

Amended

By-Laws

BRIDGEPORT CONSERVATION CLUB

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The Bridgeport Gun Club was founded in 1950 by a group of men who were passionate about the outdoors and their community. Our forefathers were dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and natural resources. We remain committed to their founding vision by offering firearm safety programs, opening our club to local community and school events, and making our ranges available to local law enforcement and veteran's groups.

We will continue to expand our membership through promotion and outreach. We'll continue to grow by learning and educating conservation. We will remain firmly grounded in the values and vision of our forefathers carried out by a hard-working group of volunteers who make the Bridgeport Gun Club a success.

Thank you to each and every Club member for your efforts and your enthusiasm. The programs and events we offer would not be possible without you. I look forward to the continued success – working together!

Your President,

Joann Smith

BRIDGEPORT CONSERVATION CLUB, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 – MEETING

SECTION 1. PLACE OF MEETING

Any or all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors of this Club shall be within the State of Michigan, provided that no meetings shall be held at a place other than the office of the Club in Bridgeport, except pursuant to resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

An annual meeting of the members shall be held in each year on the first Sunday in January, that is not a holiday. If the first Sunday in January is a holiday, then the annual meeting shall be on the following Sunday. All annual meeting will begin at 10:30AM for the purposes of which shall be the election of Directors. The annual meeting shall be for members only.

Change of Meeting Day and Time:

The day and time of the annual meeting may be changed once during the year, subject to the consensus of the board of directors. The board shall notify all members of any change in the day and time of the annual meeting in a timely manner.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

At least ten days prior to the date fixed by Section 2 of this Article for the holding of the annual meeting of members, written notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be mailed or sent electronically (such as by email or newsletter), as hereinafter provided, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting.

SECTION 4. DELAYED ANNUAL MEETING

If, for any reason, the annual meeting of members shall not be held on the day herein before designated such meeting may be called and held as special meeting and the same proceedings may be held there at an annual meeting, provided however, that the notice of such meeting shall be the same herein required for the Annual Meeting namely not less, than a ten day notice.

SECTION 5. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The order of business at the annual meeting of the members shall be as follows:

- a) Roll Call
- b) Report of the President
- c) Report of the Treasurer
- d) Election of Directors
- e) Election of the Officers
- f) Transaction of other business
- g) Adjournment

SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

A special meeting of the members may be called at any time by the President, or by a majority of the board of Directors. The method by which such meetings may be called is as follows: Upon receipt of a specification in writing setting forth the date and objects of such proposed special meeting, signed by the President or by a majority of the board of Directors. The Secretary shall prepare, sign, and mail or electronically send (such as by email or social media) the notices requisite to such meeting. Such notice may be signed by the stamped, typewritten, printed, or digital signature of the Secretary.

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

At least ten days prior to the date fixed for the holding of any special meeting of members, written, or electronically sent notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be delivered, as hereinafter provided, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. No business not mentioned in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

SECTION 8. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Regular meetings of the members will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., except for the months of June, July, and August, and when a change is required by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the event of such a change, the day and/or time of the regular meeting may be adjusted by the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

No notice of regular meetings shall be required except when the meeting is held on a date other than the first Wednesday of the month.

Regular meetings shall be for members only.

SECTION 9. ORGANIZATION MEETING OF BOARD

At the place of holding the annual meeting of the members and immediately following the same, the Board of Directors as constituted upon final adjournment of such annual meeting shall convene for the purpose of transacting any business brought before it, providing that the organization meeting in any year may be held at different time and place than that herein provided, by consent of a majority of the Directors of such new Board.

SECTION 10. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held not less frequently than once each month at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine. No notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be required.

Monthly meeting of the board may take place at the meeting of the members

SECTION 11. SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD

Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time by means of such written notice or electronic communication of the time, place, and purpose thereof to each Director as the President in their discretion shall deem sufficient. Action taken at any such meeting shall not be invalidated for want of notice shall be waived hereinafter provided.

SECTION 12. NOTICE AND MAILING

All notices required to be given by any such provision of these By-Laws shall state the authority pursuant to which they are issued (as "by order of the President", "by order of the Board of Directors" as the case may be) and shall bear the written, stamped, typewritten or printed signature of the Secretary. Every notice shall be deemed duly served when the same has been deposited in the United States Mail, with postage fully paid, plainly addressed to the addressee at their last address appearing upon the membership record of this corporation or electronically delivered to the communication methods listed upon the membership record.

ARTICLE II – QUORUM

SECTION 1. QUORUM OF MEMBERS

Presence in person, or by proxy of members present with voting rights of this Club shall constitute a quorum at any meetings of the members.

