initiation, fee will receive a complimentary membership for the remaining year in which they joined.

3) Membership Renewal

a, Membership shall be renewed on a yearly basis by virtue of payment of yearly membership dues.

b, In the event a members dues are **not received** by the CLUB by the **Thirty First (31st) of December**, the member will be suspended and dropped from the membership roll, whereupon the member must reapply as a new member applicant as stated in Subparagraph (2) above.

4) Fees are Non-Refundable

a, Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, under no circumstances shall annual fees and/or initiation fees be refunded. Upon a negative vote on initial membership the applicant's fees shall be returned.

ARTICLE X

PENALTIES

A) Fish and Game Laws

1) If a member of the CLUB shall be found guilty of a **willful** violation of the fish and game laws, resulting in the suspension or revocation of the member's hunting or fishing license, the member shall be expelled from the CLUB.

B) Destruction or Defacing of CLUB Property

1) Any member found guilty by the Board of unauthorized **willful** destruction or defacing of the CLUB's property in or around the grounds, including any and all buildings or other structures, will be expelled from the CLUB and be held liable for damages to the fullest extent provided by Law.

2) Any member found guilty by the Board of **accidental** destruction or defacing of the CLUB's property in or around the grounds, including any and all buildings or other structures, may be subject to suspension and expulsion from the CLUB and be held liable for restitution.

C) Thievery

1) Any member found guilty by the Board of any theft from anywhere on the CLUB's grounds, including any and all buildings, personal or CLUB vehicles or other structures, will be expelled from the CLUB!

2) A police report shall be filed regarding the incident, including a description and approximate value of the item(s) stolen, and the offender will be prosecuted to the fullest extent provided for by Law.

3) Restitution of the item (or Items) stolen, or reasonable monetary compensation, plus all fees associated with prosecution shall be expected from the accused, or another person acting on the accused's behalf.

ARTICLE XI

MEMBER'S UTILIZATION of CLUB PROPERTY

A) Reservation of the CLUB's Clubhouse.

1) Any member in good standing may reserve the clubhouse for an event.

a, A rental donation, which will be determined at the time of reservation, shall be required to reserve the clubhouse.

b, The member renting the clubhouse shall be required to execute a document accepting responsibility for the clubhouse and the property therein and must accept responsibility for the repair or replacement of any damaged property, subject to ARTICLE X paragraphs B) and C) above, the CLUB member executing said document accepting responsibility for the clubhouse and the property therein shall attend, and remain at, the event until the conclusion of the event.

B) Rental of Tables and Chairs

1) With the prior approval of the Board of Directors, any member in good standing may rent the CLUB's tables and or chairs for use off the CLUB's premises.

a, A rental donation, which will be determined at the time of rental, per table and per chair shall be required.

b, The member renting the tables and or chairs shall be required to execute a document accepting responsibility for the clubhouse and the property therein and must accept responsibility for the repair or replacement of any damaged property, subject to ARTICLE X paragraphs B) and C) above, the CLUB member executing said document accepting responsibility for the clubhouse and the property therein shall assure the condition of and prompt return of any tables or chairs and shall attend the event for which the tables and or chairs were rented.

C) Alcoholic Beverages

- 1) No alcoholic beverages are allowed on CLUB premises at any time for any reason!

ARTICLE XII

ADOPTION, REVISION and AMMENDMENT of BYLAWS

A) Adoption of the Bylaws

1) The Bylaws of the Green Springs Rod and Gun Club shall be adopted at a general membership meeting called by the President wherein a quorum exists. The proposed Bylaws, having been made known and upon an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present, shall be deemed to have been adopted.

B) Revision of the Bylaws

1) The within Bylaws within as printed shall constitute the revised and amended Bylaws of the CLUB. All previous Bylaws, amendments or documents shall become obsolete as of the date these Bylaws are adopted pursuant to Heading A) Adoption of the Bylaws above.

C) Amendment of Bylaws

1) Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any member, in good standing, of the CLUB.

2) Upon the approval of the Board of Directors the President shall cause a written notice of the proposed amendments, or a summary thereof, to be posted in a conspicuous place available to members during normal hours of CLUB operation or may otherwise make the proposed amendments available to the general membership of the CLUB for a period of not less than Thirty (30) days. The notification shall include the date of the meeting the proposed amendments will be voted upon.

3) The proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be voted on at a general membership meeting called by the President wherein a quorum exists. The proposed amendments, having been made known as set forth in the preceding paragraph (2) above and upon an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present, shall be deemed to have been adopted and shall be added to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

SALE of CLUB PROPERTY

A) In the event that any CLUB assets or property should be sold at any time for whatever reason, and with the approval of the general membership, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to determine the manner in which any proceeds resulting from said sale shall be distributed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws.

ARTICLE XIV

WINDING UP, DISSOLUTION, MERGER or CONSOLIDATION of the CLUB

A) Winding up, dissolution, merger or consolidation of Green Springs Rod and Gun Club shall be pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws.

These Bylaws adopted;

This _____ Day of _____ in the year of _____

By;

President _____

Witness _____

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