



ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

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ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL

Section 1.1 Formation.

THE ROCKFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, hereinafter referred to as the "Club" is a nonprofit, non-stock, corporation organized on a membership basis under the laws of the State of Michigan. The Club is organized as a charitable and educational corporation.

Section 1.2 Purpose and Objectives.

The Purpose and Objectives of the Club include, but are not limited to the following:

1. To promote stewardship of all of our natural resources and to encourage the protection and wise use of the flora, fauna, water, air, soil, and minerals of our world.
2. To preserve for ourselves and for future generations the freedom to enjoy the outdoors as an essential part of the spiritual, physical, and character development of our citizenry.
3. To promote education and local events in all areas of natural resource management: encourage nature studies, environmental awareness, outdoor safety, and appreciation of our world.
4. To operate and act in a manner that directly or indirectly provides charitable, educational or other community benefit, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of future federal tax codes.
5. To preserve the right of the people to keep and bear arms as provided by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Michigan.
6. To provide a safe shooting venue, facilities and range sites.

Section 1.3 Restrictions.

1. Use of the Club name and logo shall be restricted to the promotion of only the events with specific written authorization of the Board of Directors. This restriction applies to apparel, ceramics, signs or any other means of reproduction of the Club name or logo.
2. All funds and assets of the Club shall be used only to further the Purposes and Objectives of the Club. The Club's net funds shall not inure to the benefit of its Members, Directors, or Officers unless under independent contractor agreement as authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

All memberships are family memberships which include the spouse and children under the age of 18. Children that are students attending college or on active military service are included until the age of 24. All members are expected to respect and obey the rules and guidelines set by the Board and the committees that report to the Board. There are four (4) classes, Associate, Full, Retired, and Honorary memberships.

Associate Membership

An Associate Membership requires submission of the membership dues and acceptance of an application by a vote at either the Club general membership or the Board meetings. Associate members and their families are entitled to use the shoot ranges, attend Club-sponsored events, and membership meetings.

Associate Membership is available as long as the members(s) continue to meet Club obligations

Full Membership

A Full membership is an Associate membership in good standing that has paid dues and met the service hour/meeting requirement as set annually by the Board. Full memberships have all of the privileges of an Associate membership plus the rights to participate in the MUCC Camp scholarship program, vote in Club elections, hold elected office, and have a key to the buildings.

Failure to meet the service hour/meeting requirement at time of renewal will cause a Full membership to revert to Associate status. The member, with good cause, may petition the

Membership chairman for a reinstatement of status. The chairman will bring the request to the Board of Directors for a decision.

Retired Membership

A Retired membership will have maintained a Full membership of the Club for fifteen (15) years or more and the primary member have reached the age of 65 before the renewal date. The membership has all of the same privileges as a Full membership.

A Retired membership has no service hour or meeting requirement. Dues are assessed at 50% of the dues of a Full membership which has met the service hour requirement. Additionally, the dues may be offset by volunteering and earning service hour credits.

To qualify for Retired status the primary member of a Full membership must obtain the recommendation of the Membership Secretary. The Secretary will petition for approval of the Board of Directors and the membership at a Regular Club meeting.

Honorary Membership

An Honorary membership may be offered to a person eighteen years of age or older due to their contributions to the Club. An Honorary Membership has no dues or meeting requirement. The membership has all of the same privileges as a Full membership except voting and holding office.

Section 2.2 Eligibility

A Membership is available to families or individuals who accept the Purposes and Objectives of the Club, have agreed to promote the same and have complied with the requisites of membership as provided for in these Bylaws and as further determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.3 Application for Membership

1. Each application for membership must be accompanied by the total amount of dues. The Membership committee will make a recommendation to the assembled Membership or Board of Directors during new business. When such recommendation is presented, a motion shall be accepted and action taken for or against the recommendation presented.
2. A majority affirmative vote of Officers/Members present will constitute election to Membership in the Club. Voting may take place by voice, a show of hands or secret ballot.
3. Payment of the membership dues by any person who thereby becomes a Member of the Club will be considered acknowledgment and acceptance of all terms and conditions imposed by the most current Bylaws, and also as a ratification of all acts, conduct, and dealings of the Club, its Officers, and its Directors germane to the Purposes and Objectives of the Club.
4. After election to Membership each new Member will receive a letter of welcome from the Club which requests the scheduling of an orientation meeting with a senior member of the Club. At the orientation meeting the new member will be provided a Membership packet as approved by the Board.

