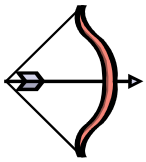




SLIPPERY ROCK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Slippery Rock, PA 16057



BYLAWS

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Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the SLIPPERY ROCK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB.

Article II OBJECTIVES

That said corporation is formed for the purpose of uniting and binding together those interested in hunting and fishing; for creating a more friendly relationship between fellow sportsmen; to work for and encourage proper legislation and regulations relative to hunting and fishing, and to discourage proposed legislation which will materially distract from said sports; to promote a better feeling of sportsmanship between sportsmen, farmers and other landowners throughout the district; to provide for the transaction of business of said club; to cooperate with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in the enforcement of laws, rules and regulations for the protection and development of wildlife in Pennsylvania, and for the improvement of hunting and fishing conditions in general.

Article III POLITICAL STANDING

The membership will be non-political and non-sectarian. Membership is open to all members of the community regardless of sex, race, ancestry, national origin, age, religion, or disability.

Article IV MEETINGS

Section I

Regular club meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 pm, at the clubhouse on Sportsman Lane in Slippery Rock Township. In the event that a special meeting or meeting place is needed or desired, an alternative date and/or site will be announced at the previous regular meeting.

Section II

The club will have an Annual Meeting at the regularly scheduled November meeting. In addition to the standing agenda, the Annual Meeting will include the election of officers and trustees, the annual trustees report and a membership vote on any changes to the dues.

Section III

The President may call a special meeting when so needed or alter meeting dates when necessary. Special meetings may be called by any two officers or trustees for just cause.

Section IV

A sign-in sheet will be posted at each meeting and all persons present shall sign in and identify their affiliation or organization they represent.

Article V VOTING

Section I

At regular meetings, five percent of the Full Members present shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of the Full Members present shall prevail.

Section II

At meetings of the officers and trustees, a majority of those present shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of those present shall prevail.

Section III

Only Full Members in good standing for the calendar year may vote at regular and any special meetings. A member in good standing is one whose calendar year dues are paid in full, and abides by the all club rules, regulations and protocols.

Article VI OFFICERS

Section I

The management of the club shall be vested in a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and five trustees.

Section II

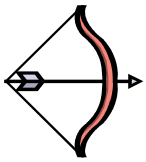
Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting in November, and shall take office for the January meeting.

Section III

All officers shall be elected for a one-year term and may succeed themselves. Trustees shall be elected each year for five-year terms. One trustee shall be elected each year.







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Article VII DUTIES OF THE OFFICE

Section I

President: The President shall preside at all meetings and enforce all laws and regulations of said club. The President shall appoint all committees or chairman that may be necessary during his term of office for promoting the various interests of the club. He shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Section II

Vice President: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President.

Section III

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records, books and documents relative to the club; notify all officers of special meetings, post the sign-in sheet and record attendance at all meetings; and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the President. The Secretary will also attend the annual Trustees Meeting.

Section IV

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by the club. He shall deposit in the name of the club in such bank as shall be designated by the officers. He shall draw and sign checks in payment of all bills properly authorized for payment. He shall make a financial statement at all meetings. All bills shall be approved for payment at the meeting, and shall be paid by check. Expenses accrued by members to carry out the function of the club shall be reimbursed by cash with proper documentation for values less than $100. Expenses exceeding $100 will be reimbursed by check upon approval.

Section V

Trustees: Trustees shall conduct an annual review of the operations of the club, the club's bylaws, protocols, and range rules, to ensure all are compliant. Trustees will also conduct an official audit of the club's finances to-date through the current calendar year. The review and audit will take place prior to the Annual Meeting, where the trustees' findings will be presented.

Trustees shall also hold a special meeting to review and discuss all club expenditures in excess of $2,500. The trustees will then present their findings at the next regular meeting. If there is a potential conflict of interest with any of the trustees regarding a potential major expenditure of the club, the trustee shall abstain from participating in the review.

Article VIII MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Section I

All new and lapsed members will complete a membership application containing their contact information and acknowledging that they will follow the rules and protocols of the club. Membership is only for the current calendar year or part thereof.

Section II

Full Member: This is the club's standard membership. Full members have access to the club grounds, ranges, and lake. Full members must be 18 years of age or older and will have voting privileges at regular meetings, at the Annual Meeting, and during elections. Full members may bring up to two guests to the club grounds on any one given trip to the club. Family members are not considered guests. Immediate family members are defined as a spouse, children or step-children, or children under guardianship, age 17 and younger.

