

MARBLETOWN SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC.

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

NAME

SECTION I This Organization shall be called and be known as the Marbletown Sportsmen's Club Inc.

ARTICLE II

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION I The mission and objectives of this organization are to conserve, restore and manage the game, fish and other wildlife and it's habitat in the Township of Marbletown and vicinity, with a specific focus on the grounds and properties of the Organization.

The Organization will strive to provide optimum conditions for the enhancement of wildlife. The Organization will promote and maintain cooperative relations between landowners and sportsmen and stress observation of all fish and game laws.

SECTION II The Organization shall be non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

SECTION I The Officers of the Organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Trustees.

SECTION II The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Regular and Honorary members at the regular meeting held in November. Nomination of Officers will be made in September and October meetings. No nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November meeting.

In the event there are two or more nominations for any of the elected positions, they will be voted upon by the eligible voting members, via a mailed out ballot and tallied at the regular November meeting. The term of office for each of the four noted offices is for one year.

The first order of business at the November meeting shall be the election of officers. In the event of a tie at the meeting, a mailed ballot to all eligible voting members will decide the election.

SECTION III One trustee will be elected annually for a term of three years. Format for nomination and election of trustees is the same as officers.

The four officers and three trustees will constitute the Executive Board of the Organization. A quorum of the Board will consist of four (4) members.

SECTION IV In the event of a vacancy in any office prior to the regular monthly meeting in September, a Regular or Honorary member in good standing will be elected to fill the vacancy. The vacancy will be filled until the election of officers at the November meeting, at which time the position will once again be voted upon.

The Executive Board nominee to fill the vacant position will be voted upon at the next regular meeting following the vacancy. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Regular and Honorary members attending the meeting will elect the nominee to the vacant position. No mailed ballot is required to fill a vacancy.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I The President shall be the Executive Head of the Organization. He shall preside at all meetings and have responsibility to appoint committees as needed to fulfill duties of the Organization. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President will have the authority to issue checks for a purpose approved by the Executive Board.

SECTION II The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President should he be absent, or at the request of the President, with the exception of the authority to issue checks.

SECTION III The Secretary shall keep records of all Regular and Executive meetings and conduct all notification correspondence on behalf of the Organization. The Secretary is responsible for to Regular and Honorary members should an emergency meeting be required.

SECTION IV The Treasurer shall receive all money and funds of the Organization and shall be responsible for deposit into the accounts of the Organization. He is responsible for paying debts and obligations in a timely manner, except as stipulated in Section IVa

SECTION IVa STIPULATION No obligation for any single project in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) will be committed to by any Officer(s) or members of the Executive Board without first submitting a proposal at a Regular monthly meeting. The obligation will then be considered and voted upon at the regular meeting following the proposal. A notice in writing

identifying the obligation shall be sent to all regular and honorary members at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed vote.

SECTION V The Trustees shall administer to the care and repair of the buildings, property, facilities and grounds of the Organization. All expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) must first be approved by the Executive Board prior to submission to the membership for voting as stipulated above in Section IVa.

The Executive Board has the right to spend in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the event emergency repairs to the property of the organization are required.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I Membership shall consist of Regular, Honorary, Associate, and Junior members.

- a) Regular Members are described as having completed an Associate Membership and have been voted to Regular member status. Regular members have voting, office holding and club ownership rights.
- b) Associate Membership is described as having club and grounds privileges, but no voting, office holding or club ownership rights at the Associate Membership level. Associate Members pay an initial application fee of \$40.00 and annual dues of \$60.00. Associate Members are available for Regular Member status per the following conditions:
 - 1) Minimum two (2) years at Associate Membership level has been completed.
 - 2) Associate Members has attended at least six regular club meetings a year and has worked on at least two club functions per year, i.e., turkey shoot, work party, or has a combination of the two totaling 12 hours per year to be considered a Regular member.
- c) Regular Honorary Members are those Regular Members who have achieved sixty-five years of age and have been members for fifteen consecutive years in good standing in the Organization. Dues and assessments are waived at this status.

Associate Honorary Members are those Associate Members who have achieved sixty-five years of age and have been members for fifteen consecutive years in good standing in the Organization. Dues and assessments are waived at this status. No voting and ownership rights are attained at this level.

d) All applications for membership must be in writing on the appointed form available from any officer or member of the Organization. The form must be properly completed, signed by two endorsing members of the Organization and be accompanied by the proper fees and dues. Applications will be accepted at regular meetings and assigned for review to an investigation committee for examination and approval (rejection). If a favorable recommendation is made by

the committee, the applicant will be voted upon for associate membership at the next regular meeting.

e) The membership book shall be closed upon reaching a membership of Regular and Associate members totaling 115 members. Honorary members are not counted in the tally. The sons and daughters of Regular and Honorary members are always eligible for membership regardless of total membership tally. Junior membership is at age 12; Associate and Regular membership is at age 18 for these children.

Should the membership book be filled, a waiting list of the proposed members will be formed by the Secretary and used to fill vacancies should they occur.

f) Each member at the Associate and Regular level shall contribute annually to the betterment of the club by either donating 12 hours per year toward repair, maintenance, fund raiser participation, meeting attendance, etc., or be assessed \$5.00 per hour for any hours not worked. The maximum assessment is \$60.00 per year. Club Officers and Honorary Members are exempt from the annual assessment.

Members contributing time for refreshments at regular meetings will be granted two hours credit toward the betterment of the club. Representation of the Organization at Federation meetings will also be credited with two hours.