Section 2.4 Membership Dues / Service Hours

1. The dues amount and service hours quantity will be reviewed by the Board of Directors annually on or before the June Board of Directors meeting. Any recommended adjustment must be approved by a majority of members at a regular membership meeting.
2. Members will be notified in writing via electronic mail or at their last known address of the proposed change in dues at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which a vote to change the dues amount is to take place.
3. Such a change in the amount of the dues will be effective at the member's next renewal date.

SECTION 2.5 Payment of Dues

Dues will be paid annually within 30 days from the receipt of the Club dues notice. A member delinquent after 30 days from date of notice will be removed from the Membership roster and will be denied the privileges of the Club. Any member whose dues are in arrears less than six months may be reinstated by paying the outstanding dues maintaining the membership at the original renewal date. Members with dues in arrears more than six months must reapply for membership.

Section 2.6 Transferability

A member may transfer Membership between types of Membership to which the member is eligible. A Membership may not be sold, given, or transferred to another family or individual.

Section 2.7 Code of Conduct

As a member of the Club an individual must meet the following requirements in regard to conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of the Club and in any role held within the Club.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all others
2. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others
3. Be professional in and accept the responsibility for personal actions
4. Be aware of and maintain an uncompromising adherence to Club standards, regulations, rules and policies
5. Operate within the Club Range rules of safe shooting
6. Refrain from any form of harassment toward, or discrimination against, others
7. Respect the environment and wildlife
8. Provide appropriate supervision for minor children under their care
9. Avoid shooting ranges when alcohol or prescription drugs could have adverse side effects and cause unsafe conditions.

Section 2.8 Suspension or Termination of Membership

The Board of Directors may, by majority vote of a quorum, suspend or terminate the membership of any member for cause pursuant to the guidelines established by the Board of Directors. 'For cause' will include, but is not limited to the violation of the Club Bylaws, Code of Conduct or Club rules and regulations.

Procedure for Suspension or Expulsion.

- 1) A member(s) of the Club in good standing may file with the Membership Secretary a written complaint against another member(s) describing conduct contrary to, or in violation of, the Club By-laws, rules, policies, or conditions.
- 2) The Membership Secretary will, in a timely manner, transmit the complaint, all supporting exhibits, and witness names and statements to the Board of Directors which will promptly consider the manner.
- 3) The Board may: A) dismiss the charges; B) write a letter of warning or reprimand to the accused member(s), or, C) direct a hearing be scheduled to determine if there is just cause for suspension or expulsion. If a hearing is scheduled by the Board of Directors, the Club policy on hearings will be followed and Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

ARTICLE 3 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.1 Board Powers

1. The business, property and affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall possess such powers and authority in addition to the powers and authority herein specifically prescribed, as may be necessary to complete execution of the Purposes and Objectives of the Club limited only by the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.
2. Finances of the Club shall be under the control of the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.
3. The Board of Directors may appoint or employ additional agents as it deems necessary, prescribing their duties and authority.
4. It shall be necessary to have a quorum of at least eight members to conduct business at any Board meeting.

Section 3.2 Membership of the Board of Directors

1. Executive Committee: Officers of the Club, consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and the Sergeant of Arms. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, or until their successor is elected and installed. Installation of officers will take place during the January membership meeting.
2. Trustees: Six (6) members in good standing.

3. Chairman: As an ex officio Member, the immediate past President.
 - A. If such past President is unable or declines membership or has been elected as an Officer/Trustee, the ex officio vacancy shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.
 - B. Will cast their vote only to break a tie vote occurring on the Board of Directors.