SECTION 2. QUORUM OF DIRECTORS

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III – VOTING, ELECTIONS AND PROXIES

SECTION I. WHO'S ENTITLED TO VOTE

Life members and dues-paying members in good standing or their proxy.

SECTION 2: Definition of a Club Member in "Good Standing"

A "member in good standing" is defined as follows: A member who is in compliance with the club's rules, regulations, policies, and financial obligations, and has not behaved in a manner that is detrimental to the club. A member in good standing has the right to participate in club activities, vote in meeting, and enjoy the benefits of membership. A member who has not met the required financial obligations of the club is automatically not in good standing until the required financial obligations are satisfied. Any member who is not in compliance with the club's rules, regulations and policies may lose his or her good standing status by a majority vote of the board of directors at any regular meeting/special meeting of the board. Any member who is not in good standing may be subject to removal from the membership as provided by article 8, section 7 and/or section 8, section 5, as may be applicable.

SECTION 3. INSPECTORS

Whenever any person entitled to vote at a meeting of the members shall request the appointment of Inspectors, a majority of members present at such meeting and entitled to vote there shall appoint not more than three Inspectors. If the right of any person to vote at such meeting shall be challenged, the Inspectors shall determine such right. The Inspectors shall receive and count the votes either upon an election or for the decision of any question and shall determine the results. Their certification of any vote shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND TERMS OF DIRECTORS

The business, property and affairs, of this club shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of 15 persons who shall be members of this club in good standing for a minimum of 2 years. Each Director shall hold office for the term for which they are elected and until their successor is elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. CLASSIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

At the first annual meeting of the members, the members of the Board of Directors shall be divided into three classes of five members each. The members of the first class shall hold office for a term of one year; the members of the second class shall hold office for a term of two years; the members of the third class shall hold office for the term of three years.

At all annual elections thereafter five Directors shall be elected for a term of three years to succeed the Directors whose term then expires; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Director to succeed him or herself.

The Director shall be required to attend all regular member and director meetings of the Club. A Director may be excused by the President of/or their delegate at any time. Any Director who fails to attend three un-excused of said meeting during a fiscal year shall automatically void his term.

SECTION 3. MID-TERM VACANCIES

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Directors. Each person so elected to fill a vacancy shall remain a Director until such time that the term of the original Director is completed.

SECTION 4. ACTION BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT

If and when the Directors shall separately or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by the Club, such action shall be a valid corporate act in as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. POWER TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer at the annual meeting from the Board of Directors. Officers shall serve for a term of three (3) years, and elections for these positions shall occur at the end of each officer's 3-year elected term.

SECTION 6. POWER TO APPOINT OTHER OFFICERS AND AGENTS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such Officers and Agents as the Board may deem necessary for the transaction of business of the Club.

SECTION 7. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Any Officer or Agent may be removed by a majority vote of the board of directors at any regular meeting and/or special meeting of the board, whenever in the judgement of the board, the interest of the club will be served there by.

SECTION 8. POWER TO FILL VACANCIES

The Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy in any office occurring for any reason whatsoever.

SECTION 9. DELEGATION OF POWERS

For any reason deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors, whether occasioned by absence or otherwise, the Board may delegate all or any of the duties of any Officer or Director, but no Officer or Director shall execute, ask knowledge or verify an instrument in more than one capacity.

SECTION 10. EMERGENCY FUNDS / MAJOR EXPENDITURES

A super majority of the board of directors, which is defined at 75% of greater shall have to be permitted to authorize an expenditure of anything over \$25,000 for any single purchase that is in the interest of the club. Such authorization shall be established by a super majority vote of the board of directors at any regular meeting or special meetings of the board. The board shall keep \$100,000 in an emergency fund.

SECTION 11. POWER TO REQUIRE BONDS

The Board of Directors may require any Officer of the Agent file with the Club a satisfactory bond conditioned for faithful performance of their duties.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT

The President shall be selected by the Board of Directors from the membership of the Board. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board and of the members. The President shall have general and active management of the business of the Club and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall be Ex-Officio a member of all standing committees and shall have the general powers and duties of the supervision and management usually vested in the in the office of the President of the Club.

