

CONSTITUTION

of the

RICHMOND SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

ARTICLE I:

NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the "RICHMOND SPORTSMAN'S CLUB."

ARTICLE II:

OBJECT:

Section 1. The object of this organization is to promote, protect and to further advance the cause of conservation in all its phases throughout the State of Michigan and our nation, to enhance the benefits accruing there from to all our members, and to all the people throughout our States and Nation, to work with and for the farmers, and other residents of the State; to generally encourage wildlife propagation and conservation; to encourage expansion of public recreational facilities, and to eliminate pollution of our lakes and streams; to carry on a constant program for better conservation of the woods, waters and wildlife to work for the enacting and enforcement of laws for conservation.

ARTICLE III:

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in this organization shall consist of loyal American citizens, whose object and purpose is constant with the object and purpose of the RICHMOND SPORTSMAN'S CLUB. Other forms of membership as may exist from time to time shall be determined by the Board of Directors as the occasion arise. Such forms of membership may include Life Membership and/ or Honorary Membership for an individual who has given distinguished service on conservation work, and/ or given same service for this organization.

ARTICLE IV:

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The executive officers of this organization shall be: **PRESIDENT, 1ST, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY** and a **TREASURER**, all of who shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. The executive officers shall be elected by ballot by the membership for a term of one year, at each annual meeting of this organization, for which provisions are hereafter made, and whose duties that usually devolve upon such officers, and as the by-laws provide. All officers shall at all times be paid up or life members in good standing.

ARTICLE IV: CONTINUED

Section 2. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) officers as provided for in Section 1, and nine (9) Directors. These nine (9) Directors shall consist of the immediate Past President and eight (8) individuals elected by ballot by the membership at each Annual Meeting of this organization. The eight (8) elected Directors shall have four (4) members serving a one (1) year term of office and four (4) members serving a two (2) year term of office. The two-year terms of office will expire on alternate years. Those two (2) Directors garnering the greatest quantity of voters at each Annual Election shall serve a two (2) year term. All Directors shall have full and equal vote during the Board of Directors meetings and at any other meetings that the Membership or the Board of Directors may call. All Directors shall at all times be paid up or Life Members in good standing. A majority of Directors and Officers (8) shall constitute a quorum of the board for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V:

MEETINGS:

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the members of this organization shall be held at its regular place of meeting at 8:00 P.M. On the second Wednesday in the month of July each year. It shall be the duty of the secretary to cause a written notice of each annual meeting to be mailed to each of the members on record of this organization, directed to their last known post office address, at least seven (7) days immediately preceding said meeting.

Section 2: This organization shall hold regular monthly meetings throughout the year, and any special meetings as the by-laws provide.

ARTICLE VI:

AMENDMENTS:

Section 1. **THIS CONSTITUTION** may be amended by the affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and in good standing at any Annual Meeting, or any special meeting called for that purpose. Provided, however, that written notice of intention to amend shall be given each member on record specifying said amendments at least seven (7) days proceeding such special meeting.

I hereby certify that this Constitution as amended and revised consisting of Article I to Article VI inclusive was adopted during a regular meeting of the club on March 14, 2001 at the Richmond Sportsman's Club, Columbus Twp, St. Clair County, Michigan.

Norm Maes

Secretary RSC
November 5, 2003

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Of the

RICHMOND SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

ARTICLE I:

MEETINGS:

Section 1. This club shall hold regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the headquarters of this club, or at such other time and place as may be set by the members at any regular or Annual Meeting. Special meetings may be called at the Club's regular meeting place or elsewhere by the President, or upon demand in writing signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing upon the club's records; by the mailing of a notice by the secretary indicating briefly the object or objects thereof, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of meeting, to each member on record and in good standing, provided, however, that if all members waive notice of special meeting, no notice shall be required, and whenever all members shall meet in person such meeting shall be valid for all purpose without call or notice, and at such meetings any proper action may be taken.

Section 2. At any meeting of the members, a majority of those present who are in good standing shall constitute a quorum of the members for all purposes. At each meeting of the members, every member shall be entitled to vote in person. The vote upon any question before any meeting, shall be by acclamation unless a majority of the members present and entitled to vote, shall demand that the voting for that meeting, or on any particular question before the meeting shall be by ballot, excepting as provided in Article IV of the Constitution, the election of Executive Officers and Board of Directors at each Annual Meeting shall at all times be by ballot.

Section 3. At each meeting of the members, a true and complete list of all members of this Club, entitled to vote at such meetings, certified by the Member Chairman, shall be present and only the person's name appearing on such list shall be entitled to vote in person at such meeting.

ARTICLE II:

DIRECTORS:

Section 1. The property and affairs of the Club shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors and the Executive Officers as provided for in Article IV Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution. If the office of any Director or Executive Officer, becomes or is vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, his successor shall be elected by the Board of Directors within sixty (60) days at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors and such successor shall hold office for the un-expired term.