Section 3.3 Committees

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to delegate duties to any committee established to promote the Purposes and Objectives of the Club or any other function such as the Board may prescribe. Each committee shall have a chairperson appointed by the President to serve at the pleasure of the President with the concurrence of the Board. Each committee chairperson shall be responsible for:

1. Selection of committee members to serve at the chairperson's pleasure.
2. Coordination and achievement of committee activities and goals.
3. Notification to the Membership of committee activities by; (a) announcement at Regular Membership meetings; and/or (b) publication in the Club newsletter.
4. Submitting a monthly report for inclusion in the Regular Membership Meeting minutes.
5. Submitting a monthly report of all expended or received funds to the Treasurer.
6. Preparation of an annual budget proposal for submission to the Board prior to the Board of Directors Budget meeting.

Section 3.4 Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Club shall be: (1) Membership; (2) Building and Grounds; (3) Nominating; (4) Planning.

Section 3.5 Removal from Office

Any Board of Directors member may be removed from office by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for:

1. Absences: Any Board of Directors Member who is absent from three consecutive Board Meetings during a calendar year shall be removed, unless permission to do so has been granted by the Board of Directors.
2. For Cause: Any Board of Directors Member may be removed for cause including, but not limited to, gross inefficiency, ineffectiveness, dishonesty, or for any of the reasons stated in Article 2, Suspension or Termination of Membership.
3. Removal Procedures: Removal of any Member of the Board of Directors shall be pursuant following procedure:
 - A. A petition of recall election shall be presented at any Regular or Special Membership Meeting containing; (a) signatures of at least 25% of the Full memberships; and (b) the name of the Director, Official, or Member of the Board of Directors, the office held by that individual, and the reason(s) for presentation of a petition.
 - B. A recall election to remove a member of the Board of Directors shall then be held at the next subsequent Regular or Special Membership Meeting.
 - C. The Membership shall be notified of the proposed recall election at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which such election is to be held.
 - D. The member of the Board of Directors shall be removed from office upon majority approval of the voting members present and voting by secret ballot.
 - E. Such removal shall constitute a vacancy and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 3.6 Vacancies

Any Board of Directors vacancy appointee shall be proposed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors pending approval by a majority of members present and voting at the next general membership meeting.

1. Membership shall be notified two weeks prior to the appointment vote.
2. The appointee shall serve until the next scheduled election.

Section 3.7 Conflict of Interest

No elected Officer or Director of this Club or firm in which the Officer or Director of this Club has an interest shall receive any form of compensation for services rendered to this Club, including employment by this Club, during the Officer's or Director's term in office and one year thereafter. An exception may be made after full disclosure of his/her interest by the interested Officer or Director of this Club, and approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of, disinterested members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS

Section 4.1 Eligibility

Candidates seeking an Officer position must have been a Full Member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) calendar year at the time an election is to be held. Trustees may not serve concurrently as Officers during their term.

Section 4.2 Vote

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote by secret ballot of those Full Members present at the Regular Membership Meeting in December of each calendar year. Should a tie vote still exist after three (3) ballots for any office, the matter will be referred to the outgoing Board of Directors to determine the outcome of the election.

Section 4.3 Term

Officers shall be elected by the Membership to a term of office of one (1) year.

Section 4.4 Duties

The duties of the Officers are as follows:

President

1. Preside at all Membership meetings in accordance with Parliamentary Procedures (Robert's Rule of Order)
2. Sign all Club documents that may require a signatory.
3. Call Special Meetings
4. Enforce the Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Club.
5. Appoint all committee chairpersons
6. Act as the official spokesperson for the Club.
7. Responsible for the Club website.

Vice President

1. Assist the President in the discharge of the President's duties as the President may prescribe.
2. Act as President in the absence of the President.
3. Succeed to the office of President until the next scheduled election if the office of President should become vacant for any reason.
4. Chair the Nomination committee.

Secretary

1. Prepare agendas for all Regular Membership and Board Meetings.
2. Prepare and keep minutes of Membership and the Board of Directors Meetings on file in the Club historical records area.
3. Keep a record of all Club correspondence.
4. Provide the minutes to the Membership Secretary for inclusion in the Club newsletter.

