

# WASHINGTON HOLLOW ROD & GUN CLUB

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I- MEMBERS

#### Section 1. Election of Members:

- A. Any person eighteen (18) years or over and a resident of Dutchess County and surrounding counties of Columbia, Ulster, Orange and Putnam may be elected a member of the Corporation upon:
  - a) Submission of a membership application
  - b) Recommendation of the Membership Investigation Committee
    - i. The membership Committee must make a recommendation of the candidate before the membership vote.
  - c) Receiving a 2/3 majority vote of the members present a regular meeting of the Club.
  - d) Upon receipt of a \$100.00 initiation fee and one (1) year's Dues, prorated as specified in Article 1 Section 3 b.
  - e) No member can sponsor a new member until he has completed one (1) full year in good standing.

## **Section 2. Type of Members**

### **A. Honorary Members**

1. An Honorary Member may be elected at any regular meeting of the Corporation. This may be in recognition of outstanding achievement or service in the purposes of the organization. They shall be entitled to all privileges of membership except voting. All landowners will be honorary members.

### **B. Life Members**

1. Any member meeting any of the following conditions:
  - a) Fifteen (15) years of active service at the age of 65 or older
  - b) Thirty (30) years of active service, regardless of age
  - c) Due to extenuating circumstances and upon recommendation of the board of directors

Shall become a Life Member. As such, they shall be exempt from all dues and work assessment. They shall be entitled to all privileges of regular membership.

## **C. Member's Children and Grandchildren**

1. Member's Children or Grandchildren may be admitted to the Club between the ages of 18 and 21 and upon receipt of initiation fees and one year's dues, regardless of membership limit and excluding college or military time.

## **D. Range Members**

1. Range members shall have full use of the archery and Gun shooting ranges.
  - a. Range members shall also have the combination to the clubhouse to access the clubhouse only during their use of the range and must sign the register book.
  - b. Range members wishing to use the clubhouse and premises for other than use of the range must rent the facilities at the same rate as a non-member.
2. Range members shall not have voting rights, hold an elected or appointed office in the gun club, and shall not have hunting or fishing privileges on club owned or posted property.
3. Range members must abide by all range and club rules.
4. Applicants must be eighteen (18) years or over and shall submit a written application in accordance with Article 1, Section 1 a, and be investigated in accordance with Article 1, Section 2b, and receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting in accordance with Article 1, Section 2c. An annual fee of the Range Member Dues, and a one-time initiation fee of \$100.00 will be submitted with the application. The calendar year for range members will run from March to March. An initiation fee and (1) years dues, (set yearly by the board of directors) will be paid upon acceptance.

5. Range members **may not** bring guest shooters to the range.
6. Range members are exempt from mandatory work days and work hours.
7. Regular members can convert to a range member at any time provided there are positions open in the range membership; they have paid in full any outstanding dues, work hours, mandatory tickets, fines and assessments. Regular members converting to a range member will be charged the required dues for range membership.
8. All range members must attend the March meeting to pay their dues. During that meeting any pending updates to the By-laws will be given and signed for as well as any pending issues regarding range members. If a Range Member cannot make that meeting then that individual must contact a sitting board member and arrange to come to the next possible regular meeting.

### **Section 3. Dues and Assessments**

#### **A. Amount**

Annual dues to be reviewed by the Board of Directors each year and recommendation of amount presented to the membership for approval.

#### **B. Payment**

All Regular membership Dues shall cover the calendar year, or portion thereof. A statement of dues and assessments shall be sent to all members one month in advance of the due date. All assessments and annual dues are to be paid by or at the February meeting. Members who have not paid the assessment and dues payment by the February meeting shall be dropped from the club

membership. The member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership in and to the assets of the Corporation, except the rights, if any, which said member, held as a creditor of the Corporation. All work hours shall cover the period of January 1 to December 31.

#### **Section 4. Expulsion of Members**

A. Except as provided in Section 3, any member may be expelled as a member of the Corporation for failure to comply with any of these by-laws. This shall be done upon the passage of the resolution by the Board of Directors and adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting. Upon the adoption of such resolution, such expelled member shall be dropped from the membership rolls, provided that such member has been notified in writing of such action of the board and is permitted to appear before the next monthly meeting of the meeting and protest such action.

