

BYLAWS OF THE ROCK COUNTY RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I Purposes/Goals

Section 1

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). The object and purposes of this Corporation are:

A. To educate and promote a better understanding among members and the general public in the safe operation of firearms.

B. To hold firearm safety education classes open to the youth and general public of the community.

C. To improve private, county, state and federal facilities for the enjoyment of outdoor sports, and to promote a better understanding of conservation principles, maintain high ethical standards in the field and encourage wise use of our natural resources.

D. To unite and encourage interest in the development of wildlife.

E. To buy, sell or trade property to develop the goals as outlined above.

F. To maintain, do, perform, execute, acquire, own, hold and dispose of each, all and everything incidental to or necessary, convenient, or proper, to carry out or perform any of the matters, things, or purposes aforesaid, and to exercise any and all rights and privileges which may be necessary, requisite, useful, convenient, or proper, or which may be incidental or auxiliary to any of the purposes or objects hereinbefore expressed, or that in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be necessarily, requisite, useful, convenient, proper incidental, or auxiliary, to any of said purposes or objects or be deemed to tend to advance the interest of the Corporation and the objects for which it is created.

ARTICLE II Duration

Section 1

The duration of this Corporation shall be perpetual. Should a dissolution of this Corporation become necessary, then, upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purpose and shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE III 501c3 requirements

Section 1

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on or propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1

The Rock County Rifle and Pistol Club shall be referred to as the Corporation throughout the rest of this document.

Section 2

The Officers of this Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors.

Section 3

The principal duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members, and of the Board of Directors and be responsible for general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation.

B. The Vice-President shall discharge the duties of President in the event of absence of the President for any reason.

C. The Secretary shall countersign all deeds, leases and conveyances executed by the Corporation, and keep a record of the proceedings of the general meetings as well as the meetings of the Board of Directors, and safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records and documents belonging to the Corporation or in anywise pertaining to the business thereof, except the books and records incidental to the duties of the Treasurer.

D. The Treasurer shall keep and account for all moneys, credits, property, of any nature, of the Corporation which shall come into his/her hands, and keep an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed and proper vouchers for money disbursed, and render such accounts, statements and inventories of moneys received and disbursed and of money and property on hand, and all matters pertaining to his/her office as shall be required by the Board of Directors.

E. All business records of the Corporation kept by the Officers shall become and remain the property of the Corporation.

Section 4

Any expenditure by the Board of Directors in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more must first be approved by the members at a regular monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V Directors

Section 1

The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall consist of at least seven persons; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least three Directors at large.

Section 2

Subject to the limitations of the Articles of Incorporation, these bylaws and the laws of the State of Wisconsin, the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall serve without pay or salary. Expenses incurred by the Board of Directors during the discourse of their duties may be reimbursed, provided receipts are submitted to the Treasurer.

Section 4

The Board of Directors may provide for the appointment of such additional persons as necessary to fill any vacant Director seats as may occur. Those so appointed shall serve only during the remaining unexpired term of such office.

Section 5

The Board Directors shall keep a correct and complete record of all its proceedings which shall be attested to by the signature of the Secretary whose duty it shall be to keep such records, and on any question the numbers of those voting each way shall be entered in the recording of the proceedings.

ARTICLE VI Elections

Section 1

Directors shall be elected by the members at the annual membership meeting.

Terms of Directors shall be as follows:

President and Secretary Even calendar years (two years);
Vice-President and Treasurer Odd calendar years (two years);
Three Directors One year each.

Section 2

Directors shall hold office until their successors have been elected. Terms of the newly elected Directors shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected.

Section 3

Directors shall be elected at the annual membership meeting. Such meetings shall be specifically designated to the Corporation members as included in this purpose.

Section 4

An Election Steward shall be appointed by the President prior to the date of the elections.

A. When only one candidate is running for a specific office, the Election Steward shall call for a show of hands. Upon counting the hands and if there are more positive hands than negative hands, that office shall be deemed to be filled by the single candidate.

B. There shall be a register created of all current members present at the annual meeting prior to calling the meeting to order in order to establish a Quorum. Late arrivals shall be added to the register.

ARTICLE VII Business Meetings

Section 1

The regular monthly meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Wednesday of every month. Time, date, and place of the meeting may be changed by a vote of the membership.

Section 2

The Quorum required for the annual meeting shall consist of five percent of the Corporation members entitled to vote. The Quorum required for a special membership meeting or a regular monthly meeting shall be defined as the number of members present. The Quorum required for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3

The annual business meeting shall be held on the second Sunday of April each year, except when that Sunday is designated as Easter Sunday. In that case, the meeting shall occur on the following Sunday in April. Written notice of the annual business meeting which shall contain the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be mailed to the current address of record or each current member at least seven days prior to the annual meeting. Where members have provided their email address to the Secretary, the Corporation may send email notice of the annual business meeting in lieu of mailing the required notice.

Section 4

A special meeting of the general membership may be called by the President, and/or the majority of the Board of Directors or by a demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, signed by ten members of the Corporation that are entitled to vote.

Section 5

The Board of Directors may hold quarterly meetings.