Membership Secretary

1. Collect dues and other applicable fees from the Membership and provide the gate combination and a receipt in the form of a Membership card containing the year for which the Membership is issued, the member's name, and membership classification. Such card shall be mailed to the member's address within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the member's dues payment.
2. Maintain accurate contact information, records of payment and service hours of the Membership.

3. Transfer all dues and other applicable fees to the Treasurer at least every thirty (30) days and keep a record of all funds transferred.
4. Mail a notice of dues collection to each member on the anniversary of the Membership and subsequent notices as may be necessary.
5. Fulfill the duties as described in Article 2, Membership.
6. Responsible for the production and distribution of the Club newsletter.
7. Responsible for the management of a new member mentor program.

Treasurer

1. Manage all funds of the Club as the Board of Directors may prescribe, and disburse such funds as authorized by vote of the Members or as directed by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws Financial policies.
2. Maintain an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures and render a report thereof at Regular Membership and Board meetings.
3. Prepare an annual financial report and submit the same together with all financial records of the Club to the Board of Directors for inspection.
4. Annually provide the Treasurer's annual financial report and the financial records of the Club to an independent third party, selected by the Board of Directors, for auditing at the close of each calendar year.
5. Shall report the results of the audit performed by the independent party to the Board of Directors and the general Membership as soon as practicable.
6. Keep a record of all legal papers and official documents.

Sergeant at Arms

1. Manage the Club's property
2. Maintain an inventory of Club property.
2. Enforce rules at all meetings and special or social events
3. Control the distribution of Club keys
4. Maintain the Club calendar.

Section 4.5 Resignation

An officer may resign upon 10 days written notice to the President.

Section 4.6 Removal

An Officer may be removed pursuant to Article 2, Membership.

Section 4.7 Reimbursement of Expenses

Officers shall serve without compensation. The Board of Directors may reimburse an Officer for reasonable expenses incurred by that Officer on behalf of the Club.

ARTICLE 5 – TRUSTEES

Section 5.1 Number

There shall be a total of six (6) Trustees who, in addition to the Officers, shall compose the Board of Directors ("Board").

Section 5.2 Vote

Trustees shall be elected by a majority vote by secret ballot of those Members present at the Regular Membership Meeting in December of each calendar year. Should a tie vote still exist after three (3) ballots, the matter will be referred to the outgoing Board of Directors to determine the outcome of the election.

Section 5.3 Terms

There shall be elected alternately by the Membership three (3) Trustees for a term of two (2) years and the following year, three (3) Trustees for a term of (2) years.

Section 5.4 Resignation

A Trustee may resign upon 10 days written notice to the President. A Trustees' resignation shall constitute a vacancy.

Section 5.5 Removal

Any Trustee may be removed from office by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors for:

1. Absences: Any Trustee who is absent from three consecutive Board Meetings during a calendar year shall be removed, unless permission to do so has been granted by the Board of Directors.
2. For Cause: Any Board of Directors Member may be removed for cause including, but not limited to, gross inefficiency, ineffectiveness, dishonesty, or for any of the reasons stated in Article 2, Suspension or Termination of Membership.
3. Removal Procedures: Removal of any Trustee shall be pursuant to the procedures established by the Board of Directors in Article 3 of these Bylaws.

Section 5.6 Vacancies

Any Trustee vacancy appointee shall be proposed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors pending approval by a majority of members present and voting at the next general membership meeting.

1. Membership shall be notified two weeks prior to the appointment vote.
2. The appointee shall serve until the next scheduled election.

Section 5.7 Reimbursement of Expenses

Trustees shall serve without compensation. The Board of Directors may reimburse a Trustee for reasonable expenses incurred by that Trustee on behalf of the Club.

ARTICLE 6 – ELECTIONS

Section 6.1 Proxy / Absentee Balloting

1. There shall be no voting by proxy.
2. Absentee balloting.
 - a) Absentee balloting shall be allowed for Board of Director elections only.
 - b) An absentee ballot must be requested from the Vice President in writing.

Section 6.2 Quorum

A quorum consists of the Full memberships present in person at the membership meeting.