#### **Section 5. Reinstatement of Members**

A. All persons applying for reinstatement shall apply as new members. Expelled members may apply for reinstatement after a lapse of one (1) year.

#### **Section 6. Ballot**

A. All balloting except for routine business shall be by secret ballot.

#### **Section 7. Limitation of Membership**

A. Membership of the Washington Hollow Rod and Gun Club, Inc. shall be limited to One-hundred (100) active, paid-up members, excluding Life, Honorary, Charter, and Range members. Member's

children or Grandchildren shall be accepted at any time upon receipt of annual dues and initiation fees, and shall thereafter be included in the (100) active members.

### **Section 8. Leave of Absence**

- A. Any member required to leave the area for a minimum of one (1) year, upon payment of one (1) years dues and pending a yearly review by the Board of Directors shall have his assessments waived and be carried as a member of that year.

## **ARTICLE II - MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Annual Meetings**

- A. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Corporation on the second Tuesday of February in each year for the election of members of the Board of Directors and for the transaction of other business. Notice of the time, place and purpose of each such meeting, signed by the Secretary, and shall be mailed at least five (5) days before the time appointed for the meeting.

### **Section 2. Special Meetings**

- A. Special meetings of the members of the Corporation may be called by the Board of Directors or by an officer of the club. No business other than that specified shall be conducted at any special meeting.

### **Section 3. Monthly Meetings**

- A. There shall be a monthly meeting of the members of the Corporation on second Tuesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 7:00 P.M. No notice of any monthly meeting need be given. In case of holidays, meeting will be held the following Tuesday.

### **Section 4. Quorum**

- A. The presence in person of nine (9) members of the Club shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except as otherwise provided by law. Necessary financial affairs will be transacted regardless of a quorum.

### **Section 5. Meeting Attendance**

- A. Any regular member failing to attend at least three (3) meetings annually will be dropped from the Club membership. (Attendance kept by Club Secretary). Specific situations to be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1. Number**

- A. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be eleven (11) consisting of five (5) officers and six (6) Directors.

### **Section 2. Term of Office**

- A. At the first Annual Meeting of the members, six (6) Directors will be elected for the following terms:

- a. Two (2) - for three (3) years
  - b. Two (2) - for two (2) years
  - c. Two (2) - for one (1) year
- B. The two (2) retiring Directors shall be replaced annually. No Director may be reelected until he shall be out of office for one (1) year.

### **Section 3. Duties**

- A. The Board of Directors shall have control and general management of the affairs of business of the Corporation and shall act as a Board regularly convened unless otherwise specifically provided.

### **Section 4. Meetings**

- A. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when deemed necessary at a time and place chosen by the board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or Vice President at any time and the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Board when requested to do so.

### **Section 5. Quorum**

- A. A quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the whole Board (six (6) or more), and shall be necessary for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, the Directors present must adjourn the meeting until a quorum shall attend.



- i. Any meeting of the Board of Directors may take place anywhere in Dutchess County suitable to all Directors.

### **Section 6. Vacancies**

- A. In case of any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, the Directors remaining in office may appoint a new Director to fill such vacancy and to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

### **Section 7. Absence**

- A. Any officer or member of the Board of Directors who shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without excuse satisfactory to the other members shall be dropped from the office of Board.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Names**

- A. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary. The President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer shall receive free dues.

### **Section 2. Election of Officers and Directors**

- A. The Candidates shall be nominated in January and February and elected by the members of the Club at the Annual Meeting in February. A Majority vote of a quorum present shall be necessary to elect. The members of the Club shall choose, by ballot, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and

Financial Secretary. Following the election of officers, the membership shall elect the Directors.

### **Section 3. Duties of Officers**

- A. President - The President shall preside at the meetings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors with the right to vote at all meetings. He shall also perform such other duties as customarily performed by a President of a membership corporation.
- B. Vice President - In case of absence of the President, or in case of his inability from any cause to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
- C. Recording Secretary - It shall be the duties of the Recording Secretary to receive all correspondence, to give notice of special meetings, and to attend all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors and keep records of their doings.
- D. Financial Secretary - It shall be the duties of the Financial Secretary to keep a list of names and addresses of the members and to post such lists on the bulletin board. He shall be responsible for the collection of dues and assessments and send notices pertaining to dues and assessments and to keep a full financial record up to date.
- E. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all money received and expended for the use of the Corporation. He shall deposit all funds received in such bank as the Board of Directors may designate.

