

ARTICLE I

Name and Object

Section 1 : The name of this club shall be _The Lloyd Rod and Gun Club Inc.

Section 2 : The object of this club is to further the cooperation with the land owners and farmers of this area , both as to the protection of his property , the preservation and restocking of fish and game , and the conservation of our natural resources.

Section 3 : Every member of this club shall be considered as having pledged his honor to abide by our by-laws and to promote and carry out the objectives of this club.

Section 4 : The club is to be non-political and non- sectarian.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1 : Membership shall be limited to One Hundred and Fifty (150) members in good standing.

Section 2 : Membership in this club shall be restricted to persons of good moral character , residing within a thirty (30) mile radius of Highland , New York.

Section 3 : Membership shall be divided into the following classifications :

A- **Active Members** - Active members shall be members who are eighteen (18) years or older during the current fiscal year.

B- **Auxiliary Members** - Auxiliary members shall be spouses of any active members who wish this status.

C- **Junior Members** - Junior members shall be members who are twelve⁻¹(12) to seventeen (17) years of age during the fiscal year , who otherwise meet membership requirements. Junior members are non-voting members. ** The junior member_s sponsor shall be responsible for his/her conduct on club grounds and at club functions **

D- **Life Members** - Upon due petition by any member , the club may , by two-thirds (2/3) vote of attending members, grant life membership to a member who has been a member of the club for a minimum of twenty (20) consecutive years⁻¹² and rendered distinguished service. Such service shall be set forth in the petition. Before any vote be taken on any life member petition , written notice shall be given each member at least ten (10) days prior to the voting on such petition.

E- **Honorary / Landowner Members** - Honorary annual membership may be granted in the following categories :

- 1- Any land owner who through his generosity has allowed the club to post his property for the benefit of the club_s members.
- 2- Any individual non-member who has rendered a significant service to our club.
- 3- Our local representative of the New York State Conservation Department.

Section 4 : A member of the club may be summarily expelled for the following offenses:

- A- Flagrant violation of our , Fish , Game or Conservation laws.
- B- For continued or flagrant violations of the club by-laws.
- C- Driving vehicles upon rifle ranges , unless for an authorized work party⁻².

Expulsion shall be carried out by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and in favor of said expulsion . Members in jeopardy shall be given thirty (30) days written notice of such vote.

ARTICLE III

Procedures , Fees and Dues

Section 1 : An active member in good standing shall recommend the applicant and vouch for his/her character. The application along with the application fee of twenty-five⁻³ (25) dollars and one years dues of fifty⁻⁴ (50) dollars , in advance , shall be forwarded to the president , who shall read the application before the members at a regular meeting and shall refer the application to the membership committee for investigation. The application together with the recommendation of the membership committee shall be returned to the president , who shall present the application together with the membership committee _s recommendation to the members for ballot. The applicant must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote in his favor to be accepted as a member.

Section 2 : The method of application for auxiliary members shall be the same as for active members specified in section one (1).

Section 3 : The method of application for junior membership shall be the same as for active members specified in section one (1) , except the initiation fee shall be waived until the junior member applies for active membership and five (5) dollars dues shall accompany the application.

Section 4 : The dues of any member who is sick or in distress may be waived by a majority vote of club members present for the duration of the illness or distress.

Section 5 : The dues of a member in the armed services shall be waived until the end of the fiscal year of his discharge.

Section 6 : All dues are payable in advance on the first day of September each year. A member will be notified by mail that he/she is delinquent and that his/her dues must be paid must be paid within Thirty⁻⁵ (30) days to remain an active member or be dropped from the rolls. Any member who is dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues or assessments, shall pay, in addition to the amount due, an additional assessment of forty (40) dollars to be reinstated. Any member who is dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues or assessments , who elects not to be reinstated by paying the additional assessment, will be required to wait at least two (2) years before their new application will be accepted.⁻¹¹ Life members shall be exempt from paying yearly dues, but are require to fulfill all other obligations and duties for active membership as outlined in Article 3 Section 8.⁻⁸

Section 7 : Re-application of a former member dropped for delinquent dues or other reasons , shall be acted upon as specified in article III section 1 above.

Section 8 : Each year all active members shall be required to do the following :

A- Attend three (3) meeting during the fiscal year.

B- Participate in one major fund raising event as defined by the finance committee.

C- Participate in one (1) club organized work detail or actively serve on one (1) committee or be assessed twenty-five⁻⁶ (25) dollars fine in addition to his dues.

D- If an active member is unable to attend his required three (3) meetings due to work or personal conflicts , he should submit to the president , in writing , a detailed explanation , of the conflict and request for a waiver. The president will upon receipt of the written request present it for a vote of the membership present at the next regular meeting . The waiver shall be granted by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present in favor. Any member who does not attend three (3) meetings during the fiscal year and who does not have a waiver , shall be assessed twenty-five⁻⁶ (25) dollars fine in addition to his dues.

