

**AMENDED BY-LAW OF THE BEAVER RUN ROD & GUN CLUB OF  
MAHONING TOWNSHIP, INC.  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

ARTICLE 1.  
NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. This Association shall be named, known and styled as “BEAVER RUN ROD & GUN CLUB OF MAHONING TOWNSHIP, INC.”

SECTION 2. Purpose. The purpose of this organization is to make hunting and fishing in Beaver Run and vicinity more pleasurable and less futile by promoting and participating in the following activities:

- (a) Stocking and replenishing of game and fish where they have become sparse.
- (b) Making available to all members an education in the skillful use of sporting firearms by holding shooting contests and games of various types.
- (c) Promoting good fellowship and comradeship among members by sponsoring social, festive gatherings and maintaining a club building where members can spend leisure moments.

SECTION 3. Aims of the Association. To respect the rights of one another as individual members. To strive also for better relations with property owners and farmers and to treat with respect their properties and persons with whom we come in contact with while engaging in sports and business activities.

SECTION 4. Motto of the Association - “DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU,”

ARTICLE 2.  
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Classification of Members. There shall be five (5) classes of members-active, social, honorary, lifetime active and lifetime social members.

Active members shall be all persons who were active members of the club as of January 1, 1967, and all active members who are made such by following the procedure outlined below. The number of active members shall be limited to a total of 500. Youth members 16-21 years old of a parent or guardian must be a member of the club in good standing for a \$5.00 fee (one time) under 21 they can come and use the range as long as a parent or guardian in good standing and accompanied by the parent or guardian.

Social members shall be all persons who from January 1, 1967, apply for a social membership and are so elected as described below.

Honorary members shall be all persons who were honorary members of the club as of January 1, 1967 and all other persons who in the future render the club unusual services or who for any other reason the club may wish to include in its membership by a majority vote at any meeting.

Lifetime active members shall be all persons who have been a member of the club for a period of 40 consecutive years and that are active members upon the anniversary of 40 consecutive years of membership.

Lifetime social members shall be all persons who have been a member of the club for a period of 40 consecutive years and that are social members upon the anniversary of 40 consecutive years of membership.

SECTION 2. Qualification of Members. All respectable persons, male or female who are not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, regardless of nationality or religion, may become either an active or social member of the club. From January 1, 1967, every application for membership shall be for social member. Application for social membership must be in writing and upon the receipt of any application, the club will investigate the applicant. In order to obtain social membership in the club, election must be by ballot and the applicant must obtain the approval of a majority of the members present at the meeting when his or her application is presented.

When a member shall maintain social membership for one year, he or she shall then be eligible for active membership, upon request. Application for active membership must be in writing and upon the receipt of any application, the club will investigate the applicant. In order to obtain active membership in the club, election must be by ballot and the applicant must obtain the approval of a majority of the members present at the meeting when his or her application is presented.

SECTION 3. Rights of Members. An active member shall have all the privileges of the club and shall have the right to vote in the general election in December of each even numbered year provided they have attended at least three (3) meetings each year.

SECTION 4. Disciplinary actions for breaking club rules.

Disciplinary actions for breaking club rules. Depending on the gravity of the situation of any of the following actions can and will be taken. First Offense 30 days suspension, Second Offense 60 Days, Third Offense Membership will be Terminated. Disciplinary action will be up to the Board of Officers, and you will receive a certified notice by mail. This notice you must sign for and suspension starts the day you sign for letter. If you fail to sign for letter membership will be automatically terminated.

### ARTICLE 3.

#### INITIATION FEES AND DUES

Section 1. An initiation fee as set by the board shall accompany each written application for social membership. An initiation fee as set by the board shall accompany each written application for active membership. There shall be no initiation fee for honorary members.

Section 1A. On a yearly basis the Board of Trustees shall vote to recommend the social and active membership initiation fees. The Board of Trustees shall present the recommended social and active members. In the event that the membership votes not to increase the social and active membership initiation fees, then the fees shall be set the same as the preceding year.

Section 2. Each social and active member shall be required to pay annual dues set by the Board of Trustees annually. All annual dues shall be payable on or after the first day of November of each and every year. Failure to pay dues by the first Sunday in March shall result in forfeiture of membership. All membership cards shall be printed with the expiration date being January 1. Should and join on or after the first day of November of any year, the monies paid shall include dues for the subsequent year. Any member on active military duty will be exempt from paying dues only when on active duty.

Section 2A. On a yearly basis the Board of Trustees shall vote to set the yearly annual dues for social and active members. The Board of Trustees shall present the recommended annual dues for social and active members to the membership at the October monthly meeting to be voted on by the active members. In the event that the membership votes not to accept the recommendation of the Trustees, the social and active membership annual dues shall be set in the same as the preceding year.