Section III

Other memberships: Additional affiliations may be established for all o r part of the calendar year with approval of the officers and after an approving vote by the membership at a regular meeting. Also note that dues and guidelines will be negotiated with each group, to reflect there needs. Affiliate clubs will be posted in the clubhouse.

Section IV

All active duty military are eligible for a free membership. All they need to do is show proof of current active duty status every year.

Article IX NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Section I

Two meetings prior to the Annual Meeting, there shall be a call for nominations for all officers and the trustee position that expires for that calendar year. Nominations may be made from the floor at the two meetings that precede the Annual Meeting. Individuals interested in running for an officer or a trustee position may also submit a written request to the club prior to the meeting before the Annual Meeting.

Section II

The President shall appoint a nominating committee comprised of an odd number of members two meetings in advance of the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the nominating committee.

Section III

The nominating committee shall contact all nominees and confirm their interest in appearing on the ballot. The committee shall also determine the eligibility of all nominees, and report back to the officers prior to the Annual Meeting. The committee shall develop the secret ballot for the elections, and shall present the slate of candidates at the Annual Meeting.

Article X ELIGIBILTY FOR OFFICE

Section I

All candidates for officers and trustees must be a member in good standing for the previous 2 calendar years or parts thereof and attend a majority of the meetings for the current calendar year.

Section II

Two or more nominees for officers or trustees cannot be members of the same household.

Section III

In the event of vacancies in any office, the President shall issue a call for nominations for the vacant office seat, with nominations due at the next meeting. The President shall also appoint a nominating committee to handle the screening of nominees and applicants. Two meetings after the call for nominations, there will be a special election for an officer to serve the unexpired term.

Article XI ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section I

Elections shall take place at the Annual Meeting and shall be of secret ballot. Votes can only be cast by those full members in attendance at the Annual Meeting

Section II

Prior to the casting of ballots, the President shall appoint two members (Full or Affiliate) who are not on the ballot and are in attendance at the Annual Meeting to count all votes cast. Votes will be counted and recounted to ensure accuracy, the presidents ballot will be held out and will only be used in the event of a tie for a position.





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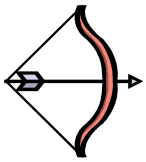

Article XII DUES

Club dues will cover the calendar year or part thereof and will be discussed and proposed at the September meeting for the following calendar year. The dues amount will be reviewed and a vote for approval will take place at the November meeting.

Article XIII AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS

Section I

All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary law, and discussion from the floor on all issues shall be encouraged. Proper conduct at all meetings is required, and all parties will be heard.

Section II

The agenda to be followed at regular meetings will be:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Officers and Trustees – Starting with the President, roll call of all officers and trustees will be announced.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – The President shall lead all in attendance in The Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Reading of the Minutes - The Secretary will read the minutes from the previous regular meeting and any special meeting(s) since the last regular meeting. After reading, there will be a call for a motion to approve the minutes, call for a second to the motion, call for discussion, and a vote for approval.

5. Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer shall give a report identifying all deposits and expenditures since the last regular meeting and provide a balance of all accounts held by the club. The Treasurer shall also identify pending bills to be paid prior to the next regular meeting. After reading, there will be a call for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, call for a second to the motion, call for discussion, and vote for approval.

6. Committee Reports – Reports shall be requested from all committees, including but not limited to: Range, Building, Lake, Archery, and others.

7. Associated Agency Reports - Reports shall be requested from the floor and from representatives concerning the County Council, the PA Game Commission, the PA Fish and Boat Commission, Hunter Safety and any and all others

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Open Floor for discussion by those present

11. Adjournment

Article XIV AMENDMENTS

Section I

Amendments to the bylaws can be presented for consideration by any full member. Amendments must be submitted by the member in writing at a general meeting and read to those in attendance by the submitting member. Upon reading, there will be a call for discussion, and the matter will be tabled until the next general meeting. At the following general meeting, under old business, the proposed amendment will be read again, by the submitting member, if possible. After the second reading there will be a call for discussion, and then a call for a vote on the proposed amendment. A vote by secret ballot of all full members in attendance will be taken. A two-thirds majority is needed for passage of the amendment. The amended bylaws shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage.

Article XV DISSOLUTION

A vote to dissolve the Club may be taken only at a Regular or the Annual Meeting, and such dissolution shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Full Members present. Notification of the proposed vote for dissolution must be sent by mail to all Full Members not less than two weeks before the date of said meeting. Should the Club cease to operate as a legal entity, all of the monies from the sale or liquidation of the Club assets and cash, after expenses and any claims or liabilities, will be distributed equally to all Full Members who have maintained a current membership for the 2 previous calendar years or portions thereof.