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## **By-Laws Proposed Revisions-March, 2010**

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The Sportsman's Club of Franklin County, Inc. Bylaws  
Proposed Revisions, March, 2010

Article I: Name.

The Sportsman's Club of Franklin County, Inc

Article II: Object/Purpose.

The Sportsman's Club of Franklin County, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to conservation and the preservation of our property for posterity.

Our goals include:

- A. Maintaining the environmental, ecological and historical integrity of our lands and facilities.
- B. Promoting the safe use of firearms.
- C. Protecting and preserving of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.
- D. Providing a safe place to shoot, maintain and improve skills with rifle, handgun, shotgun, or bow.
- E. Preserving and improving wildlife and freshwater habitats.
- F. Maintaining good public/community relations.
- G. Providing and supporting educational programs to further the achievement of our goals.

Article III: Members:

Any Sportsman, eighteen (18) years of age or over, upon application accompanied by the prescribed fee, may be accepted. Upon approval he/she will be provided a membership card.

Membership may be refused or revoked at any time by the Board of Directors for just cause.

Club memberships of any type are not transferable. Minors must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Voting memberships shall have one vote per paid membership regardless of the number of people included under such membership.

The membership categories shall include:

- 1. Annual Family with children through the age 17.
- 2. Life Family with children through the age of 17.

Article IV: Officers and Directors.

The Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These Officers shall be elected at the Club's annual meeting to a one year term.

A Board of fifteen (15) Directors shall be elected in the amount of one third of the board (or five members) at each annual meeting. The Directors shall serve a 3-2-1 year term(s).

Officers and Directors may be considered for re-election to any position after their terms are expired.

Each Officer and Director shall have one vote.

No business, unfinished or new may be taken by the board or officers unless ten (10) or more officers and directors are present.

At the discretion of the Board any officer or Board member may be removed by a majority vote of the entire Board.

A. President

The President shall be ultimately responsible for the daily on- going operations of The Sportsman's Club of Franklin County. He/She shall oversee all facets of the club. He/She shall report directly and solely to the Board of Directors.

B. Vice President

In the absence of the President the Vice President shall act on his/her behalf in the management of the Sportsman's Club of Franklin County. The Vice-President shall report directly and solely to the President.

C. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all funds and all fund transactions and render a detailed report at the meetings of the Directors or general membership ordered by said Board. Records may be audited annually, or at the request of the Board. NOTE: Supplies for record keeping will be provided for by the Club. Financial Statements will be prepared monthly for the Board Meetings.

D. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate records and oversee all correspondence and have record of the same. Additionally the Secretary shall keep custody of the Club records and books.

E. Board of Directors

The duties of the Board shall be the same as those prescribed by law for Directors of Vermont Corporations. The Board will transact all business of the Club.

Article V: MEETINGS.

### Section 1: Business Meetings.

The Directors and Officers shall hold a minimum of twelve (12) Business meetings throughout the year open to the membership with at least one business meeting held in January for the election of Officers and Board members.

### Section 2: Executive Session.

The Directors and Officers may go into executive session from which everyone is excluded except currently serving elected Board members and Officers. The Directors and Officers may also invite relevant individuals, as required, for consultation.

The session may be called by simple majority vote of the Board & Officers for the purpose of discussing any matters of business which the Board or Officers may consider confidential or sensitive, however no vote may be taken in executive session except to recess, adjourn, or come out of executive session.

The motion to call a session must include identification of invited individuals, the purpose of the session and disposition of minutes for the session.

### Section 3: Special Meetings.

The Officers or the Board may call special meetings at any time deemed necessary with reasonable notice.

## Article VI: Committees.

Committees shall be established as needed to coordinate and run the various activities of the Club.

Committees that are involved with the ongoing day to day operation of the Club shall create and maintain an operation manual for their area of responsibility.

## Article VII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern SCOFCC operationally in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

## Article VIII: Amendments.

### Section 1: Proposal of Changes

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any person holding a voting membership in good standing and must be seconded by another individual holding a separate voting membership in good standing.

Any proposed revision of these bylaws shall originate within the Bylaws Committee and be proposed by the chair of that committee.

The Board of Directors and Officers shall consider, and bring to a vote in a timely manner, any and all legitimate amendment and or revision proposals.

### Section 2: Adoption of Proposed Changes

These bylaws may be amended or revised at any meeting of the Board and Officers by a simple majority vote cast by any voting memberships in good standing present at such meeting provided that at least 1/3 of the voting memberships in good standing are present at such meeting.

If 1/3 of the voting memberships in good standing are not present at such meeting then these bylaws may be amended or revised by a 3/5 vote of the Board of Directors and Officers.

In all cases,

- a) The membership shall be given no less than thirty (30) days access to a copy of any such proposed amendments or revision.
- b) The membership shall be given no less than thirty (30) days notice of the intention of the Board to amend or revise these bylaws at such meeting.
- c) The vote shall be limited to the scope of notice.

#### Article IX: Finance.

The Club shall operate on a Calendar Year Basis.

The Officers shall be empowered to spend monies as necessary to maintain the ongoing operations of the Club in the amount determined by the Board. In the event of an emergency, which requires immediate attention, the Officers would be allowed to expend any monies necessary to expedite the condition present.

Reports of all expenditures shall be submitted as Monthly Financial Statements at each Board Meeting.

#### Article X: Dues & Fees

##### Section 1: Membership Fees:

The membership fees shall be set by the Board of Directors.

##### Section 2: Other Fees.

The Board of Directors shall consider, set and rescind other fees as may be appropriate for the operation or needs of the Club.

#### Article XI: Use of Club Facilities.

##### Section 1: Use for Non-Club Activities.

Any use of facilities for other than normal Club activities will be considered, and any fee set, on an individual basis by the Officers of the Club.