

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the club shall be OBISSQUASOIT BOWMEN, INC.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

1. Use of the Club's buildings, structures, and grounds for the moral and mental improvement of men, women, and children by training and educating members and guests, through personal instruction and the use of written and electronic media, on principles of sportsmanship, personal ethics, honesty, courtesy, and good conduct, and the protection of the environment, of fresh clean air, and of clean water;

2. to enlist into membership individuals possessed of good moral character who have exhibited traits of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and a devotion to honesty, fairness, and helpfulness toward others;

3. to promote in the community an interest in all phases of archery as a competitive sport, and as a healthy form of outdoor and indoor recreation;

4. to encourage among Club members and guests the value of good sportsmanship and principles of fairness;

5. to educate and train individuals on the purposes and objectives of the Club and to promote safety awareness and safety practices in the handling of archery equipment;

6. to educate adults and young people in the community through classes and instruction on the proper use of archery equipment and the rules of archery competition;

7. to foster among members and others in the community an interest in participation in State and National amateur archery contests and competitions;

8. to preserve and husband the Club's real property as a natural habitat for wild animals;

9. to use the Club's real property to provide for the environmental protection of wetlands and forested areas;

10. to use the Club's real property to foster watershed protection, air purification, soil stabilization, urban buffers, and landscape beautification;

11. to engage in forest and land use husbandry including selective cutting and trimming of trees and shrubs as part of a forestry management plan; and,

12. to foster among members and guests, and as part of the Club's programs of instruction and education, an awareness of and education concerning wild animals living in natural habitats in accordance with State forestry objectives.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A. **ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS**

1. **Senior Members -** Individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are citizens of the United States of America or are legally documented with a visa or green card, who are of good moral character, who subscribe to the Purposes and Objectives of the Club as set forth in Article II of these bylaws, and who have pledged to perform the required annual duties at the Club property, shall be eligible to become full Senior Members. Senior Members whose dues and any assessments are paid in full shall have full use of all facilities and shall have the right to vote, sponsor new applicants, and hold office.

2. **Associate Members** - Individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are citizens of the United States of America or are legally documented with a visa or green card, who are of good moral character, and who subscribe to the Purposes and Objectives of the Club as set forth in Article II of these bylaws, who have not pledged to perform annual duties at the Club property, shall be eligible to become Associate Members. Associate Members whose dues and any assessments are paid in full shall have full use of all facilities, the right to sponsor new applicants, and shall have no voting privileges.

3. **Honorary Members -** Honorary membership may be conferred upon any individual for special reasons. (Approval of a candidate for honorary membership shall be by affirmative vote of two-thirds (⅔) of the members present at a regular or special meeting.) Honorary members shall pay no initiation fees nor dues, and shall have no voting privileges.

4. **Family Members -** Spouse, and children under the age of 18, listed on the application submitted for membership related by blood or marriage to a Senior or Associate Member shall be permitted to enjoy the facilities of the Club while in the presence of the Senior or Associate family member to whom they are related.

5. **Life Members -** Life membership may be conferred upon any Senior Member who has made a significant contribution to the Club. (Approval of a candidate for Life membership shall be by affirmative vote of ⅔ of the members present at a regular or special meeting.) Life members shall not be held accountable for payment of dues or required annual duties but shall be considered as full Senior Member.

6. **Probationary Members** - Individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are citizens of the United States of America or are legally documented with a visa or green card, who are of good moral character, and who subscribe to the Purposes and Objectives of the Club as set forth in Article II of these bylaws, whose dues and any assessments are paid in full, but do not have a sponsor, will have the right to use the Club's outdoor facilities, the indoor facilities when accompanied by a full Senior or Associate member, but shall have no voting privileges, other rights, or privileges of membership for a period of 6 months or until a sponsor is acquired, at which time Probationary members shall be eligible to proceed with

admission as set forth in Article III Section B. Subsection 2. Paragraph (b). The Executive Committee may, within six (6) months of the granting a Probationary Membership, withdraw a Probationary Membership for due cause. In the event of such withdrawal, only the application fee paid shall be refunded.

B. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. **Procedure** - Applicants/candidates for Senior or Associate Membership who meet the eligibility qualifications shall be considered for admission only if the applicant/candidate has completed and signed the application form in effect at the time of application.

2. **Admission**

   (a) Applicants for Senior or Associate Membership must be present, and their sponsor/s physically or electronically present, or a letter/email from the sponsor/s may be submitted at a general membership meeting or with the Executive Committee at the time he/she is submitting their membership application, receive affirmative approval to the appropriate member classification by a ⅔ majority of Senior members present.

   (b) Applicants for Probationary Membership must be present at a general membership meeting or with the Executive Committee at the time he/she has acquired a sponsor or 6 months have passed, receive affirmative approval to the appropriate member classification by a ⅔ majority of Senior members present.

C. RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

1. Individuals admitted as Senior Members shall have total access and use of the facilities of the Club and shall have the right to vote at all membership meetings of the Club, sponsor new applicants, and hold office. Senior Members shall be responsible to conduct themselves with dignity and proper decorum, and shall always show courtesy toward other members and all guests. Senior members shall pay all assessed dues when due and shall complete the required annual duties toward the maintenance and upkeep of the Club's grounds, structures and equipment as required by the policy/dues structure established by the Executive Committee.

2. Individuals admitted as Associate Members shall have total access and use of the facilities of the Club. Associate Members may sponsor new members but may not vote on Club matters. Associate Members shall be responsible to conduct themselves with dignity and proper decorum, and shall always show courtesy toward other members and all guests. Associate Members shall pay all assessed dues when due and shall not be required to, but may contribute time toward the maintenance and upkeep of the Club's grounds, structures, and equipment as required by the policy/dues structure established by the Executive Committee.

3. Individuals admitted as Probationary Members shall have use of the Club's outdoor facilities and may enter the clubhouse only if accompanied by a full Senior or Associate member. Probationary Members shall be responsible to conduct themselves with dignity and proper decorum, and shall always show courtesy toward other members and all guests. Probationary Members shall pay all

assessed dues when due and if applying for Senior Membership may contribute time towards required annual duties for the maintenance and upkeep of the Club's grounds, structures and equipment as required by the policy/dues structure established by the Executive Committee but may not vote on Club matters, sponsor new applicants, or hold office for a period of 6 months or until a sponsor is acquired.

4. Any Family Member under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their Senior/Associate family member at all times.

5. No member will be able to change their membership status until the start of the following membership year which begins on October 1

D. **MEETINGS**

1. **Regular Meetings** - Regular meetings of the Senior and Associate Members shall be convened no less than once in each month at the Club. The dates of such meetings for the ensuing year shall be established by the Executive Committee and communicated to all members at the Annual Meeting.

2. **Alternate Location of Meetings** - Any membership meeting may be held at a different location than the Club upon the decision of the Executive Committee communicated to the members no less than twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

3. **Special Meetings** - Special meetings of the membership may be conveyed by the Executive Committee, by the President, or any five (5) Senior members provided notice thereof is communicated to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

4. **Annual Meetings** - The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held in November of each year. The meeting shall include election and installation of officers, scheduling of shoots, and any other matters of interest to the Club.

5. **Quorum** - At any meeting of the Executive Committee, two-thirds (⅔) of the officers shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Field Captain
Shoot Secretary
Membership Chairman

B. **POWERS**

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

1. To act for the Club in all matters which may arise between regularly scheduled membership meetings.

2. To establish rules for the conduct of Club members and guests, to establish policies and procedures for Club operations, and to establish rules of conduct and rules and procedures for the use of Club property.

3. To suspend or expel any Club member for violation of the bylaws, or the Rules of Conduct, or for such behavior as is deemed to be improper or prejudicial to the best interests of the Club and its members.

4. To determine which officers or persons, if any, shall be required to be bonded because of handling of funds, and to establish, from time to time, the value required of such bonds.

5. To establish and revise dues, fees, assessments, penalties and membership limitations from time to time.

6. To take such actions as are necessary and reasonable to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Club.

7. To maintain the books and records of the Club, to communicate with members and others, and to maintain a policy manual and such other records of the rules and procedures of the Club as may be necessary and appropriate.