Section 6.3 Candidate Qualifications

1. Any Full member in good standing may run for and hold office.
2. Candidates must have at least one year as a Full member of the Club and have a Full membership status to be qualified to run for an office on the Executive Committee.

Section 6.4 Nomination Committee

1. The Nomination Committee shall consist of the Vice President and two Board appointed representatives. In the event the Vice President does not wish to head the committee or is incapable due to extenuating circumstances, the Board will appoint all three representatives to the Nomination Committee and will choose the Nomination committee's chairperson.
2. The Committee shall request nominations at the October and November Regular Meetings.
3. The Committee shall verify a candidate's willingness and ability to serve.
4. Nominations shall be submitted to the Nomination Committee at or before the November Regular Membership Meeting to allow time for Membership notification.
5. All interested candidates with two or more nominations for a specified office are entitled to a listing on the election ballot.

Section 6.5 Election Committee

1. The President shall appoint a committee of three including the Club Membership Secretary, in October, whose responsibility shall be to coordinate the preparations for the annual election to be held at the December Regular Membership meeting.
2. The Committee shall prepare the proper forms and paperwork to assure that the election process runs as planned.
3. The Election Committee shall be in charge of the balloting process the day of the election and shall count the votes and announce results of the election. The Election Committee may recruit members at the December election meeting, as tellers, to help with the counting of the ballots if they deem it necessary.
4. The Committee shall establish whatever rules and procedures it deems necessary to conduct a fair, timely and accurate election.

Section 6.6 Voting Eligibility

1. A Full or Retired membership shall consist of the qualified Individual, plus the spouse or domestic partner and children under the age of 18 years of age of that reside within the same household. The adult members of the Membership shall be entitled to one vote each in any election or vote that may be directed by the Board of Directors. Members qualified children over 18 years of age may enjoy the benefits of the club, but, must obtain a separate membership to obtain voting rights.
2. In the event that a marriage or domestic partnership dissolves, both members shall have membership until the end of that membership term.

Section 6.7 Election Procedure

1. Voting at elections shall be by secret ballot, on all other questions: by voice vote, unless a secret ballot is requested by at least three (3) members.
2. The Election Committee shall be in charge of the balloting process the day of the Board of Directors election. The Election Committee may recruit members at the election meeting, as tellers, to help with the counting of the ballots if they deem it necessary.
3. The tellers shall distribute one (1) ballot for each membership, in good standing, and who is present.
4. Results of the election shall be announced to the members present.
5. All votes shall be kept on file for one (1) year.
6. All Elected Officers and Trustees shall take office at the January annual meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – MEETINGS

Section 7.1 Regular Membership Meetings

1. Regular Meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions shall be announced at the prior Regular Meeting.
2. Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Parliamentary Procedures (Robert's Rule of Order).

Section 7.2 Special Membership Meetings

1. Special Membership Meetings may be called only by the President.
2. The President must call a Special Membership Meeting within seven (7) days if requested in writing by three (3) Members of the Board of Directors, or requested in writing by five (5) Members in good standing.
3. Such Special Membership Meetings need not be called if the Regular Membership Meeting will be held within seven (7) days of any written request. The agenda for the Regular Membership Meeting will address the concerns for which the Special Membership Meeting was requested.
4. Special Membership Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Parliamentary Procedures (Robert's Rule of Order).

Section 7.3 Board of Directors Meetings

1. A Regular Board of Directors Meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions shall be announced at the prior Regular Meeting.
2. Meetings shall be open to all Members in good standing but only Board Members may vote in matters coming before the Board of Directors.
3. The Chairman of the Board may limit debate from non-Board Members in matters before the Board.
4. The December Board meeting shall be attended by both incoming and outgoing members.
5. Special Board of Directors meetings may be called by the President. The President must call a Special Meeting of the Board if requested in writing by any two (2) Board Members. The written request must state the purpose of the Special Board of Directors Meeting.

