

**BYLAWS OF THE  
SPRINGS ROD AND GUN CLUB  
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS, PA**

Incorporated in 1967 by the "Order and Decree" of The Court of Common Pleas under the Non-Profit Corporation Law", P.L. 289.

The IRS designation is 501(C)(4), a "Social Welfare Organization".

**ARTICLE I  
PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of this non-profit organization is to promote the social welfare of the community by protecting and enhancing the outdoor sports such as hunting, fishing, shooting, archery and trapping. Youth involvement and the highest level of sportsmanship will be emphasized. We will work with the Pennsylvania Game, Fish and Boat Commissions and other local, state and national organizations to secure the passage of constructive legislation and vigorously oppose legislation which shall not be in the best interest of sportsmen.

Section 2. We will further active programs for our members to include rifle, shotgun, pistol and archery. This shall include rifle and pistol ranges, trap and skeet fields and archery courses as the interest of the membership and finances permit.

Section 3. The construction of new buildings shall be undertaken when feasible and such buildings will be maintained for the use of all members.

**ARTICLE II  
OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2. The above officers shall be elected for a term of one year. The election of officers shall take place at the regular meeting one month prior to the end of the membership year.

Section 3. At least two meetings prior to the election of officers the president shall appoint a nomination committee of three members. This committee shall nominate a slate of officers and report same to the club one meeting prior to the annual election meeting.

Section 4. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election.

Section 5. No candidate may be considered for the office whose current year's dues are unpaid at the time of the election meeting. Only members in good standing will be eligible to cast a vote at that election.

Section 6. A Board of Directors consisting of four members shall be elected as follows: Initially one director will be elected for three years, one for two years and two for one year. The retiring president will automatically move to a director position until replaced by another retiring president.. After the first year one director will be elected for a term of three years filling one vacancy. If there is no retiring president or should the retiring president choose not to move to the board any vacancies will be filled for one year terms. The chairperson shall be elected by board members.

Section 7. Any person not wishing to hold office shall decline at time of his nomination.

Section 8. The elected officers will be seated and assume their responsibilities at the first meeting of the new membership year.

Section 9. Each person will hold only one elected office.

### **ARTICLE III DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

#### **PRESIDENT**

Section 1. The president shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club.

Section 2. He/She shall appoint all committees and shall, with approval of the other officers, call for the election of a new officer to fill any vacancy that may occur during the year. It shall be so construed that any officer missing three consecutive meetings to be derelict from his duties, except in cases of sickness or employment.

Section 3. He/She shall be ex-officio of all committees.

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Section 1. The vice president shall perform all duties of the president in case of and during his absence.

Section 2. The vice president will perform special duties assigned by the president.

#### **SECRETARY**

Section 1. The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings, keep an attendance record of the officers and directors, as well as the total number of members in attendance. He/she shall keep an accurate record of all names and addresses of members.

Section 2. He/She shall notify members of meetings as the club may direct.

Section 3. He/She shall receive all membership fees and turn same over to the treasurer.

Section 4. He/She shall be the official correspondent for the club. He shall keep a file of all correspondence handled in pursuance of his office.

#### **TREASURER**

Section 1. The treasurer shall receive and promptly place in a proper bank account all funds turned in to him/her in the accounts of the Springs Rod and Gun Club.

Section 2. He/She shall keep an accurate record of such money and draw checks against the fund for bills and expenditures as authorized by the club in regularly passed motions. All checks must be signed by the treasurer and one other officer of the club. If the treasurer is incapacitated, checks may be signed by two officers.

Section 3. He/She shall submit a written report at all regular meetings showing receipts and disbursements since the last meeting and balance on hand.

#### **DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The directors shall advise and assist the officers of the club in promoting club activities.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the directors to call to the attention of the officers and members any matter which seems irregular or unwise in their opinion.

Section 4. A two thirds majority of the board of directors is necessary to approve any action undertaken by the directors. The dissenting director(s) is entitled to make a minority report to the club on any action should he desire to do so.

Section 5. The president, with the approval of the membership, may appoint a person to fill any vacancy on the board of directors until the next regular election at which time the members shall elect a person to fill the unexpired term.

#### **ARTICLE IV RECALL OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Any member in good standing may request a recall vote to remove any officer or director of the club at any time. The request for a recall vote must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting. The request must state the reason(s) for the request. Recall votes will be made at special club meetings.