Section 6

A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by petition signed by five members of the Board of Directors. No meeting shall be held, unless a majority of the Board of Directors is present.

Section 7

Notices of all meetings of the Board of Directors and special meetings shall be provided by mail, and/or email, or by direct telephone contact to the Directors by the President or the Secretary at least seven days prior to such meetings except; that the notice for the Board of Director meetings may be waived if the majority of the Board of Directors are present and consent to the holding of such meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Membership and Dues

Section 1

Membership in the Rock County Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc., shall be free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

Section 2

Any American citizen or persons legally in the United States, being at least eighteen (18) years of age, who under State or Federal law has the legal right to possess or touch a firearm and/or who is interested in the collection, study or use of arms and their accessories, whose application for membership has been endorsed by at least two (2) members of the Corporation, and whose application for membership has been endorsed by the Board of Directors and accepted by a majority vote of the members present at a regular monthly meeting of the Corporation, and who has paid dues for the current year, may become a member of the Corporation.

Section 3

Any minor requesting a junior membership must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is a current member of the Corporation to receive his or her junior membership card. Before being allowed to handle firearms on the premises, he or she must so be approved by the Board of Directors. The junior member must be supervised by an adult Corporation member at all times on the premises.

- A. The minimum age of the minor to qualify for junior membership shall be twelve years of age.
- B. A junior member is not allowed to bring a guest.
- C. A junior member has no voting rights.
- D. A junior member has no access rights to the premises.
- E. When a junior member reaches the age of 18, they shall become a full Corporation member for the balance of the dues year.

Section 4

Annual membership cards shall be issued and countersigned by the Secretary and signed by the President under the direction of the Board of Directors to each eligible member.

Section 5

The initiation fee and the membership dues shall be as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the members at a regular monthly meeting and/or annual meeting provided that a notice of any proposed change shall be mailed and/or emailed to all members of record at least seven days prior to the meeting. Dues shall be paid at the Annual Meeting except as may otherwise be provided.

- A. The initiation fee shall be waived when the spouse of a member becomes a member of the Corporation.

Section 6

The annual membership dues shall be payable in advance for each year. Any member failing to conform shall be recorded as dues delinquent. On or before May 1, the Secretary shall mail a single past due warning. On June 1 of each calendar year any members whose dues are still delinquent will automatically be dropped from the membership. A dropped member may seek reinstatement by reapplying for membership under the same terms required of a new applicant.

A. Dues shall be waived for any member in good standing, on full active duty with the United States Armed Forces, other than annual training periods, during said period of service.

Section 7

Any motion passed at a regular monthly meeting, special meeting or annual meeting to suspend or expel a member shall automatically be referred to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, at its pleasure, may or may not take further action.

A. No vote for suspension or expulsion of any member shall be taken by the Board of Directors until that member has been given a written notice by the Secretary which shall include the complaint, time, date and place of a hearing sent by certified mail, return receipt requested at least fifteen days prior to such hearing.

B. If the member is suspended the length of time of suspension shall be stated in writing.

C. If the member is expelled that member can never apply for membership again.

Section 8

Due to possible conflict of interest, the President and/or the Vice-President of the Corporation shall not at the same time hold the office of President and/or Vice-President of any archery or gun related organization.

Section 9

Life memberships may be proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the members present at any regular monthly meeting.

ARTICLE IX Resignations

Section 1

Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or the Secretary of the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified, then upon receipt of the resignation by the Secretary or the Board of Directors as the case may be, and, unless otherwise specified therein, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 2

Any Director who misses three meetings in a row without an approved absence may be removed from office without a hearing by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular monthly meeting. A request for approval of any absences may be made by notifying the Secretary or President in writing or email, or by telephone prior to any regular monthly meeting of the Corporation.

Section 3

Any Director may be removed from office by the action of the Board of Directors whenever, in their judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the Director so removed. However, such Director may request a hearing before the general membership.

ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision of these bylaws in the manner provided by law, and all rights conferred upon members are granted, subject to this reservation, with the exception, however; that no

amendment or repeal shall change the objects and purposes of the Corporation as set forth in these Articles as to permit any of the assets or net income to inure to the benefit of any private individual, officer, or member of this Corporation.

Section 2

Any motion to amend the bylaws of the Corporation must be read and presented in its entirety in written form. This motion to amend must be passed by a two thirds majority of the attending members at each of two consecutive meetings before a vote of acceptance can be held.

Section 3

Within 45 days of the second passage of this motion to amend, a written notice of the proposed amendment shall be sent by mail to each member in good standing who is eligible to vote, at least thirty five days before the meeting at which the acceptance vote on this proposed amendment is scheduled. This notice shall contain the proposed amendment and the time, date, and place of the meeting at which the vote shall be taken. The acceptance vote of the amendment must be passed by a two thirds majority of the attending members.

Section 4

If bylaw changes are needed in order to obtain approval from the United States Internal Revenue Service to qualify as an exempt organization under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), the Board of Directors is authorized to make those changes necessary without following the notification requirements in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE XI Rules of Order

Section 1

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the Corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Corporation may adopt.

ARTICLE XII Audit of the Books

Section 1

The books of the Corporation shall be audited by a Certified Public Accountant annually or as required by the Internal Revenue Code.