

# AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE AMMONOOSUC VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB, INC. OF BATH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **ARTICLE I - Corporation Name and Location**

- 1) The name of this organization is the Ammonoosuc Valley Fish & Game Club, Inc. located at 1463 Wild Ammonoosuc Road State Route 112 Bath, New Hampshire 03740, Incorporated on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 1949.
- 2) Club business is addressed to: AVF&G Club PO Box 60 Woodsville, New Hampshire 03785

## **ARTICLE II - Object**

The object of this organization is for conservation and propagation of Fish and Game in the local area and to provide a place for recreation for the members of the club, including encouragement and hosting of organized rifle, shotgun, handgun shooting, archery, hunting and fishing events among the residents of the area.

## **ARTICLE III - Pledge**

For the accomplishment of the object of the club, the members are pledged to observe the fish and game laws of the State as well as all rules as set by the Board of Directors, to exert their best efforts to ensure a like observance on the part of other members and guests and to report to the officers of the club any infringement they shall observe.

## **ARTICLE IV - Membership**

- 1) Any adult (18 and older) citizen of good character of the State and of the United States may become a member of the club regardless of their race, color, beliefs orientation or politics.
- 2) The club will honor the Life memberships previously purchased. Life memberships are not transferable or to be offered.
- 3) Dues Paying Members may be accompanied by their spouse, under 18-year-old children and a guest, provided they sign the club Liability waiver. Only the Dues paying member will be allowed to vote at any meeting.
- 4) Applications for membership may be downloaded from the club website or procured from the clubhouse or other locations as announced. Dues, as set by the Board of Directors, must accompany the application and should be submitted prior to or during the Annual Meeting held on the First Saturday of April of each year at a location announced by the Board of Directors.
- 5) Membership is limited to 500 members.
- 6) Memberships may be suspended or revoked for violating club rules by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The member may appeal to the membership present at the next annual meeting to be reinstated.
- 7) The Secretary and the Treasurer will collaborate and ensure an accurate record of dues paid and deposited and a roster of the current membership is up to date.

## **ARTICLE V - Meetings**

- 1) Annual Meeting. As stated in Article IV, the annual meeting of the club will be held on the first Saturday of April each year at a time and place to be set and announced by the Board of Directors. If for any reason the Annual Meeting does not take place at that time and place it shall be rescheduled and held within a reasonable date time and location. The current officers and directors will stay in office until such meeting is held and new elections are conducted.
- 2) Regular Meeting. The regular meetings of the club are to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at a time and place announced by the Board of Directors.
- 3) Special Meeting. A special meeting may be held at anytime at the direction of the President or the Board of Directors or when requested in writing by at least 10% of the membership. Such a request by the members shall

state the objective of the proposed meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be by email, posting on the club website and posting at the club trap house bulletin board not less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. Absent extenuating circumstances such meeting will be at a time and place to be set and announced by the Board of Directors.

4) All business will be conducted by a majority vote of the members present unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

5) All meetings will be conducted and governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Officers and Directors**

1) The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. There are five directors and one alternate director. Acting together, they shall constitute the Board of Directors. They shall be elected by a majority vote of written ballots cast during the annual meeting. Nominations for officers and directors are placed during the February regular meeting and the annual meeting. They are to serve a term of one year.

2) No officer, director or regular member shall receive any kind of monetary compensation for performing their duties. This is a volunteer organization.

3) The Board of Directors shall have the general supervision and control of all of the activities of the club. The Board of Directors may enter into contracts with organizations and individuals to carry out services and projects as needed for the operation of the club and its facilities.

4) The Board may create committees from among themselves and or the membership for events and other activities or projects as needed. The President will be an ex officio member of each committee.

5) Meetings of the Board of Directors should be held regularly at a time and place as determined by the Board.

6) A Special meeting of the Board may be held at anytime at the discretion of the President or on demand in writing by at least 4 members of the Board.

7) Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

8) The alternate Director will attend all Board of Directors meetings; however, they will only be granted voting privileges in the case that a Director is unable to attend the meeting.

9) The Board of Directors will establish and publish all Rules and Regulations as needed and create and publish Operating Procedures for the activities of the club and its facilities.

10) President. The president shall preside over all meetings of the club and Board of Directors meetings and perform all other duties as expected as the chief executive of the club.

11) Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the case of the Presidents absence or when requested by the President.

12) Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence for the club. The Secretary will keep minutes of all meetings held and give a synopsis of those minutes when requested. The Secretary will notify the membership of Annual and Special meetings to be held by the most expedient method available.

13) Treasurer. The Treasurer will have charge of the funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as directed by the Board of Directors. The President and Vice President will also have access to the funds in the absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring all debts approved by the Board of Directors are paid in full and in a timely fashion. They shall keep an accurate account of all debits and deposits and give an accounts balance report at each meeting and also a detailed report when requested. The Treasurer will ensure the club is in compliance with State and Federal non-profit tax laws and regulations.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Amendments**

Any member may propose amendments to these By-Laws at any Regular Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. Any proposed amendment shall be voted on at the Annual Meeting if at least fourteen days' notice has been given to the membership of the proposed amendment or revision(s) to these by-laws. A majority vote of the members present will suffice for passage.

### **ARTICLE VIII - Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Club all of its assets are to be sold by the most expedient means available and used to pay any and all outstanding debts, all funds then left over are to be donated to the Bath Village School Bath New Hampshire.