Section 9 : 1-Any member over the age of Sixty Five (65), at the time of payment of annual dues, with at least fifteen (15) years of consecutive membership, will at the written request of said member,have their dues canceled for that year.⁻⁹

2-Any member over the age of Sixty Five (65), at the time of payment of annual dues, with at least fifteen (15) years of consecutive membership, will at the written request of said member,have their work requirement abrogated for that year.⁻⁹

ARTICLE IV

Fiscal Year and Meetings

Section 1 : The fiscal year shall run from September 1 to August 31 each year.

Section 2 : The regular meetings of the club shall be held at the clubhouse on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 P.M.⁻⁷ .

Section 3 : The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the second Tuesday of

September of each year.

Section 4 : The nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of candidates to the presiding officer at the regular meeting in August. The proposed slate will be read to the members present.

Section 5 : The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting on the second Tuesday in September.

Section 6 : Installation of officers shall take place at the annual meeting.

Section 7 : A quorum shall consist of ten (10) members.

Section 8 : The president may call a special meeting to transact emergency business as conditions may require. A quorum at a special meeting shall be eleven (11) members.

ARTICLE V

Elective Officers

Section 1 : Elective officers of this club shall be : President , Vice-President , Secretary , Treasurer and three (3) Trustees.

Section 2 : The president , vice-president , secretary and treasurer shall be elected for a term of one(1) year. The trustees are to be elected for a term of three(3) years. Their terms are not to be concurrent (ie: one trustee will be elected each year for a three(3) year term of office.

Section 3 : The president shall be eligible to serve two (2) consecutive terms and can not be elected to a third or more terms without a one(1) year lapse of office between any term of office beyond two years.

Section 4 : Any officer may be removed from office for just cause by a two-thirds(2/3) vote of the assembled membership, only after written notice to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to a vote on such appeal for impeachment.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

Section 1 : President - It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the club , call special sessions when necessary , appoint all committees created by the by-laws or vote of the members , have general supervision over all matters appertaining to the organization , see that harmony is preserved and the laws of the club enforced. To perform other duties as may be required of him by the by-laws of the club.

Section 2 : Vice-President - It shall be the duty of the vice-president to succeed and exercise all the duties of the president in his absence. It shall be his duty to act as secretary to the board of trustees without power of vote.

Section 3 : Secretary - It shall be the duty of the secretary to record all proceedings of the club , to record the minutes of all meetings , to maintain a correct mailing list of all members , to issue all notices of regular and special meetings to have charge of all club correspondence.

Section 4 : Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all monies and dues and keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements. It is his/her duty to keep an accurate record of the dues of all members and the issuance of membership cards. On October 1 of each year he/she will provide the secretary with a list of those members who are delinquent in dues and who are liable to expulsion as set forth in article II section 4. It is his/her duty to pay all bills against the club , when ordered by the approval of the membership and authorization of the president. He/She shall at such times as the organization may direct or the president or trustees require , present all of the books , papers , ledgers , vouchers , etc. for examination that may be necessary for the proper audit of his accounts. He/She shall make a complete report to the membership on the financial position of the club at the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of September. All checks of the banking accounts shall be signed by the president and treasurer , or in the absence of the president , to be countersigned by the vice-president.

Section 5 : Board of Trustees - The most senior member of the board of trustees shall act as chairperson. The board shall have the following powers subject to the control of the membership :

1- They shall be invested with the care of the funds , properties (real or personal) and investments not otherwise provided by law.

- 2- They shall collect the rents and income from the club property and pay the same through the treasurer to the organization.
- 3- They shall execute all leases, contracts or other papers necessary or proper to the welfare of the club.
- 4- They shall perform other duties as directed by the membership.
- 5- They shall at the direction of the chairperson hold such meetings as may be required for the fulfillment of their duties , keeping correct minutes of the proceedings.
- 6- They shall purchase all supplies ordered by the membership for the proper maintenance of the building and grounds.
- 7- They shall exercise general supervision over the property of the organization , keeping account of the same, which shall show in detail the estimated value of such property.
- 8- They shall take an annual inventory of all real property of the club.
- 9- They shall present a written report of transactions and audits at the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of September.

The vice-president shall act as secretary to the board of trustees without the power of vote.

ARTICLE VII Nominations , Elections and Installation of Officers

Section 1 : A nominating committee of not less than three(3) members in good standing shall be appointed by the president at the regular meeting on the second Tuesday of July. It shall be their duty to nominate from the membership in good standing a slate of candidates for officers and trustees as there are vacancies and submit this slate in writing to the secretary at the regular meeting in August.