C. **VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy in the position of an Executive Committee Member as a result of death, un-excused or unexplained absence, resignation, or for any other reasons, the President shall nominate, and the remaining members of the Committee shall vote upon and approve by no less than a majority, a candidate to fill the term of the vacant Officer position until the next general meeting of the membership. At such meeting of the general membership, an Officer shall then be elected to fill the unexpired term of the vacant position. Such nomination and election shall be in accordance with these bylaws.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

A. **CORPORATE OFFICERS**

The principal corporate officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The corporate officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, from and by the Senior members, at the Annual Meeting. They shall have the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Section B of this Article V.

B. DUTIES OF CORPORATE OFFICERS

1. President

(a) **Duties** - The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club, and shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the General Membership. He/she shall attend meetings and conduct correspondence as a representative of the Club, and he/she shall at all times and places act for and on behalf of the Club. By his/her signature property attested, he/she shall be empowered to enter contracts for and on behalf of the Club, and to sign promissory notes and other forms of indebtedness on behalf of the Club up to, but no more than $1,000. All actions by the President for and on behalf of the Club shall be with the prior approval of the Executive Committee, except in the case of emergency in which case the actions shall be subject to ratification or disapproval by the general membership as soon after such actions have been taken as may be reasonably practical. He/she shall enforce these bylaws and all Rules of the Club.

(b) **Committees -** The President shall appoint those persons that may be required to fill all committees of the Club as are deemed necessary and reasonable by the Executive Committee. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees, and shall terminate any committee that ceases to perform its duties or that ceases to fulfill a genuine need. At the close of the President's term of office, all committees appointed by the President shall be deemed to be terminated and all appointed committee members shall be deemed to have resigned.

(c) **Nominating Powers -** The President shall nominate, from among the membership, candidates to fill any vacancies among Club Officers. Such nomination shall require ratification and approval by a majority of the Executive Committee. Vacancies filled, as provided herein, shall terminate at the next general election.

2. Vice President

(a) In the absence of the President, all duties and responsibilities of the President shall be performed by the Vice President. In the event of the President's resignation or death, the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of the President's term of office. In the event that the President becomes disabled or is unable to serve for a prolonged period, the Vice President shall act temporarily as President.

3. Secretary

(a) **Records -** The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and conduct the official correspondence of the Club. The secretary shall keep records, books, and correspondence relating to the Club in such a place as shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

(b) **Notice -** The Secretary shall give notice, by any form of media necessary to all members entitled to attend special meetings, of the time, date, and place of any special meeting.

(c) **Miscellaneous -** The Secretary shall keep an accurate attendance record of each regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. **Treasurer**

(a) **Financial -** The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Club, and shall keep a permanent account of all moneys received and disbursed. The Treasurer shall deposit all revenues in the name of the Club in such bank as shall have been designated by the Executive Committee. He/she shall securely maintain and preserve the financial records of the club and shall have the books available for inspection by the Executive Committee or by all independent auditors at any time.

(b) **Report of Financial Condition -** The Treasurer shall make a report of the financial condition of the Club at each regular meeting of the full Club membership.

(c) **Payment of Club Obligations -** The Treasurer shall pay all obligations incurred as part of the adopted annual budget. The Treasurer shall disburse other Club funds only in such manner and for such purpose shall be approved at the Executive Committee meetings. The Treasurer shall have the power to validate Club checks or vouchers with his/her signature alone up to $1,000.

C. SPECIAL CLUB OFFICERS

1. **Shoot Secretary -** The Shoot Secretary shall receive and account for all income received from shoots. The Shoot Secretary shall administer the registration and classification of all shoots and shall purchase trophies and supplies for said shoots. The total receipts and expenditures shall be reported at the next membership meeting of the Club. The net revenues shall be promptly turned over to the Treasurer by the Shoot Secretary.

2. **Field Captain -** The Field Captain shall have ultimate jurisdiction over all participants and operation of all shoots. The field captain shall resolve any disputes pertaining to shooting rules and shall arbitrate any questions about scoring of targets. The Field Captain shall be responsible to assure that all targets and butts are in good condition. The Field Captain shall also have the responsibility of supervision of Club grounds.

