

**WAYNESBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC**

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Waynesburg Sportsmen's Association, Inc. (club) was established July 15, 1935. It became affiliated with the NRA in January of 1943. For years the club enjoyed the reputation of having one of the top shooting teams in the Tri-State area. Today we continue to enjoy various shooting events (pistol, rifle and bow) along with our fishing pond that is stocked yearly.

The Waynesburg Sportsmen's Association, Inc. continues to constantly update its facilities as needed. Although we have grown in events, facilities and structure, we have never lost the fundamental principle of "Good Sportsmanship" and most of all "SAFETY". To us, "SAFETY" is the most important fundamental of all our shooting and fishing events. We encourage members to bring their families to the club for events and fellowship. However, "SAFETY" is our main objective and consideration for all members and guests.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

#### **CLUB OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER

#### **DIRECTORS**

2 FOR 3 YEAR TERM  
2 FOR 2 YEAR TERM  
3 FOR 1 YEAR TERM

#### **CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

CLUB OFFICERS  
DIRECTORS

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### **BY-LAWS / ORGANIZATION**

The Waynesburg Sportsmen's Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization with all the authorized registration and necessary government approval.

#### **ARTICLE 1- Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Waynesburg Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - Object**

The purpose for which this organization is formed are: the preservation and propagation of game, fish, forest and shooting sports; the inculcation of the highest standards of sportsmanship; the promotion of friendly relations between the sportsman and land owners and the conservation of wildlife and natural resources in general.

#### **ARTICLE 3 - Eligibility**

Any person, being a citizen of the United States of America, of good moral character and who is not a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the United States government by force or other means, may become a member of this Association upon approval of membership and payment of dues.

- (a) A new member must be 18 years of age.
- (b) As of January 1, 2007, all members must also be a NRA member.
- (c) All members in good standing prior to December 31, 2006 and hold continuous membership are exempt from Article 3 (b)

#### **ARTICLE 4 – Dues**

The annual dues can be set at the September meeting and take effect at the following January meeting.

- (a) Family membership shall be one of two adults and children under 18 years of age.
- (b) **Current Members.** Dues must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> as new door

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cards will be activated on January 1. **New Members**. Any person wishing to join the Association prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year will be charged the full rate of the current annual membership dues. If a person wishes to join after July 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year, dues will be assessed at 50% of the current annual membership dues for the remainder of the calendar year. That new member who joins after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year will, however, be required to pay for the next calendar year and pay the full-rate of the membership dues for that year. Shall the new member refuse to pay for the next calendar year; the dues for the current year for that member will be assessed at full rate regardless of the month in which that new member is joining the Association.

## **ARTICLE 5 – Officers**

The officers of the Waynesburg Sportsmen's Association, Inc. shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each of whom shall be elected to a term of one year. There shall also be seven (7) directors, three (3) of whom shall be elected for one year term, two (2) elected to a two year term, and two (2) elected for a three year term.

- (a) Any director shall be a member in good standing of the Association for two (2) consecutive years prior to his or her nomination.
- (b) Any officer shall be a member in good standing of the Association for at least one (1) year prior to his or her nomination.
- (c) These time requirements may be waived with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 6 – Meetings**

The regular monthly meeting of the Association shall be held the second Thursday night of each month. A special meeting may be called at any time by the president or by the request, in writing, of 15 members in good standing.

- (a) Notice of said special meeting shall be posted on the bulletin board; inside the clubhouse; the outside of the clubhouse door and at the outdoor range by the pond, 10 days prior to said special meeting. This notice shall state time, date, place, and purpose of said meeting. This

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notice will also be made available by e-mail.

- (b) Officers and directors must attend a minimum of 60% of monthly meetings during the calendar year (Jan-Dec). Failure to comply with this requirement can be grounds for removal. An exception to this may be extended by the Board of Directors for active military personnel.
- (c) A minimum of four (4) Officers and/or Directors must be present for any meeting to be official.

## **ARTICLE 7 – Elections**

At the regular October meeting, officers and directors shall be elected to serve for the coming year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The director's term for which they are running is to be stated on the ballot. A slate of nominations shall be set at the September meeting and a printed ballot with spaces for write-ins prepared for the October meeting. Write-ins must conform to ARTICLE 5 paragraphs (a) and (b).

- (a) Only dues paying members in good standing are permitted to vote on any issue and/or election.

## **ARTICLE 8 – Management**

The business affairs of the Association shall be managed by the officers and overseen by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be presided over by a chairman, elected from their members. The elected chairman shall be reported at the November meeting. The Board of Directors shall meet once every month. At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies of unexpired terms of its members. The Board shall promulgate\* rules and regulations for the safe and proper guidance of the membership, which shall be approved by a majority of the members of the Association present at any regular meeting. The President shall direct the secretary to post said rules on the premises so that they may be read by all.

- (a) Any single expenditure of money over the sum of \$250.00 shall first be passed upon by a vote of the members present. If passed, then shall be moved on by the Board. If said expenditure is approved by the Board, then it is final. If it is not approved by the Board, it is returned to the membership of the Association for final action at the next regular meeting.

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- (b) Exclusion to this is any expenditure directly related to the working operation of the Association not limited to but including taxes, utilities, insurance, etc.

## **ARTICLE 9 – Intoxicates**

No intoxicating beverages shall at any time be sold on the properties of the Association.

\*promulgate: promote or make widely known (an idea or cause)

## **ARTICLE 10 – Suspension and Expulsion**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the Association for willful violation of the rules and regulations or any unbecoming member. A vote of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Directors, at any Directors meeting duly held, shall be required to expel or suspend any member. Said member is to be notified by certified mail of the reason in writing, stating the length of suspension or date of expulsion and loss of membership benefits and dues. The Board of Directors also have the authority to re-instate any member.

## **ARTICLE 11 – Duties of Officers**

All officers shall perform all customary duties of said office, and any other duties as may be delegated to them by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 12 – Treasurer**

The treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Association to its credit in any recognized banking institution. None of the funds of the Association shall be withdrawn or disbursed without approval by a majority of the members present at any monthly meeting, subject to ARTICLE 8, paragraphs (a) and (b). All drafts, checks, and the like are to be signed by the Treasurer and by one of the following:

- (a) Any officers or Directors who are currently on the Bank Signature Card.
- (b) A Bank Signature Card must be updated after each election if needed.

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## **ARTICLE 13 – Budget**

Each fiscal year (June 1 - May 31), a tentative budget shall be proposed by the combination of current officers and directors. This budget will be used as a tentative financial guideline for Club operations.

- (a) **End of Year Disclosure:** At the end of each fiscal year a print out (hard copy) of all expenses incurred during said year shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and posted for the general membership to view.

## **ARTICLE 14 – Revision Constitution / By Laws**

The Constitution and By Laws may be repealed, altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the Association by first reading the original then reading the revision, amendment or item to be appealed. Then posting said change on clubhouse front door, bulletin board, and at the outdoor range by the pond. At the following month's regular meeting the original is to be read again, then the revision of amendment is to be read, followed by discussion and a written ballot. A 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the members present is required to make any changes.

- (a) A committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors every three (3) years to review and suggest needed changes to the By Laws and Constitution.

## **ARTICLE 15 – Disposal of Property**

No property of the Association either real or personal shall be sold or disposed of in any manner without consent of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of members present after being presented at three (3) consecutive meetings and subject to ARTICLE 6 (a).