

# MILLSTADT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



## BY LAWS



AS REVISED BY THE CLUB ON AUGUST 5, 2016

### ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. The name of the club will be the Millstadt Sportsmen's Club Inc. with our principle office located on 4915 Schmidt Lane, in Smithton Township, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois. Mailing address: P.O. Box 68, Millstadt, Illinois 62260.

### ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. Our regular meetings are to be held on the first Friday of each month except during scheduled Fish Frys. If the first Friday of the month falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Friday.

SECTION 2. The September membership meeting will entertain nominees for the next years Officers and Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Our Annual Meeting shall be held in October on the first Friday of said month, at which time our election of Officers and new Board of Directors shall take place. Ballots will be issued at the door with the proposed slate of candidates listed. Ballots must be submitted no later than the close of that evening's meeting. The election of Officers and Board of Directors will be by ballot majority. The installation of the new officers shall take place at the following January meeting.

SECTION 4. The membership shall be duly notified of the Annual Meeting by first class mail, email or website Calendar.

SECTION 5. The wives of the members may form an Auxiliary. They shall be governed by their Constitution and By-Laws. A current listing of Officers shall be submitted to the Board of Directors yearly.

### ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. Our Officers shall consist of the following:

President	To be elected
Vice-President	To be elected
Secretary	To be elected
Treasurer	To be elected
Financial Secretary	To be elected
Ten (10) Members (Board of Directors)	To be elected

SECTION 2. No individual member shall hold the office of President more than two (2)-succeeding terms.

SECTION 3. The retiring President can, at his discretion, act as the eleventh member of the Board of Directors for the duration of the presiding President and not to exceed two (2) years.

SECTION 4. The number of Directors of the Millstadt Sportsmen's club shall be ten (10). Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the members present in accordance with Article II of the By Laws. Directors shall be divided into two classes. The first class shall consist of 5 Directors. The second class shall consist of 5 Directors. The term of office of the Directors of the first class shall expire at the first annual meeting after the initial election by classes and that of the second class, shall expire at the second annual meeting after the initial election by classes. The number of Directors equal to the number of Directors whose terms expire at the time of the meeting shall be elected to hold office until the second succeeding annual meeting. The Directors, unless sooner disqualified or removed, shall hold office for the term for which elected and until the successors

are elected and shall have been qualified.

**EXAMPLE:**

Class 1 elected October 2001 term 1 year expires October 2002.

Class 2 elected October 2001 term 2 years expires October 2003.

Class 1 elected October 2002 term 2 years expires October 2004.

Class 2 elected October 2003 term 2 years expires October 2005.

**ARTICLE IV**

**SECTION 1. Duties of Officers:**

A. President - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings of the club and to perform all duties required of the office. The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees; Auditing, Budget, Planning, Bar, Grounds, Lake and all special committees as found necessary during his term of office. The Chairman of each committee is subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Standing Committees shall serve for a period of one year. The President shall also cast the deciding vote in the event of tie votes at the Membership or Board Meetings.

B. Vice - President - It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President during his absence or inability to preside. He shall monitor all the functions of the Club.

C. Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep true and correct minutes of the regular meetings and Board meetings of the club, and he shall perform such other duties as the regular routine of a functioning body may necessitate. He shall take care of all correspondence and preserve copies of all letters received. He shall take and keep a copy of roll call of all Officers and new members at the membership and board meetings. Probation of new members shall also be recorded by the Secretary.

D. Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the club which are to be distributed by the recommendation of the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership. The Treasurer's books shall be audited by an accredited auditor and/or the Auditing Committee as of January 1. The annual report is to be made in writing to the membership by the March meeting. The Treasurer shall also work with the Budget/Planning Committee to establish a budget on a yearly basis.

E. Financial Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to receive dues paid by members, keep records of same, keep an up to date membership and mailing list. It shall be his duty to keep a record of tickets mentioned in Article V, Section 8, keep new membership applications and a list of prospective members in numerical order as he receives them. He will also assign each member a boat number. He shall also send a written notice to the members who are late in paying their dues.

F. The Board of Directors and Officers - They shall have control and management of the property and the affairs of the club. The board of Officers shall prescribe the rules regulating the affairs of the club, not inconsistent with the By-Laws and subject to the approval of the club. The Board of Directors shall have power to remove from office any officer or director on receiving evidence of unfaithful discharge of duties or unbecoming conduct, after a due notice of charges and an opportunity for defense has been given the accused by 2/3 vote of all board members present. Three members of the club appointed by the President as Trustees and approved by the Board of Directors are to act as the Auditing Committee for the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and all other committees handling receipts or disbursements of the club. The Board of Directors shall hold a regular monthly meeting. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy, which may occur from death, resignation, removal from office, and any such appointment shall be valid until the next regular election. In case of sickness the appointment would continue until the officer involved was able to resume his duties. The Board of Directors should vote on issues and make their recommendations at the regular meetings for membership approval.

G. Sergeant at Arms will be appointed by the President and at each meeting shall survey all members toward the end of each meeting and collect a quarter (25 cents) from each member not wearing a current membership button and perform other duties assigned.