ARTICLE II: CONTINUED

DIRECTORS:

Section 2. The Board of Directors as constituted at any Annual Meeting of the membership of the Club, shall meet immediately after the monthly membership meeting at a pre-designated place for the transaction of such business as may arise. Regular meetings of the directors shall be held at the Club's office on a day and at an hour to be fixed by resolution of the board, but it is expressly provided also that the directors may designate other places for meetings. The President may call special meetings of the board on three (3) day's notice mailed to each director, or delivered to them personally, or left at their residence or usual place of business, or special meetings may be called in like manner upon written request of such number of directors as is necessary to constitute a quorum of the board. If all directors waive notice of a special meeting, such meeting shall be valid.

Section 3. Any director, excepting the Executive Officers, who shall be absent from three consecutive, meetings of the Board of Directors, shall stand automatically removed as a director unless their absence is the result of illness or circumstance beyond their control, and absence is excused by formal resolution of the Board.

Section 4. All officers of the Club having a specific and designated term of office shall hold such office for that term, and until their successor shall be elected, qualified and installed, except as in the By-Laws otherwise provide, vacancies that may occur in any elective office shall be filled by the vote of the Board of Directors excepting as otherwise the By-Laws may provide.

Section 5.

1. To the extent permitted by law, a volunteer director shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of director's fiduciary duty.
2. The corporation assumes all liability to any person other than the corporation or its members for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director occurring after January 1, 1988.

ARTICLE III:

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors may appoint such other subordinate officers, as they deem necessary who shall have authority and shall perform such duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. In its discretion, the Board of Directors by a vote of the majority thereof, may leave unfilled for any period as it may fix by resolution, and subordinate office.

Section 2. Beginning with the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each Annual Election, the President will assume the responsibility of Chairperson of aforementioned meetings, and whose duty it shall be to see that all actions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect, and who shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time, and any duties included in the By-Laws of this Club.

ARTICLE III: CONTINUED

OFFICERS:

Section 3. The President shall be the Executive Officer of the Club. He shall have the general and active management of the business and affairs of the Club. With the Secretary or Treasurer he may sign and execute in the name of the Club, all contracts, agreements and other obligations of the Club. He shall have general supervision and direction of all other officers of the Club and shall see that their duties are properly performed. He shall submit a report of the operations of the Club to the members from time to time, and at each Annual Meeting, and at the expiration of his term, the President shall become a member of the Board of Directors for a period of one year.

Section 4. The President shall report to the directors all matters within his knowledge and which the interest of the club may require to be brought to their notice. He shall do and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV:

SECRETARIES:

Section 1. The secretary shall keep minutes of all Director's meetings and meetings of the members. He/she shall be the custodian of all club property and of all records, paper, files and books of the Club except the account books, produce same when necessary of the purpose of meetings of the membership or of the Board of Directors. He/she shall not disclose or divulge to any person the names or addresses or the membership list of association. He/she shall generally perform all the duties usually appertaining to the office of Secretary of a corporation, subject to control of the Board of Directors. With the President, he/she may sign and execute in the name of the Club all contracts and other obligations to the Club.

TREASURER:

Section 1. The treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Club. With the President, he/she may sign and execute in the name of the Club all contracts, agreements and other obligations of the Club. Whenever necessary or proper he/she shall endorse on behalf of the Club for collection, all checks, notes, drafts and other obligations and shall deposit same to the credit of the club in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors may designate. All checks or warrants for disbursements of the funds of the Club shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Treasurer. He/She shall cause to be entered regularly in the books of the Club to be kept for that purpose, full and accurate accounts of money received and paid on account of the Club and whenever required by the Board of Directors, he/she shall render a statement of his cash account.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall cause to be executed and filed with the Secretary, a bond in the amount as determined by the Board of Directors, and it shall be the duty of the President to see that such bond is executed before the funds are turned over to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer shall at all reasonable times Exhibit his books, records and accounts to any director of the Club upon application, and he/she shall perform generally all the duties usually appertaining to the office of Treasurer of a corporation subject to the control of the Board of Directors. Financial records shall be audited prior to the Annual Meeting at the expense of the Club by independent accountant selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V:

COMMITTEES:

Section 1. The President shall appoint within a reasonable time after his election and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the following standing committees: Trap, Newsletter, Membership, District 8, Rifle and Pistol Range, Grounds Keeping and Building Maintenance, Advertising and Public Affairs, Kitchen, and any other committee(s) as in his judgment and subject to approval by the Board of Directors shall deem necessary. The duties of such committee shall be the duties which normally and usually are performed by such committees, as the President or Board of Directors shall designate.

