

Major Waldron Sportsmen's Association
- Established 1931 -
BY-LAWS

Article 1
OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a President; a Vice-President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; and a Board of nine (9) Directors.

At the November Board of Directors' meeting, any active member in good standing who wants to have his/her name on the ballot shall at this meeting present to the Secretary a completed nomination form with the names of 5 (five) supporting active members to the nomination. The member seeking election to the Board must have two (2) consecutive and then current years of membership at Major Waldron and must have completed the membership work requirement for this period. The Secretary shall notify each active member of the Annual December Meeting and Board of Directors election prior to December 1.

The ballots will be issued, collected, and counted at the Annual (December) Meeting. Each member shall vote for not more than three (3) nominees on the ballot. The three (3) nominees receiving the greater number of votes will be considered elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. In case of a tie for the third position a separate ballot will be cast for the individuals involved. Each member present shall cast one (1) vote.

At the regular meeting in December 1935 there shall be elected a Board of nine (9) Directors; three of whom shall be elected for a term of three (3) years; three of whom shall be elected for a term of two (2) years; three of whom shall be elected for a term of one (1) year; there shall be elected annually thereafter three Directors whose term of office shall be for three (3) years.

The Board of Directors shall within sixty (60) days of January 1st of each year, meet and organize by choosing from their own Board, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman; they shall choose a Clerk of the Board of Directors who need not be a member of their Board.

The Chairman so chosen shall act as President of the Association; the Vice-Chairman so chosen shall act as Vice-President of the Association; the Clerk of the Board so chosen shall act as Secretary of the Association. The Board will also choose a Treasurer.

Terms of office shall begin with the regular meeting in the month of January and all officers shall hold office until their successors are elected.

The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy in their own Board and any other vacancy within sixty days of the occurrence. Their appointments shall be for the un-expired term.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all Directors' meetings; in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside; in the absence of both, a Temporary Chairman may be chosen to serve.

The Clerk of the Board of Directors shall keep an accurate record of all business transacted by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Monday evening of each month and at such other times as they deem necessary, all members of the Board having notice of the time and place of the meeting. Any Board Member who fails to attend 3 (three) successive Board meetings or a maximum of 4 meetings per year without notifying the President of good cause for such absences shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board and shall be replaced as previously described.

Five (5) Directors present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

A simple majority of the Directors present and voting shall decide all matters.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association; and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President, in the absence of the President, to preside at all meetings and to perform the duties of the President.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep accurate record of all meetings of the Association and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate record of all moneys received; to pay all bills when ordered by the Board of Directors and to take and keep proper vouchers therefor, subject to inspection by the Board of Directors at all times; and to perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

Upon any office becoming vacant, for any reason whatsoever the retiring officer shall without delay deliver to a member of the Board of Directors all property and / or money of the Association in his possession.

Article 2 POWERS OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of the Association, including the care, repair, alterations, additions and improvements of all property of the Association both real and personal; the expenditure of all moneys and payment of all debts and obligations; the use and enjoyment of the property of the Association under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Directors; recommendations for membership and expulsion of members for misconduct by five (5) or more Board members; shall be vested in the Board of Directors. They may call special meetings. Decisions by the Board of Directors regarding disciplinary action taken against a Member may only be appealed to the Board of Directors and may only be appealed by the Member against whom the disciplinary action was taken.

Article 3 PLACE OF MEETING

The place of meeting, both regular and special, shall be in the Clubhouse of the Association, known as the Ham Farm, in the Town of Barrington, New Hampshire; provided however, that a different place of meeting for a special purpose may be chosen for the next regular or special meeting, by vote of the Association.

Article 4 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting shall be held on the third Monday of December in each year.

Article 5 REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Monday of each month.

Article 6 SPECIAL MEETING

Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors, or by vote of the Association at any regular meeting.

**Article 7
HOUR OF MEETING**

Regular Meetings shall be called to order at 7:00 pm. This may be changed for special occasions by vote of the Association. Special meetings shall be called to order at such hour as the Board of Directors shall determine provided the special meeting is at the call of said Board; otherwise, at such hour as the Association shall vote.