Section 2 : The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of September.

A- Further nominations may be made from the floor provided those making the nominations and those being nominated are members in good standing.

- B- All contested seats will be decided by majority vote of members present.
- C- At all elections of officers , the president shall preside unless he is a candidate for reelection , in which case he shall appoint a past president or a member in good standing to conduct the elections.
- D- The president shall select three(3) tellers who are not members of the board of officers or candidates for election , which will supervise the elections until the results are ascertained.
- E- No member who is in arrears in dues shall be entitled to vote.

Section 3 : An elected officer may present his resignation in writing to the president or at a regular meeting to the presiding officer. Should the resignation be accepted , the president or presiding officer shall announce a special election to take place at the next regular meeting to fill the vacancy in accordance with article VII section 2A 2B,2C,2D and 2E.

Section 4 : Newly elected officers shall be installed at the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of September. Installation shall follow under _new business_ after retiring officers and committees have made their annual reports. Should any elected officer fail without good cause to present themselves for installation at the appointed time or at the next regular meeting following the annual meeting the president shall declare that office vacant.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 1 : The president shall appoint standing committees which shall serve for the entire year and such temporary committees as may be necessary for the transaction of club business.

Section 2 : The following will be the standing committees:

A- Building Committee and Finance committee which shall consist of all elected officers and the trustees. They shall be responsible for the overall physical financial welfare of the club , making recommendations to the membership ,through the trustees , for the regular conduct of our organization.

B- Membership committee which shall consist of three (3) members whose responsibility it shall be to thoroughly investigate all applicants for membership and to make a recommendation of their worthiness to the president.

C- Shoot Committee which shall consist of three (3) members who shall have overall supervision of the shooting facilities and who shall conduct such shooting functions, matches, sight in days etc. as directed by the membership.

D- Delegates to the Federated Sport_sman_s Club shall be a member appointed by the president as well as two (2) alternates to act in the absence of the delegate. If the delegate attends at least half of the regular meetings of the Federation , his dues shall be remitted for the ensuing year.

Section 3 : The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 4 : On all committees appointed by the president , the first named shall be the chairperson.

Section 5 : Committee reports shall be made in writing to the secretary and shall become part of the regular minutes of the club.

Section 6 : In case of neglect of the chairperson of a committee to call a meeting as directed or necessary , the committee members are empowered to meet and consider the matter as directed to them by the membership and report their findings to the club.

Section 7 : No member of the club or member of a committee shall have the power to incur expenses in the name of the club without prior authorization of the membership , except as otherwise provided. Any authorized expenditures shall be audited by the committee and approved by the board of trustees before submission to the membership for payment.

Section 8 : The president shall make known his committees at the next regular meeting following the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Rules of Order

Section 1 : It is the duty of the president to see that the rules of order , as here annexed , are strictly enforced.

- 1- Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2- Collection of dues; applications for membership
- 3- Reading of communications.
- 4- Reports of officers and committees
- 5- Reports on applications.
- 6- Balloting on applications
- 7- Unfinished business.
- 8- New business.
- 9- Good and welfare of the club.
- 10- Adjournment

Section 2 : Roberts rules of order shall guide all parliamentary procedure not specifically provided for in these rule of order.

Section 3 : Any member whose conduct shall interfere with or hamper the good order of the meeting shall be requested to leave the meeting by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1 : All propositions amending these by-laws shall follow this specific order:

- 1- Be submitted in writing at a regular meeting to the secretary or presiding officer.
- 2- It shall be read to the members present and full discussion to follow.

- 3- At the next regular meeting it shall again be read to the members and full discussion will follow.
- 4- The secretary shall post a written notice of the amendment at least ten (10) days prior to the next meeting. (Third regular meeting) .
- 5- At the third regular meeting the amendment shall be voted upon requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present for adoption.

Section 2 :

- 1- At anytime before the voting on a proposed amendment to the by-laws has occurred, the submitting member may withdraw their request of consideration of the amendment.⁻¹⁰
- 2- The withdrawal will be announced to the membership at the earliest possible meeting. At this time the amendment process will be discontinued.⁻¹⁰

*****Amendment Notes*****

These notes represent amendments made to the revised by-laws of Fall 1993

- 1-Amended 8/13/96
- 2-Amended 1/12/99
- 3-Amended 11/14/00
- 4-Amended 8/8/95 - 11/14/00
- 5-Amended 11/14/00
- 6-Amended 1/13/98
- 7-Amended 7/11/95
- 8-Amended 7/8/03
- 9-Amended 3/8/05
- 10-Amended 3/8/05
- 11-Amended 5/10/05
- 12-Amended 5/10/05