

# **Bear Camp Valley Sportsmen's Club**

## **By-Laws**

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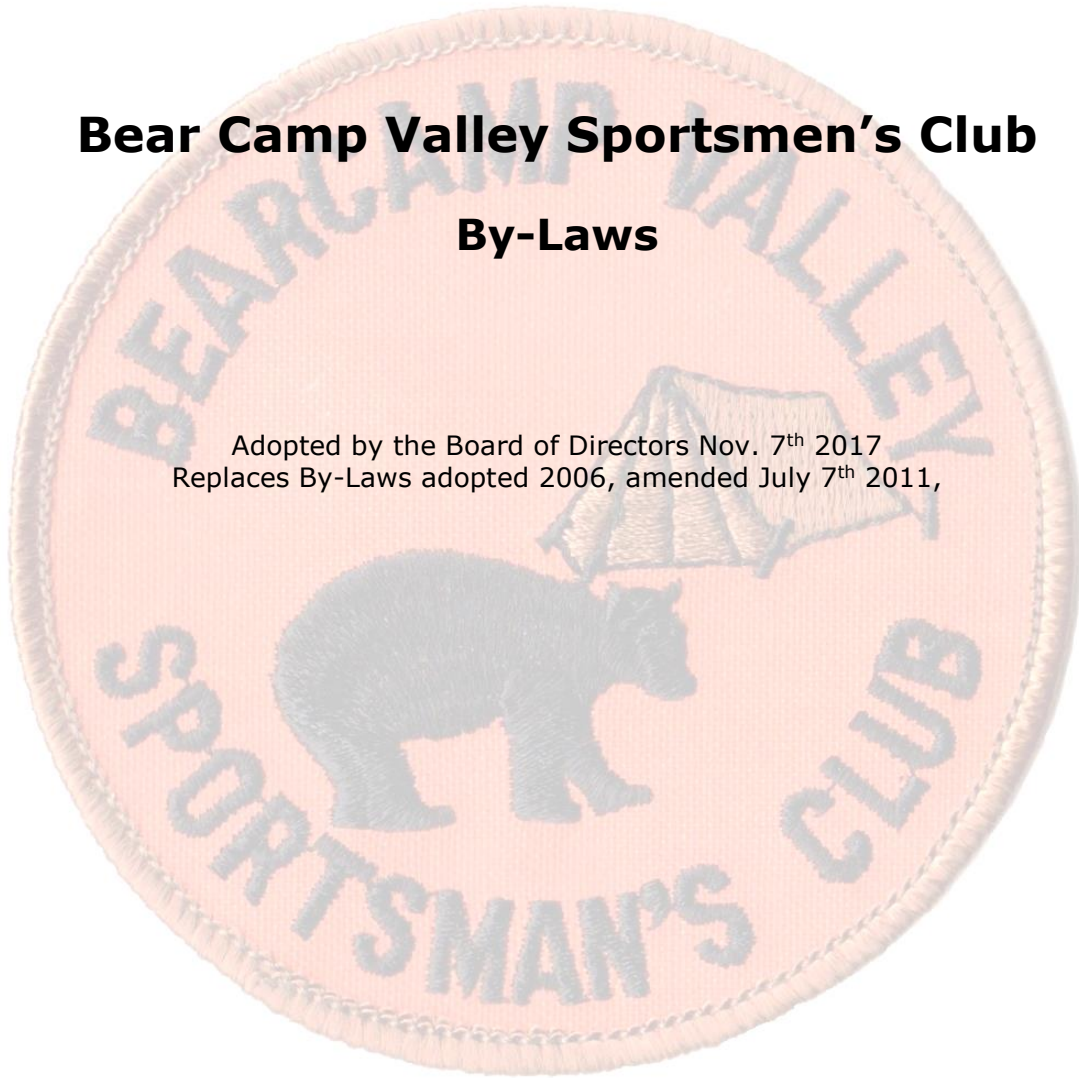


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## Article I **Management**

### Section 1 Name of the Club:

This organization shall be known as the Bearcamp Valley Sportsmen's Club. (the "Club")

### Section 2 Purpose:

The purpose of the Club is to promote conservation of fish and game, to encourage all outdoor recreation, to teach the proper use of firearms of the type used for shooting sports offered at the club. Support legislation conducive to the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the U.S. constitution and the best interests of hunting and fishing in the State of New Hampshire. Support by donation local organizations approved by the Board of Directors.

## Article II **Meeting of Members**

### Section 1 Annual Meeting:

The general meeting of the members of the Club will be held annually on the Tuesday of the first full week of December of each year. It shall be held at the cabin on Depot Road in the town of Tamworth, Carroll County, or at such other place as may be determined by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting, for the election of officers, directors and such other business as may properly come before the membership.