Section 7.4 Board of Directors Quorum

1. A quorum shall be a minimum of eight (8) Board members. A meeting of the Board of Directors shall not be valid unless a quorum is present.
2. The Chairman of the Board shall declare a quorum present prior to the call to order.
3. A majority of such quorum shall be sufficient to pass any matter before the Board unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

Section 7.5 Agenda

The specific agenda for any Board of Directors Meeting shall be set by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 7.6 Minutes

1. Minutes shall be kept of all Regular and Special Board Meetings.
2. Such minutes shall be preserved by the Club Secretary.
3. The minutes shall be available for inspection by any Member in good standing at any Regular Membership Meeting upon prior request.

Section 7.7 Proper Notice

1. A meeting notice shall be by mail, Email, or local media at least five (5) days prior to a Special Membership or Special Board meeting.
2. Such announcements must include the time, date, and location of the meeting.
3. Cancellation of any Membership or Board meeting shall be posted at any time prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 8 – LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Section 8.1 Property Insurance

The Club shall purchase and maintain property insurance in an amount and from a source to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 8.2 Liability Insurance

The Club shall purchase and maintain liability insurance in an amount and from a source to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 8.3 Limitation of Liability of Volunteer Elected Officials

The Club assumes all liability to any person other than the Club and its Members for all acts or omissions of a volunteer Director or volunteer Officer, as those terms are defined in the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended, occurring on or after January 1, 1988, incurred in the good faith performance of the volunteer Director's or Officer's duties, if all of the following are met:

1. The volunteer was acting or reasonably believed he or she was acting within the scope of his or her authority.
2. The volunteer was acting in good faith.
3. The volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

4. The volunteer's conduct was not an intentional tort.

Section 8.4 Indemnification

The Club shall indemnify all volunteer directors and officers to the full extent provided by Michigan law so long as the volunteer complies with all requirements of Article 8, Section 8.3. The indemnification shall apply only after all applicable insurance proceeds available to the persons indemnified have been paid.

ARTICLE 9 – RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 9.1 Promulgation

Other rules and regulations consistent with the Purposes and Objectives of the Club and with these Bylaws may be published as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors for the safe and efficient operation of the Club.

Section 9.2 Approval

Such rules and regulations may be voted upon at any Regular or Special Membership Meeting or by two thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors at any Board meeting.

Section 9.3 Notification

The Membership shall be notified in writing of all proposed rules and regulations of the Club. Publication in the newsletter shall constitute proper notification.

ARTICLE 10 – CLUB SPONSORS

Section 10.1 Club Sponsorship Program.

The Club Sponsorship Program shall be available to any business entity or individual expressing support of the Purposes and Objectives or other germane interests of the Club.

Section 10.2 Annual Fees

Participation in the Club Sponsorship Program is subject to a Sponsor's payment of an annual fee to be determined by the Board of Directors and reviewed annually.

Section 10.3 Application of Fees.

Any fees received from Sponsors participating in the Club Sponsorship Program must be used only to further the Purposes and Objectives of the Club, or other such uses as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 10.4 Club Sponsorship Recognition.

Any business entity or individual who becomes a Sponsor in the Club Sponsorship Program shall receive in recognition of their contribution:

1. A certificate or plaque for the Sponsor to display in his/her place of business or residence.
2. A copy of the Club newsletter when published. Sponsors will be listed in each issue of the newsletter. A plaque shall be placed in the Clubhouse listing the names of the Sponsors. From time to time, the Sponsors collectively or individually may be invited to participate in Club events free of charge.
3. Sponsorship does not confer Membership in this Club.

ARTICLE 11 – CLUB AFFILIATIONS

The Board of Directors is authorized to affiliate the Club with any other organization for the furtherance of the Club's goals and objectives.

ARTICLE 12 – NEWSLETTER

Section 12.1 Publication

In order to have an informed Membership, a newsletter shall be published by the Club. The newsletter shall be used to notify the Membership in accordance with these Bylaws or report on Club activities and events. The newsletter shall be published at least quarterly with every practicable attempt to have publication occur monthly.

Section 12.2 Distribution

Each member shall receive a copy of the newsletter by mail sent to the member's residence or by electronic mail if the member so chooses. Other copies of the newsletter may be distributed at the President's discretion.

