

The Constitution of the South Berwick Rod & Gun Association

Article V – Trials

Section 1. Penalties - Any member may be reprimanded or suspended immediately, as deemed necessary by a Range Safety Officer, for any violation of the Range Rules under Article V – Safety Plan of the Bylaws. The RSO issuing the suspension must file formal charges as per Section 2 of this Article, within 5 days, or the charges will be dismissed. Any violation of the Bylaws which may result in personal injury to any member or guest, or damage to the property, may result in permanent expulsion from the Club.

Section 2. Charges – Charges may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts and accompanied by any evidence or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges will be filed with the Secretary, who will note the date and time of receipt, mark them “Confidential”, and notify the President.

Section 3. Trials- When charges have been made against a member, the President shall, with as little delay as possible, appoint a five member Disciplinary Committee at a regular or special meeting. The Disciplinary Committee shall, with as little delay as possible, investigate the charges and recommend action. The Disciplinary Committee may, at that time, vote to uphold or dismiss a reprimand. A recommendation of suspension or expulsion must be voted on by the Club. No vote, by the Club, on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless fifteen days notice in writing shall be given to the member of the charges preferred and of the date, time, and place of the meeting at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing. Detailed minutes will be kept by the Secretary and made available to the Board of Directors at their request.

Section 4. Appeal – Any member suspended or expelled may appeal to the Board of Directors within thirty days of the notification of the decision. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors, who will notify the Chairman. The Chairman shall give at least fifteen days notice, in writing, to all members of the Board of Directors and the appellant stating the date, time, and place of such special meeting. At the meeting, the Secretary will read the original charges, read and display the accompanying exhibits, and read the minutes of the meeting of the Disciplinary Committee. A full hearing will be given the appellant. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members of the Board of Directors, and a majority vote will be required to reverse the action of the Club.

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Article III – Membership

Section 1. Regular Membership – Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older may apply to become a member of the South Berwick Rod & Gun Association by submitting an application in writing, sponsored by a member in good standing. Correct dues and initiation fee must accompany the application.

Section 3. Life Membership

(Delete entire 3rd Paragraph)

Section 5. Resignation – Any member may resign their membership by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. (and the payment of all dues to the date of such resignation.)(Delete words in parenthesis). Every resignation or expulsion of a member shall serve as a forfeiture of all his/her rights in the organization.

Article IV – Fees

Section 1. Application Fee – An application fee (amount provided by the Bylaws) shall accompany all new (regular and new life) membership applications.------(Delete (regular and new life)).

Article VI – Officers

Section 1A. Duties of the Elective Officers of the Club – The Elective Officers of the Club shall abide by the objectives and rules set by this Constitution of the Club. The Elective Officers of the Club will manage the affairs of the Club, (property) requiring no greater than \$1000 in costs, (dues collection and the affairs) that arise from the monthly Club meeting. (Delete wording in parentheses).

Section 1B. Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer - The individuals elected by the general membership of the Club to the office of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, shall also serve as the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the Board of Directors. Unless these individuals are also elected to the Board of Directors as provided by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, they will serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Duties of the Board of Directors – The Board of Directors shall abide by the objectives and rules set by this Constitution, as well as the Bylaws of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will manage all affairs of the Club requiring contracts, including insurance, legal counsel, mortgages and/or loans, bills, proposals, maintenance, improvements, and renovations requiring greater than \$1000.

Article VII – Elections

Section 1. Time for Election and Installation – At the Annual Meetings of the Association and Club, which shall be held at the facilities on Rt 236, So Berwick, Maine, or such other places as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committees, Officers shall be elected for the ensuing year, as well as the Club's nomination of one member to serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Term of Officer – The term will begin at the Annual Meeting and run until the Officer is replaced by his or her successor.