### Section 2 Notice of annual meeting:

Notice of the time, place and purpose of holding the annual meeting shall be posted in 2 appropriate places one of which may be the Club's internet website.

Section 3 Tellers:

The President shall appoint as many tellers as necessary to open and receive all proxies, verify voting qualifications of voters.

Section 4 Special meetings:

Special meetings of the members other than those regulated by statute may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 5 Notice of Special meeting:

Notice of special meetings starting time, place and purpose thereof, shall be posted in 2 appropriate places one of which may be the Club's internet website.

Section 6 Business permitted at special meetings:

At special meetings of the members no business shall be transacted other than the matter or matters referred to in the notice.

Section 7 Quorum:

At all meetings of members two officers and one member in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Club.

Section 8 Voting rights.

At the annual members meeting each member in good standing shall have one vote. Only board members have voting rights at a board meeting.

## Article III **Directors**

### Section 1. Number of Directors:

The number of directors of the Club shall be fixed by the members at each annual meeting. The board may be enlarged by the President as necessary.

### Section 2. Eligibility as a Director.

Each Director must be a member of the Club in good standing.

### Section 3. Plurality Vote.

At every election of directors, the persons receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be directors for the ensuing year.

### Section 4. Hold over Directors

If, for any reason, the annual meeting of the members shall not be held at the time prescribed in Article II, or if the election of directors shall not have been held, the Directors then in office shall hold over and continue in office until a new election is held.

### Section 5. Vacancies.

When any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors it shall be filled, without delay, by appointment by the President and then by nomination and election from the floor at any meeting, with the person or persons elected or appointed, serving until the next annual meeting. Any election to vacant office shall occur at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.

### Section 6. Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have power and discretion to perform all functions in the management and conduct of the affairs of the Club to the fullest extent allowed or provided by law, without limitation or restriction except as and to the extent expressly provided in these By-laws.

## Section 7. Enumeration of Specific Powers

The enumeration of specific powers in these By-Laws shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers of the Board of Directors and to exercise of that power to all other Club matters not specifically mentioned.

## Section 8. Reference to Members.

In matters in which the members of the Board of Directors are unable to agree, or in respect to which there is uncertainty as to authority, or doubt as to the appropriate action to be taken, or where in the special circumstances of a particular case it is deemed desirable to have the express authority, opinion or declaration of policy by the members, the Directors shall inform the members by posted notice on the club bulletin board and, if operational, the web site of a special meeting of the membership and present such matters fully for their consideration and determination.

## Section 9. Indemnification of officers

To protect the club, it's officers or members of the Board of directors from damages resulting from any action or accident by a person or act of God a 'Release, waiver, indemnification, hold harmless, assumption of risk and covenant not to sue' form shall be completed by each member and their guest prior to utilizing the club's facilities.

## Article IV **Meeting of the board**

### Section 1. Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as the Board may appoint, generally once a month.



## Section 2. Special meetings

Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or Vice President or by request of the Board.

## Section 3. Notice

Notice of meetings of the Board shall be given by phone, e-mail or other accepted means of communication with reasonable advance notice of the time appointed for such meeting. The notice shall specify the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

## Section 4. Place of Meeting

Meetings of the Board, whether special or regular, will generally be held at the cabin, on Depot Road in the town of Tamworth, Carroll County, or at such other place as determined, from time to time by the board.

## Section 5. Quorum at a Board meeting

Two of the Elected Board officers and one member shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

# Article V **Members**

## Section 1. Qualification for Membership.

Only persons over the age of eighteen (18) years shall be eligible for election to membership.

## Section 2. Election of Members.

Candidates for membership must; be proposed by a member in good standing, have a completed application, waiver and paid appropriate fees.

The completed application will be approved at the next meeting of the board.

### Section 3. Fees and other requirements.

The Board may, from time to time, fix the amount of the initiation fee to be paid by a person upon their election to membership. No one shall exercise any privileges of a regular member until they have paid all fees and completed the waiver form.

### Section 4. Disqualification of a Member.

Any person for cause and by majority vote of the Board may have their membership privileges suspended or terminated.

### Section 5. Honorary Membership.

The Board may, for special and exceptional reasons, from time to time, designate a member as an honorary member. Any honorary member shall enjoy all the privileges of a regular member and shall have all the obligations of a regular member, except they shall not be liable for dues or any assessment imposed generally upon regular members.

### Section 6. Termination of Membership

The Board, by majority vote, may terminate, for cause, the membership in the Club of any member provided the member shall have been advised of the charges made against them and of the identity of the member making those charges and shall have been afforded an opportunity to refute the charges. Membership may also be terminated for default in the payment of moneys due the Club by an affirmative vote of a majority of all the Directors. (see Art. VII, Section 4 )

## Article VI **Officers**

### Section 1. Designation.

The Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Board may appoint other officers from time to time, as necessary.