Section 12.3 Production

The Membership Secretary may appoint a committee whose responsibilities would include the editing, publication and distribution of the newsletter. The committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Membership Secretary.

ARTICLE 13 – FINANCIAL POLICY

The Club maintains a Financial Policy Manual which defines the financial policies and financial control procedures of the Rockford Sportsman's Club. Where there is any conflict between the Manual and the Bylaws of the Club, the Bylaws shall be considered as controlling. Questions of interpretation shall be settled by the Treasurer and/or the President. A copy of the Manual may be obtained from the Club Secretary.

ARTICLE 14 – DISSOLUTION

Section 14.1 Vote on Dissolution.

The Club may be dissolved by a by two thirds (2/3) vote of all voting Members returning ballots as described herein:

1. Written notification of the proposed dissolution shall be sent to the last known address of each voting Member along with a stamped and addressed ballot to be returned to the Club within sixty (60) days of mailing.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet and count ballots.
3. The Board of Directors shall meet and declare the Club dissolved upon a majority count in favor of dissolution from those ballots returned.

Section 14.2 Sale of Assets.

Upon dissolution of the Club, the Board of Directors shall conduct a sale at public auction of all personal property of the Club. Such personal property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder. All reasonable Club debts shall be paid from the proceeds of such sale. In the event the proceeds from the sale of the Club's personal property are not sufficient to satisfy the reasonable debts and obligations of the Club, the Board of Directors shall conduct a sale at public auction of the Club's real property necessary to fulfill the Club's reasonable outstanding debts and obligations.

Section 14.3 Distribution of Assets.

In the event that the sale of Club personal and real property produces a positive net balance after satisfaction of all reasonable outstanding debts and obligations of the Club, the proceeds shall be distributed to any one or more nonprofit organizations of similar purpose of the Club which is exempt from taxation (Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) as determined by the Board of Directors. No member will benefit from the sale of this property.

ARTICLE 15 – AMENDMENT / REVISION OF BYLAWS

Section 15.1 Bylaws Committee Chairperson.

The Bylaws Committee Chairman shall be recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors whenever amending or revision of the Bylaws is deemed necessary. The chairperson is responsible for obtaining committee members from the general membership and reporting recommended Bylaw changes to the Board and the Membership.

Section 15.2 Proposed Amendments / Revision.

Proposed changes to the Bylaws may be presented in writing by the Bylaws Committee chairperson at any Regular Membership Meeting. The proposed amendments or revision must then be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, which shall meet to discuss the proposed amendments prior to the next scheduled Regular Membership Meeting. The Board of Directors shall report its recommendations on the proposed amendments or revision at the next Regular or Special Membership Meeting.

Section 15.3 Notice of Proposed Amendments or Revision.

All members shall be notified in writing of the proposed amendments or revision at least three (3) days prior to the Regular or Special Membership Meeting at which the changes are to be voted on. Publication of the proposal in the newsletter prior to such Regular or Special Membership Meeting shall constitute proper notification provided the three (3) day limitation is observed.

Section 15.4 Approval of Amendments or Revision.

The Bylaws may be amended or revised by approval at two out of three consecutive Regular Meetings. In the event that an amendment is approved at the first two meetings it shall not be necessary to vote at the third meeting. Amendments or the revision to the Bylaws shall have immediate effect upon passage unless otherwise stated in the amendment.

Section 15.5 Notice of Approved Amendments or Revision.

All Members shall receive a copy of any amendments or revision made to the Bylaws. Publication in the newsletter shall be considered valid notice.

ARTICLE 16 – PRIVACY POLICY

The Rockford Sportsman's Club recognizes and respects member's privacy. For that reason, a Privacy Policy document is maintained to assist in the understanding how the Club handles nonpublic information. A copy of the Privacy Policy may be obtained from the Club Secretary.

ARTICLE 17 – APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 17.1 Effective Date.

The Bylaws shall be effective immediately when approved by the Membership.

Section 17.2 Distribution.

Upon approval of these Bylaws, a copy will be mailed to any Club Member making a request. The Membership Secretary may also provide copies of the Bylaws to Members at Regular Membership Meetings.