#### **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The president shall appoint all committees of the club.

Section 2. The permanent committees of the Springs Rod and Gun Club shall be: Buildings and Grounds, Membership and Publicity and Event Fund Raising.

Section 3. The chairman of all committees shall be appointed by the president.

Section 4. Special committees may be appointed by the president as needs arise.

#### **ARTICLE VI QUORUM**

Section 1. Six members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of holding a meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

Section 1. The meetings of the Springs Rod & Gun Club will be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2. Regular monthly meetings of the club will be held on the date or day and time set by the membership.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president as needed. All local members shall have notice of any special meetings. The purpose of the meeting shall be specified and voting may only pertain to this purpose.

Section 4. All records including meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, titles, deeds and so on are the property of the club and are to be stored at the club.

## **ARTICLE VIII ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The following order of business shall be used in all meetings:

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call of officers and count of members
4. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Reports of special committees
7. Reports of regular committees
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Announcements
11. Communications
12. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE IX SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS**

Section 1. Members in good standing of the Springs Rod and Gun Club shall be eligible for membership in special interest clubs within the Springs Rod & Gun Club. The operation of these clubs shall be subject to review by the parent club. Members of special interest clubs must be members of the Springs Rod & Gun Club.

## **ARTICLE X MEMBERSHIP**

General membership in the Springs Rod & Gun Club is open to all persons regardless of age, sex, race, color, nationality, religion or physical disability.

Section 1. Membership in the Springs Rod and Gun Club is defined in three types and for three periods:

- A. Individual: Individual Memberships can be obtained as an annual, five-year, or life time period.
- B. Family: Family Memberships can be obtained as an annual, five-year, or life time period.
- C. Junior: Junior members must be 17 years or age or under at the time of membership. Junior Members are only available as annual memberships.

Section 2. Family Memberships: The definition of a Family Membership is the Member, the member's spouse, and all their dependent children up to the age of 17 years old. This membership is not transferable in the event of separation or divorce to any other parties. The original Member listed on the application will retain all rights and privileges to the membership. In the event of the death of the Member the membership will transfer to the spouse of the member.

**Section 3. Voting Rights**

Members must be present at regular or special meetings in order to vote. All Individual and Family Members have voting rights. A family membership, of any period, has only one vote per each adult member. Dependent children and junior members do not have voting rights.

**Section 4. Dues –** Dues rates will be reviewed annually at the last regular meeting of the membership year and any changes will be set by vote of the membership. Five-year membership dues will be set at four times the annual rate, either as an individual or family membership. Life memberships will be assessed at a rate ten times the annual rate, either as an individual or family membership.

**Section 5.** Any member exhibiting intoxication, drug use, obscene, obnoxious or unsafe behavior on the club grounds may receive a first warning by any club member. A second infraction can lead to the loss of membership. Such membership loss will be by majority vote of the membership at a special meeting of the club. The accused may defend him/herself at that meeting.

**ARTICLE XI  
AUDITING OF BOOKS**

The president shall appoint a committee of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Springs Rod and Gun Club and make a report at the last meeting of the membership year.

**ARTICLE XII  
DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the voluntary dissolution and winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation, after payment of all its lawful debts and obligations, shall vest in and be distributed to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, each of said Commissions to receive one-half of said net assets. Said assets to be employed by said Commissions in the carrying out of their respective activities as the directors of said commission shall determine. In the event that as of the time of the distribution of such assets on dissolution of the Corporation, either the said Pennsylvania Game Commission or the Pennsylvania Fish Commission should not be in existence as an agency of the State Government of Pennsylvania under that name, then the portion of the assets which would have been distributable to that agency under the above provision, shall vest in and be distributed to whatever agency of the State Government, regardless of name, has assumed the duties and responsibilities of the former Commission.

**ARTICLE XIII  
AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended as the necessity arises in the following manner:

A. A proposed amendment must be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the club. The amendment must then be voted on in two successive meetings to stand approved.


B. The amendment must be passed by a two-thirds majority of those present at both meetings.

**This revision of the bylaws of the Springs Rod & Gun Club supersedes all other revisions.  
Date: January 10, 2018**

  
Bryan Locke - President

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Vacant – Vice President

  
Phil Right - Treasurer

  
Timothy Foor - Secretary