ARTICLE VI:

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. Application for regular membership shall be presented beginning at the August membership meeting and must be in writing and signed by the applicant on forms provided by the Club. The applicant must be recommended by a member in good standing and present to be accepted by the membership. If the applicant cannot be present for the meeting he/she must present a written letter signed and dated by said individual detailing cause and justification for his/her absence at the presentation of the application. All applicants must accept and be bound by the By-Laws of the club and the rules and regulations governing membership activities at the Club. When making application for regular membership between August 1 and January 31, the applicant shall pay the Club the sum of eighty dollars (\$ 80.00), twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which is allocated exclusively to a legal defense fund. When making application for regular membership between February 1 and July 31, the applicant shall pay the club the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00), twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which is allocated exclusively to a legal defense fund. Applicants for junior membership shall pay the club the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for dues. Dues paid upon application shall be considered dues for the year ending August 1 following such application. An initiation fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) in addition to dues will be paid into the treasury by each applicant for regular membership, applicants to be at least 18 years old. Said initiation fee is to be rendered for the privilege of joining the club.

Section 2. Regular Membership

- A. Any person who shall have reached the age of 18 years old shall be eligible for regular membership in the Richmond Sportsman's Club.
- B. Regular membership shall be limited to 600 adults except at such times as the number of junior members granted regular member status causes this limit to be exceeded.
- C. Regular membership entitles full and equal vote at any and all membership meetings.
- D. Individuals with regular membership status may purchase and possess a key to the grounds.

Section 3. Life Membership

- A. Any person that has reached the age of 65 years with 25 consecutive years as regular member shall be eligible for life membership in the Richmond Sportsman's Club.
- B. Individuals with life membership status shall have full regular membership privileges.

ARTICLE VI: CONTINUED

Section 4. Junior Membership

- A. Any person who has not reached the age of 18 but has reach the age of 10 shall be eligible to apply for junior membership in the Richmond Sportsman’s Club.
- B. Junior members who have reached the age of 18 years and have served as junior members for a period of one year or more shall automatically become regular members. Junior members who have reached the age of 18 but not have served as junior members for a period of at least one year must follow all normal application procedures for regular membership.
- C. Junior members shall have full membership privileges except for voting rights and the right to possess a key to the clubs properties.
- D. Junior Members transitioning to Adult Membership enrolling in full-time post-secondary education will be charged Junior Membership dues until graduation or discontinuing studies, at which time full dues will be assessed, payable by August 1.

ARTICLE VII:

DUES:

Section 1. Every member of this Club shall pay into the Treasury the annual sum of eighty dollars (\$ 60 of which is allocated to the General Fund and \$20 is placed in the Legal Defense Fund), in advance for regular and the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) in advance for junior memberships, and for the privilege of becoming and continuing to be a member of this organization, and each annual term shall expire August 1, after date of issue. All life members, as long as they remain in good standing, shall not be required to pay the annual membership dues.

ARTICLE VIII:

SUSPENSION:

Section 1. The following causes shall be considered an automatic suspension from membership in this Club:

- A. Conviction of a willful violation of any of the game or fish laws of the State of Michigan and of the United States.
- B. A member may be expelled from or denied membership by the Board of Directors for cause whenever the board shall deem the member undesirable. The action of the board in expelling any member shall be final, conclusive and binding.

ARTICLE IX:

PLEDGE:

Section 1. All members shall practice and teach the safe handling of firearms, and to comply with the pledge of the Club as follows:

- A. To improve relationship between the sportsman and the landowner.
- B. To comply with all laws for the propagation and protection of wildlife.
- C. To handle and care for their dogs in a just and humane manner.
- D. To at all times conduct themselves as good sportsmen that others may share in the pleasure provided by nature in the “Great-Out-Doors.”
- E. To pledge themselves to observe State and Federal fish and game laws to the letter, for we believe that only by individual observance of those laws can we help restore and improve fishing and hunting conditions.

ARTICLE X:

MONIES:

Section 1. All monies or other assets coming into and belonging to this Club, whether from dues, voluntary contributions or otherwise, shall be used only for the purpose of promoting, developing and advancing the purpose for which this Club is created, less necessary operating and other actual expenses.

Section 2.

Section 2. The club shall not pay or render any salary, fee, or any other compensation at any time to an officer or director for serving as an officer or director of the Club. However, they shall be allowed to the necessary expenses incurred by them and actually expended when engaged in the work of this organization, and all expenses to be authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI:

AMENDMENTS:

Section 1. The By-Laws of the Club may be added to, amended or repealed in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the members in good standing at any regular or special meeting of the members, provided however, that written notice of intention to add to, or repeal the By-Laws in whole or in part, shall have been given to each member of record at least seven (7) days preceding such meeting of the members, or the same way be added to, amended, or repealed in whole or in part, at Annual Meeting, without notice, by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified membership present.

ARTICLE XII:

Termination:

Section 1. In the event that the club should dissolve, all assets, real and personal property will be deeded to the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

ARTICLE XIII:

RULES:

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order shall be parliamentary guide and authority of this Club.

Section 2. I hereby certify that the foregoing By-Laws consisting of Article I to XIII as revised and amended were adopted as the By-Laws of this Club at the regular meeting of said Club on July 9, 2014 at the Richmond Sportsman's Club, 9134 Big Hand Road, Columbus Township, St. Clair County, Michigan 48063.

Submitted by,
James Kuntz
December 22, 2014