The Organization will occasionally run raffles to help offset expenses. Raffle tickets will be distributed to all members of the Organization at all levels of membership. Each member is to sell the assigned tickets and return the correct funds to the Organization in a timely fashion. In the event a member is unable to sell part or all of the assigned tickets, he (she) must return the unsold tickets prior to the raffle date. In the event neither ticket nor money is returned to the Organization, the member will be assessed the face value of the tickets. Failure to pay for the tickets will result in loss of membership.

SECTION II The annual dues for Regular and Associate Members is \$60.00. All new members pay an initiation fee of \$40.00. Membership shall expire on the last day of July each year. Members must pay their annual dues and any unpaid assessments by the September 30th of each year or will automatically be dropped from membership in the Organization. All former members of the Organization will be restricted from the use of the facilities for one full year. After a one year separation and provided that all sums of money due the Organization at the time of separation have been paid in full, a former member may reapply for Associate Member status.

Junior Members are exempt from paying annual dues between the ages of 12 and 17. Paying membership starts at age 18; in the event of continuing education, dues begin upon graduation from high school, vocational school or college. Junior members must perform five hours of work annually in lieu of dues and are not subject to any other assessment.

SECTION III Hardship: Dues and/or assessments may be waived on an annual basis if a member represents to the Executive Board that he has a hardship and therefore unable to pay his (her)

dues and/or assessment. The Executive Board will review all cases and contact the member within ten days. All hardships will be kept confidential.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

SECTION I Regular meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month, except those months when a Turkey Shoot is being held on a Saturday. The Friday before the shoot will be designated for the regular meeting that month. Additionally, the Friday in November before the opening day of the Big Game Season is designated for the regular meeting.

SECTION II Special meetings may be called by the President or ten Regular members by giving written notice to all regular members at least five days in advance of the date of the meeting.

SECTION III Only Regular and Regular Honorary Members have the right to cast a vote on any club issue at a meeting.

SECTION IV A quorum shall consist of ten voting members.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP RESCINDED FOR CAUSE

Any member convicted of flagrant violation of the conservation Laws of the State of New York shall be automatically expelled from the Organization. Further, any member may be expelled for cause by a vote of two-thirds majority of the voting members present at any regular meeting provided that written notice of such proposed action has been given to the member in question at least ten days prior to the meeting.

Any person expelled by a vote of the Organization shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Board. The appeal shall be made in writing within ten days of the action taken by the Organization. Upon receipt of an appeal, the president will meet with the members of the Executive Board within a ten day period to rule on the appeal. Any member expelled with cause will not be eligible to reapply for membership for a period of one year and must be eligible to hold a license issued by the Department of Conservation (DEC).

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to the Bylaws of the Marbletown Sportsmen's Club Inc. shall be voted upon by all the Regular Honorary and Regular members in good standing. The vote will be

accomplished via a mail ballot. Members wishing to cast a vote for or against the amendments shall respond by the date indicated on the ballot. Failure to return a marked ballot will result in their vote being cast in favor of the position of the Executive Board, which will be stated on the ballot. Two-thirds vote in favor or against the amendments will either pass or veto the proposed changes.

Prior to notification of amendments to the Bylaws via ballot, the President will discuss the proposed changes at a regular meeting of the Organization to seek comments and suggestions from the membership.

ARTICLE IX

DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

If the Organization is incorporated at the time of dissolution, laws governing corporations shall apply. If not incorporated at the time of dissolution, all Regular and Regular Honorary members in good standing will be notified in writing at least ten days prior to a special meeting to be called by the Executive Board to discuss the final disposition of any assets and/or liabilities of the Organization.

ARTICLE X

GROUND RULES

- 1.** Club grounds are open at all times for use by members in good standing and their families and friends, when accompanied by a member. It is the responsibility of all club members to clean and remove any trash after use of the grounds. During hunting season house rules will apply.
- 2.** Grounds shall be kept neat and in an orderly condition at all times.
- 3.** Outdoor fireplaces may be used during periods when New York State Law permits such usage. All fires should be handled with extreme caution.
- 4.** Carrying of loaded firearms in the clubhouse or in close proximity is prohibited. Licensed pistol permit holders are exempt.
- 5.** Discharge of firearms and bows and arrows in other than approved areas of the grounds is prohibited. There is to be no shooting of any objects on the shooting range other than certified targets.
- 6.** Cutting or mutilation of trees, removal of any natural growth, diggings or excavations on the club grounds is prohibited unless specifically requested and approved by the Executive Board.

7. No garbage, cans, bottle or litter in any form shall be left in the clubhouse or on the grounds.

RANGE RULES

1. All safety precautions must be taken at all times while on Club premises.
2. All guests must be accompanied by a member in good standing while using Club premises and the shooting range.
3. Vehicles are prohibited on the range; park only in designate areas.
4. All firearm actions must be open and unloaded off the firing line. Loaded handguns must be holstered or cased prior to leaving the firing line.
5. All black powder firearms must not be capped or primed off the firing line.
6. Upon leaving the range, pick up all brass and trash and remove from premises.
7. Only standard range targets are allowed. Firing at cans, bottles or any foreign articles is strictly prohibited.
8. All rule and regulations will be enforced. Violators will be banned from range use.
9. Range hours are 9:00 a.m. to dusk.
10. Range closed during rifle big game season.
11. No alcoholic beverages or drinking allowed within the vicinity of the range.
12. No person displaying any sign of drug or alcohol intoxication shall be permitted in the vicinity of the range.

NO EXCEPTIONS