

BY-LAWS OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.
INCORPORATED JANUARY 1988

ARTICLE 1

Name

The name of this Organization shall be the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club, Inc. The words "Society" "Club" and "Organization" appearing herein shall mean the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

ARTICLE 2

Purpose

The purpose of this Organization is to support and sustain the Shooting Sports in Franklin County, Massachusetts and to establish and maintain a Club field for the enjoyment and practice of the Shooting Sports by the Club's membership, to promote education and training in the skills and ethics of the Shooting Sports, and to insure the perpetuation of the Shooting Sports in Franklin County, our State and our Nation; and to do any and all other acts and things which may be necessary and convenient in connection with the purpose thereof and in connection therewith to do all things permissible under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 3

Membership

Section 1. Individual Membership in the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club shall be open to any individual adult citizen of the United States. This includes Single Adult, Family, Student (18-23 years), and Senior Membership.

Section 2. Individual Membership in the Franklin County Sportsman's Club entitles the member to a vote comprised of full voting rights and privileges in all Club endeavors. Family memberships are recognized as two Individual Members and carry a single vote per person of full voting rights and privileges. All Individual memberships confer the privileges of individual access to and use of, the facilities of the Club Field subject to and in a manner consistent with the Club's Field Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. Membership applications for new membership in the Club must be approved by the Membership Committee for acceptance of the member by the General Membership at the next regularly scheduled Club Meeting. in accordance with the guidelines set by the BOD and must

attend the next regularly scheduled Club Meeting. The Membership Committee shall have the right to carefully screen all applicants for membership regarding character and reputation in accordance with the accepted practices. The attendance of the applicant proposed for membership is requested at the acceptance meeting. A majority vote of those attending the meeting is required to approve the applicants' acceptance as a provisional member upon payment of the annual dues. Newly elected members shall be considered as provisional members for the first six months of their membership. At the end of the six months their status reverts to permanent membership.

Section 4. All Club Membership Dues shall be paid annually. The amount of the annual dues shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and in the event of change or increase, shall be approved by a majority vote of the General Membership at a regular Club meeting. The Treasurer shall notify all members who are two months in arrears, and those whose dues are not paid within 30 days thereafter shall be dropped from membership from the Club.

Section 5. Any member desiring to resign from the Club shall submit his resignation in writing to the Secretary, who shall present it to the Board of Directors for action.

Section 6. All members must obey Club rules and regulations. In the event that a members actions or conduct is in violation of the rules or becomes injurious to the organization and its purposes, the Club has the right to discipline the member according to the parliamentary procedure followed by this organization. Punishments that may be imposed by the BOD include reprimands, fines, suspension, or expulsion. The Executive Committee shall be the primary disciplinary body of the Organization and may invoke the right to use executive session for certain disciplinary proceedings.

ARTICLE 4

Officers and Directors

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 10 Directors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by this Organization.

Section 2. Nominating Committee

At the regular Club meeting held the third Wednesday of November, a Nominating Committee of five members shall be elected by a majority of the membership present and voting at that meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in January. The Nominating Committee shall report at the regular meeting in December. Before the election at the annual meeting in January, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted

Section 3. Term in Office

Beginning at the 2014 elections the President, Secretary and five (5) BOD Members will hold their offices for two (2) years. Beginning at the 2015 elections the Vice President, Treasurer and remaining five (5) BOD positions will hold their offices for two (2) years.

Section 4. Eligibility

No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office

Section 5. President

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Organization and, subject to the control of the directors, shall have general charge and supervision of the affairs of the Organization. The president shall preside at all meetings of the members and at all meetings of the directors, except as the members or Directors shall otherwise determine.

Section 6. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall have and may exercise all the powers and duties of the president in the President's absence or in the event of the President's inability to act, and the Vice President shall have such other powers and duties as may be determined by the directors.

Section 7. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Accounting Officer of the Organization. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the Club's financial affairs, funds, securities and valuable papers and shall keep full and accurate records thereof. The Treasurer shall have such other duties and powers as designated by the directors or the President. The Treasurer shall also be in charge of the Club's financial books of accounts and accounting records and of the Club's accounting procedures.

Section 8. Secretary

The Secretary shall record and maintain records of all proceedings of the members and directors in a book or series of books kept for that purpose, which book or books shall be kept within the Commonwealth at the principal office of the Organization or at the office of its Secretary, or of the Club's resident agent and shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of any member. Such book or books shall also contain records of all meetings of Directors and the original or attested copies of the Articles of Organization and Bylaws, and the names of all members and Directors and the address of each. If the Secretary is absent from any meeting of the members or Directors, a Temporary Secretary chosen at the meeting shall exercise the duties of the Secretary at the meeting.