**Article 8
NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Members shall be entitled to such notice of both regular and special meetings as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.

**Article 9
QUORUM**

Five (5) Directors (Board Members) and any members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business at any regular or special meeting.

**Article 10
EXPENDITURE OF MONEY**

No expenditure of money or other obligation shall be incurred by vote of the Association until the whole matter has been referred to and received the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Article 11
SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Special committees may be appointed for special purposes, not inconsistent with these By-Laws, and when so voted, all appointments shall be made by the President.

**Article 12
AGE LIMIT**

No person under the age of 21 (twenty-one) shall hold any office in the Association, but may serve on special committees.

**Article 14
MEMBERSHIP**

All voting members of the Association must hold a current NRA membership. Prospective members may meet this requirement by submitting a completed NRA membership application and the required dues with their application to the Association.

- Active Members: All dues paying members shall be considered active.
- Junior Member: A person under 18 (eighteen) years of age shall be considered a junior member, his application for membership must be sponsored by an active member. A junior member shall not have voting rights.
- Student Member: A person who is a full time student enrolled in an undergraduate program. This person shall be required to join the NRA as an Associate Member at a minimum. Student Members shall not have voting rights.
- Life Member: (a) An active member for 10 (ten) consecutive years upon reaching 70 (seventy) years of age shall receive a life membership.
(b) A person upon payment of such sum as established by the Association shall be granted a life membership.

Honorary Member: The Board of Directors may grant an Honorary Life Membership to any person they may deem deserving of such award. Such membership shall not afford voting rights.
Family Members: Family membership shall be a person and their spouse and all children under 18 (eighteen) years of age. The family shall have one vote.

**Article 15
APPLICATIONS**

Completed applications for membership shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Approved applicants shall be sworn in at the next Member's meeting.

**Article 16
DUES**

The annual dues of active members shall be such sum as the Association shall from time to time establish. All dues are payable January 1 of each year. Any member two (2) months in arrears of dues shall be reported to the Board of Directors and if the amount in arrears is not paid within thirty days thereafter, such member shall be expelled by said Board for non-payment. A member two (2) months in arrears of dues shall, if another member objects, lose his right of vote until the arrears are paid. Membership dues may be pro-rated as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Dues are on a calendar year basis.

**Article 17
BUSINESS AT SOCIALS**

No business of the Association shall be transacted at any social gathering or open meeting so called.

**Article 18
BY-LAWS PRINTED**

The Constitution, Order of Business, and these By-Laws must be in printed , when so ordered by the Board of Directors, and a copy furnished members on such terms as said Board may direct.

**Article 19
CHANGE OF TIME OF MEETING**

The day and time of day of holding regular meetings may be changed, from time to time, by a majority vote of active members present at any regular meeting and voting.

**Article 20
MAJORITY VOTE TO CONTROL**

A majority vote of active members present and voting at any regular or special meeting shall decide all matters, except a change in these By-Laws.

Article 21
CHANGE OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the active members present in person and voting.

Article 22
NOTICE OF CHANGE

Active members shall have notice of the proposed change of By-Laws at least one month prior to the change being voted upon.

Article 23
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The President may appoint one (1) person as a publicity committee, who shall be entitled to membership without payment of dues, and who shall serve as such during the President's term of office or at the will of the President, not beyond his own term.

Article 24
PRESENT OFFICERS TO SERVE

The present officers of the Association shall continue in office until the regular meeting in January.

Article 25
EFFECTIVE DATE OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws shall become effective on their adoption.

Previous revision July, 2002.

This revision accepted by the Membership January 2010.

Article 26
INTERPRETATION

If any part of these Bylaws is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under any present or future law, then that provision will be fully severable. These Bylaws will be construed and enforced as if the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable part had never comprised a part of the Bylaws, and the remaining provisions of the Bylaws will remain in full force and effect and will not be affected by the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision or by its severance.

Furthermore, in lieu of each such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision, there will be automatically added, as a part of the Bylaws, a provision as similar in terms and effect to such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