### Section 2. Election.

The officers of the Club shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first annual meeting of the Board. Such officers shall serve in office in their respective capacities until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

### Section 3. Removal of Officers.

An officer elected by the Board may be removed at any time by a majority vote of all the Directors, at a regular meeting of the Board or a special meeting called for that purpose. No such removal may be made at any special meeting unless written notice is provided to all the Directors, which notice shall clearly state that such removal will be brought up for consideration at the meeting.

### Section 4. The President.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, be a voting member of the board and shall act as temporary chairman at and call to order all meetings of the members. He shall do and perform all acts pertaining to the office of the President, and be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

### Section 5. The Vice President.

The Vice President shall, be a voting member of the board and in the event of absence, incapacity or removal of the President, do and perform all duties of the President and acting so have all the power of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned, from time to time, by the President or the Board.

Section 6. The Secretary.

The Secretary shall serve as a full voting member of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the membership and Board meetings, see that notice is duly given in accordance with these By-laws, custodian of the seal and the records of the Club, keep a register of all members and perform other duties as may be assigned.

Section 7. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall serve as a full voting member of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall collect all money and give receipt for same. Beyond routine expenditures for the day-to-day operation of the Club the Treasurer shall dispense funds only after the approval of the Board. The Treasurer shall, deposit all monies received into a Club known banking institution, submit a monthly activity reports and an annual report of the Club's fiscal condition to the Board.

**Article VII Management of Business**

Section 1. Employment.

The Board of Directors shall, subject to the limitations herein contained, handle the management and control the affairs and business of the Club, and may employ or discharge such attorneys, agents, managers and others as may be deemed advisable, and may fix the rate of compensation of same.

Section 2. Dues and Assessments.

The Board of Directors shall, from time to time, fix the amount of the dues to be paid annually by each regular member. Annual dues shall be payable upon presentation of the statement. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, impose an assessment upon each member. Assessments may be imposed to raise money for any purpose, including the covering of an operating deficit. Any assessment shall be payable upon presentation of the statement. A member shall not be permitted to substitute work-in-kind for monies due the Club.

### Section 3. Bills, Notes

All bills, notes and other negotiable instruments of the Club shall be made in the name of the Club and shall be signed by the president or Vice President or Secretary or Treasurer. Checks may be signed by the President or Treasurer or Secretary. Access to any safe deposit box in the name of the Club shall be by the President or Treasurer or Secretary.

### Section 4. Incurring Debts.

No officer or agent of the Club shall, without approval of the Board of Directors, singly or together, contract or cause to be contracted, any debt or liability in the name of or on behalf of the Club.

### Section 5. Default.

The Board of Directors may suspend the privileges of any member who shall be more than three months in default of payment of any monies due the Club. Such suspension shall automatically terminate upon payment in full by the member of all monies owing.

## Article VIII **Management and Regulation**

### Section 1 Use and Occupation

Each member in good standing shall have the right to use, in common with each other, all property owned by the Club.

### Section 2. Use of property by Members

Each member shall obey and at all times comply with all rules and regulations which may now or hereafter be prescribed in the by-laws of the Club or in any regulation adopted by the Board of Directors pursuant to authority herein contained.

### Section 3. Rules, Regulations and Suspensions.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to prescribe the rules for the admission of members and their guests to the Club property and to make rules for the conduct of the members and guests on said property. The Board shall likewise have the authority to suspend any member, his family and guests from the use and privileges of the Club property for violations of these By-laws or rules and regulations established by virtue thereof.

## Article IX **Committees**

### Section 1. Appointment of Committees

The President, with the approval of the Board, shall have the power to appoint such committees as many, in his opinion, be desirable or necessary. All such committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and shall have and exercise such powers only as may be delegated to them in these By-laws or by the Board and shall be at all times subject to the direction and control of the Board.

## Article X **Books and records**

### Section 1. Books of Accounts and Records.

The Club shall keep full and correct books of accounts, minutes book, such other books or records as may be found necessary or desirable and all such books and records should be audited annually by two members appointed by the President. All current books shall with notice to the record keeper be made available at the annual meeting of the members of the Club.

## Article XI. **Power to Amend**

### Article 1. Amendments

The Board shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the By-laws of the Club by a vote of a majority of all Directors, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, provided reasonable notice is provided by posted, e-mail or website notice of the intention to make, amend or repeal the By-laws in whole or part shall have been given to each of the Directors.

### Article 2. Notice of Amendment.

No amendment shall be adopted, altered or repealed at any meeting of the members unless the proposal is set forth in the notice of the meeting.

#### Attachments:

1 Rules for use of the Club

2 Safety rules

A. Trap

B. Rifle Range

C. Action Pistol

D.

3. 'Release, waiver, indemnification, hold harmless, assumption of risk and covenant not to sue' form