Section 3. In the event a member had forfeited his membership for non-payment of dues and desires to be reinstated to the club as a member in good standing, the member shall pay a reinstatement fee set by the Board of Trustees annually and become a social member for one year and then may apply for active membership. The payment of the reinstatement fee must occur by January 1, of the year after the membership was forfeited.

Section 3A. On a yearly basis the Board of Trustees shall vote to set the yearly reinstatement fee. The Board of Trustees shall present the recommended reinstatement charge to the membership at the October monthly meeting to be voted on by the active members. In the event that the membership votes not to accept the recommendation of the Trustees, the reinstatement fee shall be set the same as the preceding year.

#### ARTICLE 4. LOCATION

Section 1. Club meeting shall be held once a month at 1:30 P.M. in the Club Meeting Room on the first Sunday of each and every month. Each month an attendance sign-in sheet will be provided at the monthly meeting for the purpose of recording each member in attendance.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees for any given year shall set a specified date and time of mutual convenience for that year for their monthly meetings, rather than adhere to a permanently set date and time.

Section 3. All Officers shall be given notice of any special meeting, twenty four (24) hours in advance.

Section 4. No purchases or expenditures shall be made by the officers except at regularly scheduled or special meetings of the officers.

## ARTICLE 6. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Membership Investigation Committee. A membership investigation committee composed of at least five (5) members appointed by the President of the Club shall be formed for the purpose of investigating the application for membership of all active and social members.

Section 2. Special Committees. The President shall have the right to appoint all special committees which are necessary for the operation of club business. A majority of any committee so appointed shall constitute a quorum for said committee.

## ARTICLE 7. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1. The Officers of the club shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Field Captain and Steward.

Section 2. Nomination and Election of Officers. The Chairperson elected by the members present at the meeting shall receive all nominations from the floor. Only active members may hold office or take part in an election. Two (2) year nomination of officers shall take place at the December meeting. All nominees shall be required to pay for and submit to a criminal background check before the December election. Nominees must be present at the meeting to accept a nomination. If a nominee has a reasonable, legitimate excuse for not being able to attend the meeting, they may present a signed acceptance, outlining their excuse for non attendance, to the President in advance, to be given to the Chairperson elected. If any member present at the meeting shall challenge a nominee's signed acceptance, the Board of Trustees shall vote to accept or reject the nominee's signed acceptance, taking into consideration the nominee's legitimate reason for them not being able to attend the meeting. The officers elected shall serve for two (2) years commencing on January 1. Election shall be by ballot and the nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In case of a tie vote the Chairperson shall call for a re-vote until the tie is split and the winner receives the office.. If no one is nominated for an open position or if a person accepting a nomination declines, the nomination after the November meeting, the Trustees shall appoint an active member to fill the vacant position, after the December meeting. In order to be nominated into office you must be a active member for a minimum of two (2) years, and also attend at least 3 meetings per year prior to election year.

Section 3. Duties of Officers.

A. President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of this Association; he shall preside at all meetings of the members and trustees; he shall have general and active membership of the business of this Association; he shall see that all orders and resolution of the Board of Trustees are carried out; he shall execute all bonds, mortgages and all contracts of this Association; affixing the corporate seal thereto; he shall have general superintendence and direction of all other officers of this Association and see that their duties are properly preformed; he shall submit a report of the operations of the Association of the fiscal year to the Board of Trustees and members at their annual meeting, and from time to time shall report to the Board of Trustees all matters within his knowledge that may affect this Association; he shall be ex-officio, a member of all standing committees and shall have the powers and duties and managements usually vested in the office of President as in a corporation; he shall appoint all committees, except as herein otherwise provided.

B. Vice President. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President during the absence of the latter and shall have such other duties as may, from time to time, be determined by the Board of Trustees. In the event that there shall be more than one Vice-President, then there shall be a first Vice-President and a second Vice-President. In the event that the President shall be absent at any meeting, the first Vice-President shall preside, and if neither are present at a meeting, the the second Vice-President shall preside.

C. Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board of Trustees and all meetings of members and act as a clerk thereof; and shall record all voted and minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose; shall, when required, perform a like service for all standing committees; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the President under whose supervision he or she shall be and he or she shall be the custodian of the corporate seal and all of the books and records of this Association, except as may be otherwise provided.

D. Treasurer. The Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Trustees shall have charge of the funds of this Association and shall deposit the same in the name of this Association in depositories designated by the Board of Trustees, he or she shall pay all vouchers and orders properly attested by President and Secretary, he or she shall make a complete and accurate report at each monthly meeting of the members or at any time upon request by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Corporation and receipt of all bills and monies and the Treasurer shall make note of outstanding bills at each and every meeting of the members.

E. Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary's duties are to keep running records on any special occasions which the club may run throughout the year taking care of monies from such affairs and together will work with the Treasurer on such things as dues, mailings of notices to members on activities, etc., this person together with the Treasurer shall double check after each event is over all monies and records shall be turned over to the Treasurer and shall receive a written receipt from the Treasurer.

F. Field Captain. The Field Captain shall take charge and be responsible for all shooting grounds and ranges. To handle and take care of all other properties associated with existing rifle, hand gun and shot gun ranges. To be responsible for the safety at all shooting contests. To keep an accurate record of all scores made at shooting events. To supervise the game and fish operations.

G. Steward. The Steward shall be responsible and shall be in charge of all social activities of the club and shall be charged with the operation of the club as a licensee of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

Section 4. Qualification of Officers. All officers and trustees of the club and the Steward of the club must be citizens of the United States and persons of good repute. Only Active members may hold and office or take part in a election.

Section 5. Resignation of Officers. Any officer, who due to illness, change of address, or other legitimate reason, finds it necessary to resign from office in the club, may do so by acceptance of his or her resignation by a majority vote of the active members present at a regular meeting. Such action shall not prevent him or her again from holding office, if elected.

Section 6. Removal from Office. Any officer of the club who, by his conduct, violated any of the ethics; laws or rules of this club, or who fails to perform the duties of his office, may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote cast by secret ballot of all active members present at a regular club meeting provided all active members of the club and the officer whose removal is sought shall have been given ten (10) days notice by mail prior to the scheduled meeting date. Said officer and by represented by council at the said meeting. No person, after removal from office, shall be entitled to again hold office, to serve on any committee without the unanimous consent by secret ballot of all active members present at a regular club meeting.

Section 7. Conflict of Interest. In the event that two persons from the same family are on the Board, they both shall abstain from any vote of the Board that shall be conflict on interest.

## ARTICLE 8

### BONDS

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall require all officers signing checks to be bonded in the about as may deem necessary.

## ARTICLE 9.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the club consists of all the officers of the club as set forth in Article 7, Section 1, and three other members elected as set forth hereafter.

Section 2. Duties and Power of the Board of Trustees. The property and business of this club shall be managed by the Board of Trustees. In addition to the general powers of the Board of Trustees held by virtue of their office, the powers and authority expressly given by law, the following specific powers are expressly conferred on the Board of Trustees: To purchase or otherwise acquire at such price or consideration, and upon such terms as they deem advisable; to appoint, to remove or suspend employees, agents, or servants of the club, to determine their duties and affix their salaries; to confer by resolution upon any officer or agent of this club the power of permanently removing or suspending any subordinate employees, agents, or servants; to determine who shall be authorized, on behalf of this club, to sign bills, notices, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts and any other instruments; to delegate of the power of the Board of Trustees to any committee, special or otherwise, or to any officer or employee of the club, with such powers as the Board of Trustees may see fit to grant, generally to do all such lawful acts and things are not by law or by these By-Laws direct or require to be done by the members. The Board of Trustees may set the rate of pay for any officer providing services, but any proposed change of this nature must first be brought to a vote at any monthly meeting.

Section 3. Nomination, election and Terms of Office of Trustees. The nomination of trustees shall take place at the regular November meeting and the election of trustees shall take place at the December meeting in the same manner as the election of officers. All nominees shall be required to pay for and submit to a criminal background check before the December election.

The term of office for the members of the Board of Trustees shall be for a period of two (2) years.

## ARTICLE 10. QUORUM

Section 1. A quorum for the purpose of holding any meeting of the members shall be at least twelve (12) members.

Section 2. A quorum for the purpose of holding any meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be six (6) members of the Board of Trustees.

## ARTICLE 11. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The members of this club may, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, alter, amend, suspend, or annul these By-Laws at any regular meeting or special meeting called for this purpose.

Section 2. All active members must be notified by mail at least 10 days prior to such meeting called for the purpose of amending the By-Laws.

Section 3. All amendments must be read at three (3) consecutive meetings for any amendments to pass.

ARTICLE 12.  
ADOPTION OF AMENDED BY-LAWS  
AFTER 3 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS

Section 1. These amended By-Laws shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the time of their proposal to the members for ratification.

Section 2. These By-Laws shall be in full force and effect immediately upon their adoption as set forth in Section 1 of Article 12.

Section 3. These amended By-Laws shall repeal any and all prior By-Laws which may be in conflict therewith.

Section 4. All amendments must be read at three (3) meetings for any amendments to pass.

ARTICLE 13.  
IF CLUB WOULD DISSOLVE

Section 1. Due to mismanagement, or any reason after all debts or debtors are paid all funds remaining will be distributed among a Nonprofit Organization of our choice.