## **Section 4. Vacancies**

A. All vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors without undue delay at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

## **Section 5. Salaries and Expenses**

A. Directors and Officers as such shall not receive any stated salaries for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, any Director and/or Officer may be indemnified for expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with any claim asserted against him, by action in court or otherwise, by reason of his being or having been such Director, except in relation to matters as to which he shall have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought.

# **ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES**

## **Section 1. Standing Committees**

- A. The following committees shall be appointed at the annual meeting.
- a. Fish Stocking
  - b. Range Committee
  - c. Buildings and Grounds
  - d. Posting Committee
  - e. Federation Delegate
  - f. Investigation Committee
  - g. Police Relations Committee

- h. Health and Safety Committee
- i. Events Committee
- j. Kitchen Committee

## **Section 2. Special Committees**

- A. The President shall appoint such special committees as he considers necessary at any time or on a majority vote of the members, he shall appoint a committee as they direct.

## **Section 3. Required Hours**

- A. All members are required in the course of one (1) year to donate ten (10) hours to the Club work committees. Failure to do so, will result in the offending member being fined \$20.00 an hour for each hour not worked.
- B. All new members are required in the course of their first two years to work all 10 hours. New members will not have the opportunity to pay a fine until after the completion of their two full years. Failure to work all ten hours will result in immediate suspension of all rights to the corporation with the ultimate course of action left to the Executive Boards' discretion.

## **Section 4. Committee Reports**

- A. All committee chairmen will give a detailed report at every regular meeting. All committee chairmen will submit all work hours to the Board of Directors for approval. All hours to be turned in monthly.

# **ARTICLE VI - HUNTING AND FISHING RULES**

## **Section 1. Stickers**

A. Stickers will be provided by the club at no cost to the members and shall appear on the window of the car.

## **Section 2. Buttons**

A. Buttons shall be dated and of a different color each year and shall appear on members whenever possible while on Club owned or Posted property

## **Section 3. Identification Cards**

A. All members are to have identification cards and one (1) extra card with the member's name on it to allow each member one (1) guest (for hunting only).

i. Exception: range members

## **Section 4. By-laws**

A. Each new member upon entrance into Washington Hollow Rod and Gun Club will receive a copy of the latest By-laws. The signature of the member must be recorded in a log as proof of receipt. All current members in good standing will upon paying their dues be given a copy of the most up to date copy of the Clubs By-Laws at the same time they receive their membership cards and stickers. All members must print and sign their signature for the clubs records that these items have been received as well as the dates on which they were received. All Landowners will be given the most updated copy of the By-laws during the first month of

every new calendar year. Records of receipt will be kept by the Club Board for future reference.

### **Section 5. Liability**

A. Any member of the Club damaging any property owned or posted by this Club shall be held personally liable for himself and his guest.

### **Section 6. Shooting Distance**

A. No member or guest shall shoot within 500 feet of a building except the clubhouse.

### **Section 7. Obeying laws**

A. All members shall uphold all Fish and Game Laws.

### **Section 8. Fishing Lease**

A. Regular members may bring immediate members of their family to include spouses, children, step children or grandchildren when utilizing properties procured by the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VII - GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **Section 1 Sick Members**

A. The club will send a fruit basket (not to exceed \$25.00) to any active or life member who is hospitalized or sick at home for any extended period of time (3 weeks or more).

## Section 2. Death

- A. The club will make a charitable contribution in the name of any deceased member or their immediate family. Immediate family to include the member's spouse, children and parents. In-laws are excluded. (Contribution not to exceed \$30.00).

# ARTICLE VIII - ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Section 1. Procedure

- a) Salute to the flag
- b) Call to order by presiding officer
- c) Reading of minutes of previous meeting by the Secretary
- d) Correction, if any - vote of acceptance
- e) Bill and communications
- f) Elections of new members
- g) Detailed Treasurer's report
- h) Committee reports
- i) Unfinished business
- j) New business
- k) Good and Welfare
- l) Adjournment

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

### Section 1. To Amend

These By-laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of the members present at an Annual, Regular or Special meeting of the Corporation at which a quorum is present, providing that a notice is sent to each member and that the proposed change is described in the notice calling such a meeting. Such notice may be delivered by the USPS or E-Mail.