

January 12, 2021

HUBBARDSTON ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

BY-LAWS

Article I NAME AND LOCATION

Sec. 1 The name of the organization shall be The Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club, Inc.

Sec. 2 The Club office and/or Clubhouse shall be located in Hubbardston, Mass.

Article II PURPOSE

Sec. 1 The chief aim shall be to improve local sporting conditions while cooperating with local, state and federal governments.

Sec. 2 The Club and its members shall conduct themselves in a manner as to hold the confidence of the community.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 Any person at least fifteen (15) years of age shall be eligible to join the Club with the payment of the new membership dues and any other fees required, except as otherwise provided in the by-laws. They must be accepted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a general meeting with at least 1 of their sponsors in attendance.

Sec. 2 The annual membership fee shall become due before January 1st. Membership cards shall be obtainable from October 1st. Any member of that preceding year who fails to make payment within the afore-mentioned period of time shall be automatically dropped from membership. They may apply to join again, but as a new member.

Sec. 3 The membership shall be closed at two hundred (200) paid members. When this is filled a proper list shall be kept of those applying for membership.

Sec. 4a All new members, except when health prohibits, shall be required to either work on the various Club programs or attend Club Meetings at least three (3) times a year. Failure to meet these requirements shall result in loss of membership.

Sec. 4b All existing members, except when health prohibits, shall be required to attend at least two (2) regular meetings per year; or an equivalent with prior approval from the Executive Board.

Sec. 5 Any member who conducts themselves in a manner unbecoming a member of this Club may be expelled by a decision of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall determine the details of the suspension.

Sec. 6 Life membership may be given by a three-fourths (3/4) vote at a meeting where the entire membership has been notified ten (10) days in advance or; life membership may be earned by anyone who has been a member in good standing, as determined by the Executive Board, for twenty (20) years and has attained the age of sixty (60) prior to the December 31st renewal date or has been a member in good standing and has attained the age of seventy (70) prior to the December 31st renewal date.

Sec. 7 One year membership and honorary membership may be given by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a general meeting.

Article IV OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1 The president shall be a resident of the town of Hubbardston, Massachusetts. Their duties are to preside at general, special and annual meetings and to enforce the by-laws. They also shall appoint all committee chairpersons.

Sec. 2 The vice-president shall be a resident of Hubbardston, Massachusetts. They shall assist the president and in the absence of the president, they shall assume the president's duties.

Sec. 3 The recording secretary shall keep the records of the Club, handle Club correspondence, notify members of special meetings, and record the attendance of meetings and Club functions.

Sec. 4 The membership secretary shall collect all dues and issue all membership cards. They shall keep an updated list of members and a dated waiting list of prospective members.

Sec. 5 The treasurer shall have custody of all checking and savings accounts except the bar checking account. Such accounts shall be held in a proper bank in the name of the Club. They shall report all monies due and received and all expenditures at each regular meeting.

Sec. 6 The executive committee shall consist of six (6) members along with the president, vice president, recording secretary and treasurer. It shall have full control and management of the affairs and business of the Club with the exception herewith set forth: That any one expenditure in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,000.) shall be paid only on the approval of the members at a general or special meeting.

Sec. 7 The officers and executive committee shall be elected by ballot at the December meeting and shall serve for one year.

Article V COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 All committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the president.

Sec. 2 Committee chairpersons shall appoint their own committees, keep records of members working on their events and turn such records over to the recording secretary.

Article VI MEETINGS

- Sec. 1 The regular monthly meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month
- Sec. 2 All members must be notified ten (10) days in advance of any special meeting.
- Sec. 3 The annual meeting shall be held on the second Friday in January or as soon thereafter as possible.
- Sec. 4 Nine resident members shall constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 5 Any capital expenditure of Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.) or greater must be discussed, voted on and approved by a majority of members present at two consecutive general meetings.

Article VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Sec. 1 A nominating committee of three (3) or five (5) members shall be elected at the October meeting. It then shall elect its own chairpersons.
- Sec. 2 The duties of the nominating committee shall be to submit the names for the officers and the executive committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Article VIII DONATION-PARTICIPATION

- Sec. 1 The Club shall not donate monies or any part of its property to or promote an enterprise for any other organization, Club or society in or out of town.
- Sec. 2 The Club shall participate in and/or contribute of a general local celebration or observance only upon the approval of the members at a general or special meeting.

Article IX AMENDMENTS

- Sec. 1 The by-laws of the Club may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting where every member has been notified ten (10) days in advance. This notice must be written and specify the intended changes.