Section 9. Suspension or Removal

An officer may be suspended or removed with or without cause by vote of a majority of Directors then in office at any special meeting called for such purpose or at any regular meeting. An officer may be removed with cause only after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard.

Section 10. Vacancies

If the office of any officer becomes vacant, the Directors may elect a successor. Each such successor shall hold office for the unexpired term, and in the case of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, until their successor is elected and qualified, or in each case until they die, resign, is removed, or becomes disqualified.

ARTICLE 5

Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Organization shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Society.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held separately on the Wednesday prior to the second Saturday in January and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of ten regular members of the Society. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days notice shall be given.

Section 4. Ten members of the Society, two (2) of which must be Club Officers, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 6

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Former President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (each of whom is automatically a Director) and 10 elected Directors; fifteen officers in total. The 10 Directors will

be elected from the General Membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between its business meetings, fix the time and place of meetings, appoint special action committees, set rules and regulations governing the conduct of the Club and all its business, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Society, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Society.

Section 3. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as scheduled by the President. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the board.

ARTICLE 7

Treasury

The Treasurer shall hold all monies and cash held by the Club in specially designated accounts in the name of the Club. The Treasurer shall collect all monies held by the Club and deposit same within thirty (30) days of receipt of said funds by the Club. The Treasurer will reflect deposits and Disbursements from these accounts in the keeping of a proper book of accounts. These records shall be open to scrutiny by the Directors or Officers of the Club or by any member upon proper and written request through the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8

Committees

Section 1. Auditing Committee.

The finances will be audited annually as approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Publicity Committee.

A Publicity Committee shall be established whose duties it shall be to oversee all advertising and publicity affairs for the Club. This committee is charged with promoting the interests of the Club in the best light possible and of gaining as much positive exposure of the Club and its purpose as possible.

Section 3. Membership committee

A Membership Committee shall be established whose duties it shall be to process all applications for Club membership. This committee is responsible

for all membership record keeping and for keeping the Club roster of members current and up to date. It will annually provide the Treasurer with a list of members two months in arrears in their dues. The Membership Committee in conjunction with the Executive Committee shall have the right to suspend or revoke provisional membership.

Section 4. Field Committee

A Field Committee shall be established whose duty it shall be to oversee all aspects of the maintenance, operations, development, expansion, and improvement of the real property owned by the Club. This committee shall co-ordinate directly with the Range Management, Safety and Development Committee with regard to recommendations and suggestions regarding Safety Rules and Regulations that may be required to safeguard the members and guests of the Club and to protect the Club's investment in property and equipment. This committee shall be under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Range Management, Safety and Development Committee

A Range Management, Safety and Development Committee, responsible directly to the Board of Directors, shall be formed to manage all aspects of the running of the shooting ranges, recommend new and enforce existing Safety Rules, and develop new and existing shooting activities to their fullest potential. This committee shall have as standing Sub-Committees a Pistol Committee, Hunter's Clays Committee, Trap Committee, Skeet Committee, Rifle Committee, and Archery Committee.

Section 6. Legislative Committee

A Legislative Committee shall be established consisting of Legislative Delegates from the member Club's belonging to the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club. The duties of the Committee shall be to oversee all Political and Legislative activities.

These activities are to include appointing delegates to the Mass Council of Sportsmen's Clubs and the Legislative functions of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the Gun Owners Action League (GOAL).

Section 7. Executive Committee

The executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Board of Directors between Board Meetings, subject to the Board's approval at the next Board Meeting and shall have such other duties as the Board of Directors from time to time assigns to said Executive Committee and such duties as provided for in these Bylaws.

Section 8. Other Committees.

Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by its President as the Society or the Board of Directors shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work

of the Organization. The President shall be an Ex-Nominating Committee.

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ARTICLE 9

Dissolution of the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club

Section 1. In the event of the need to dissolve the Franklin County Sportsmen's Club, Inc., all outstanding bills and liabilities must be paid or provided for as required by the liquidation of the then standing Club assets. Only after all creditors of the Organization have been made whole, and the Club's Officers and Directors taken out of harm's way, can there be any further proceeds to distribute. Any remaining assets of the Club will be transferred determined by vote of the regular, active membership in accordance with State and Club By-Laws.

ARTICLE 10

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order - Newly Revised" shall govern this body in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

ARTICLE 11

Amendment of Bylaws

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, and notification has been sent to all members at least 10 days before the vote.

ARTICLE 12

Fiscal Year

The Fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE 13

Tax Exempt Corporation

The Franklin County Sportsmen's Club, Inc. shall be a tax-exempt organization of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and under Section 501 C (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE 14

Liability

The members, Directors, and officers of the Organization shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability or obligation of the Organization. All persons, corporations, or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against the Organization may apply to the funds and property of the corporation for the payment of any such contract or claim, or for the payment of any debt, damages, judgments, or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due and payable to them from the corporation.