SECTION 2. VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall be chosen from the membership of the Board. The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be chosen from the membership of the Board. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors and shall preserve in books of the Club true minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings. The Secretary shall safely keep in their custody the seal of the Club and shall have the authority to affix the same to all instruments where it is required. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to them by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be chosen from the membership of the Board. The Treasurer shall have custody of all Club funds and securities and shall keep in books belonging to the club full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, the Treasurer shall deposit all monies, securities and value effects in the name of the Club in such deposit as may be designated for the purpose of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disperse funds of the Club as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors at regular meetings of the Board, and whenever requested by them and the financial condition of the Club. If required by the Board, they shall deliver to the President of the Club and shall keep in force, a bond in form, amount and with surety or sureties satisfactory to the Board, conditioned for faithful performance of the duties of their office, and for the restoration to the Club in case of their death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, paper, vouchers, money and property of whatever kind in their possession or under their control belonging to the Club.

SECTION 5. STANDING COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint, with the Board's approval, standing committees as may be required. A Director shall be the Chairman of each committee. Documentation of the committees and the appointed Chairpersons shall be kept on record by the Secretary and noted in the meeting minutes when committees are established or when changes in committee leadership occur.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

SECTION 1. CHECKS, ETC.

All checks, drafts and orders of payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Club and shall be countersigned by such Officers or Agents as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate for that purpose.

SECTION 2. CONTRACTS, CONVEYANCES, ETC

When the execution of any contract, conveyances, or other instrument has been authorized without specification of the executing office, the President or Vice-President and the Secretary may execute the same in the name and on behalf of the Club, may affix the corporate seal thereto. The Board of Directors shall have power to designate the Officers and Agents who shall have authority to execute any instrument on behalf of this club.

ARTICLE VII – POWER OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to borrow money whenever in the discretion of the Board the exercise of said power is required in the general interests of this Club and in such case the Board of Directors may authorize the proper officers of the Club to make, execute and deliver in the name and behalf of this Club such notes, bonds, and said Board shall have full power to mortgage the property of this Club or any part thereof, as security for such indebtedness and no action on the part of the membership of this Club shall be requisite to the validity of any such note, bond, evidence of indebtedness or mortgage.

ARTICLE VIII – Membership and Dues

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP – NEW MEMBERS

Any person seeking membership in this Club shall submit a written application which will include 1) a Sponsor who is a member in good standing of said Club; and 2) be subject to a criminal background search using the Michigan Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) or other similar criminal background searches from the applicant's previous resident state(s) for ten years prior to the date of the application.

The applicant may be approved for membership by a majority of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. The vote on new membership shall be by voice vote or show of hands. In addition to acceptance as aforesaid, the applicant shall pay all initiation fees, annual dues and any fees incurred by the club to conduct necessary criminal background searches.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP-GENERAL

General members are dues paying members in good standing. They must be 18 years or older. The maximum membership of this Club shall be set by the direction of the Board, excluding paid and honorary members.

SECTION 3. PAID

The officers, Board members, Life Members (members 65 years of age & in good standing for 15 years), will be Paid Members.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP – HONORARY

Any person approved by a majority of the Board at a regular or special meeting may become an honorary member. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues but shall enjoy all other privileges of membership except the right to vote. The board shall review the list of honorary members at its discretion.

SECTION 5. DUES

The dues for membership shall be set by the Board of Directors from time to time at the annual membership meeting and shall continue in such amount until changed.

The annual dues shall be payable between October 1st through December 31st for the following year. Failure to pay dues before the February regular meeting shall void membership.

Dues are not refundable. If you lose your Electronic Access Card, there will be a fee to replace it.

SECTION 6: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The board of directors shall have the authority to require volunteer hours as part of a requirement for membership.

SECTION 7. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

Any member may be removed from the membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or any special meeting of the members called for that purpose. For conduct deemed prejudicial to this Club, provided that such member shall be first served with written notice of the accusations against them and shall have been given an opportunity to produce witnesses, if any, and be heard, at the meeting at which such vote is taken.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, altered, changed, added to or repealed by the vote of the majority of the Board of Directors elected by the membership to govern the club.

SECTION 2. DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR THE BY-LAWS

Use of Revenue: All funds and assets of the club shall be used only for the purposes that are consistent with the purposes of the Club and for actual administrative expenses in conducting the affairs of the Club under the direction and with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may purchase land, buildings and equipment to operate and maintain the same as required to further the purpose of the club.

Dissolution: Upon dissolution of the Club and after paying for payment of all liabilities of the Club, all assets of the Club shall be transferred to another non-profit or local unit of government.

Use of Revenue for lawful Purpose: Revenues of the Club shall not be used for the benefit of any individual, member, or shareholder of the qualified organization except to further the lawful purposes of the Club.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been determined necessary and beneficial to the Bridgeport Gun Club, and WHEREAS, the By-Laws changes that have been made since December 1975 are now incorporated in the new membership book.

All previous versions of the Bridgeport Gun Club By-Laws are considered null and void.