**ARTICLE V**

**SECTION 1.** Membership is open annually. Any member in good standing for one year may propose one (1)

person for membership during the year. The sponsoring member must have applicant complete an application form and place it on file with the Financial Secretary. Applicant must be present when he is proposed or be examined by not less three (3) of the Board of Directors who shall then sign the application. The examining committee or the membership shall not deny any applicant the right of membership based on race, creed, color or nationality. Initiation fee, assessments and dues must accompany application of the prospective member. Application shall be voted on at the next regular meeting. Three (3) dissenting votes shall disqualify any applicant for membership. Probation for new members shall be for one (1) year and they will be required to attend four (4) meetings, Board or Regular, and work at two (2) functions, or on a committee. All excuses will be handled by the Board of Directors.

- A. Membership will be set at 350 dues paying members. After obtaining a 350 membership, all prospective members will be put on a waiting list, with exception of a member's son reaching their 18th birthday. Membership will be re-evaluated after each February meeting.
  - B. Members of the club who have attained the age of 62 or over and who have been paying dues and assessments for ten (10) consecutive years shall be declared "Honorary Member" and such shall pay an annual dues of one half of active member dues". Members who attain 20 consecutive years of membership and 80 years of age shall be "lifetime members and pay no dues, otherwise, will have all privileges of dues paying members. For each "Honorary Member" belonging to the club, a new member shall be inducted into the club thus maintaining the club membership at 350 dues paying members. Eligible members must notify the Financial Secretary.
- SECTION 2. a. Any member's son between 16 to 18 years of age may become a member of the club without paying the initiation fee if done in the following manner; Before the boy's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, he has to have his application and dues plus the special assessment in to the Financial Secretary, and then be present at the next regular meeting on or after his birthday and be voted on by ballot at that meeting. Three (3) dissenting votes shall disqualify any applicant for membership. The charter is opened every year automatically for member's sons under 19.
- b. No more than (2) family members of any relation can run or be on the board at one time.
- SECTION 3. The initiation fee shall be One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars. The initiation fee shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors annually.
- SECTION 4. The annual dues shall be Eighty (\$80.00) dollars and all members shall be required to perform 8 hours annually of work as determined by the Board of Directors on the grounds of the club, each dues paying year.
- SECTION 5. All members shall be subject to a special assessment when such special assessment is voted on by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present at the September meeting. Failure on the part of the member to pay such special assessment shall subject him to forfeiture of membership. Repeated refusals to pay the assessment shall constitute a deliberate act of nonconformity and result in outright expulsion from the membership.
- SECTION 6. The annual dues shall be due as of the October meeting and must be paid by the February meeting. If a person is dropped from membership and applies for reinstatement, a fee of ten (10) dollars and all back dues and assessments up to a maximum of three (3) years shall be paid. This amount must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- SECTION 7. Any member in good standing entering the Military Service automatically maintains membership in the club. Upon his release from Military Service, he must be reinstated as a dues paying member at the first Annual Meeting following his release.
- SECTION 8. Dues for new members will be prorated as below;
- January, February, March.....Full Amount
  - April, May, June.....Three-Quarters Amount
  - July, August, September.....Half Amount
  - October, November, December.....Full Amount for next year

## **ARTICLE VI**

SECTION 1. Quorum - Ten members shall constitute a quorum at membership meetings.

SECTION 2. Quorum - Five members shall constitute a quorum at Board Meetings.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### SECTION 1. RULES

1. Each member shall be held responsible for the condition in which he leaves the club grounds while he and his party are on the club grounds.
2. Absolutely no Guest Fishing. Note this rule has been overruled on a year to year basis.
3. The immediate family of members of the club are allowed to visit our club grounds if accompanied by a member.
4. Members under sixteen (16) years of age shall be included in Rule Number 3.
5. No child under fourteen (14) years of age shall be allowed in a boat unless accompanied by an adult member of the club.
6. Members are prohibited to use boats for pleasure riding when others are fishing on the lake. Motors, except electric trolling motors, are prohibited on the lake unless the Board of Directors finds it necessary to use such. Boats should be IDNR compliant and Illinois watercraft laws should be obeyed; i.e. life jackets, registration sticker, identification numbers, etc. The owner of the watercraft is responsible for any fines levied by the State for boat violations.
7. Misconduct on the grounds shall subject any member to expulsion from membership, provided however that such member shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Directors. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall be sufficient vote to expel any member after his hearing. The President shall appoint some other member in his stead during the hearing
8. Members found guilty of violating any of the By-Laws or Rules of the club shall be subject to a Fifteen- (15) dollar fine to be paid to the club. Failure on the part of any member to pay any fine assessed against him shall forfeit his membership in the club.
- 9.; Duck and rabbit hunting allowed during season. (Shotguns Only). Predator shooting by application to the Board of Directors.
10. Target shooting only on the Range provided by the club.
11. Fishing and picnicking are permitted during the duck hunting season.
12. Fishing, Club Grounds, and Gun Range rules are to be set by the club on a yearly basis.
13. Anyone caught purchasing extra buttons or giving the combination to their friends, will automatically be expelled from the club.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

SECTION 1. Any amendments proposed must be read at three (3) meetings. After three (3) readings final passage or rejection of the same becomes final after a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present.