3. **Membership Chairman**

(a) The Membership Chairman shall maintain a current and accurate list of all Club members and their contact information and shall advise the Executive Committee of any delinquent member's payments and required annual duties and shall cause to be posted in the clubhouse a current list of all duly elected and appointed Officers and committees and shall maintain an up-to-date list of current and paid-up members to be posted in the clubhouse prior to each monthly meeting.

(b) The Membership Chairman shall maintain a current and accurate record of the date and payment of dues by each member who is required to pay dues. When a member has paid his/her dues, the Membership Chairman will sign and forward a membership card for the Club year for which such dues are

applicable. New members shall receive from the Membership Chairman a copy of these bylaws at the time of receipt from the Membership Chairman of the first membership card. At least one month before the end of the membership year on September 30th of each year, the Membership Chairman shall notify all members of their financial obligations for the coming year.

D. **ADDITIONAL OFFICERS**

Whenever other officers are deemed necessary and appropriate in the discretion of the Executive Committee, such positions may be established as determined by a ⅔ vote by the Executive Committee from time to time, together with the duties and responsibilities for each such office. Whenever it appears to the Executive Committee that the term of an additional officer will be required to extend beyond a period of two (2) years, the office shall not continue unless established as an amendment under these bylaws by a vote of the Senior membership.

ARTICLE VI

DUES, FEES, AND PENALTIES

A. **DUES**

1. The annual dues and any fees or assessments chargeable to those Club members required to make such payments shall be paid when due as established by Club policy. All dues and fees shall be as fixed and determined from time to time by the Executive Committee, and shall be effective upon publication of notice of any dues to be approved by the general membership.

(a) Any member that has reached the age of 65 or has a permanent disability may request to pay ½ dues by providing a Letter of Intent to be submitted for consideration to the Executive Committee for approval. Upon approval, Senior member's required annual duties will also be reduced by ½.

B. **PAYMENT**

All dues and any fees or assessments must be paid as provided in the bylaws of the Club as established from time to time by the Executive Committee. Failure to pay dues, assessments, and any fee within the time prescribed by the general membership shall result in automatic suspension of Club membership, unless a written request for an extension is submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

A. **NOTICE: VOTE REQUIRED**

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the Senior members voting at any regular meeting of the club, provided that each amendment has been introduced at a preceding meeting of the membership and that copies have been distributed for discussion two (2) calendar weeks in advance of the meeting.

B. **CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

The right and method to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions in the Certificate of Incorporation by the members shall be subject to the New Jersey Statutes.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBER CONDUCT

All members of every classification, and all guests, shall conduct themselves in accordance with these bylaws, the archery shoot rules, and any rules of conduct or policies established by the Executive Committee or members from time to time.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to determine if the conduct of any member or guest fails to meet the foregoing standards. The Executive Committee shall require proper conduct and shall be responsible to discipline any breaches thereof. Discipline may involve suspension or privileges or termination of membership.

ARTICLE IX

GUESTS

Any individual invited onto Club grounds for any Club purpose, who is not a member in good standing of the Club is classified as a “guest”, whether or not related by blood, or marriage to member. Any guest is permitted to be on the grounds of the Club at the invitation of, and in the presence of, any member in good standing. Guests are required to follow the guest policy that is in effect at the time of such visit.

ARTICLE X

DISSOLUTION AND TRANSFER OF ASSETS

In the event that the membership has not held any meeting for a period of four (4) consecutive months, or if the Club lacks sufficient income to pay all of its obligations on a current basis, or if the Club has failed to maintain casualty insurance on the improvements for a period of four (4) or more months, or because either the Executive Committee or the membership determine that continuation of the Club is no longer a viable option, then the Club may be terminated by formal action or declared to be terminated by any of the foregoing events.

In such event, the land, building, equipment, and other assets of the non-profit corporation known as Obissquasoit Bowmen, Inc. shall be transferred to another recreational and/or outdoors club involved in archery or other outdoor activity, or to a sportsman's club whose interests are similar to, but not identical to the purposes and objectives of this Club as expressed in the bylaws. Otherwise, the property shall be transferred to the Nature Conservancy or to such private or quasi-public organization that may be operating, the goals of which are to preserve open space and natural habitat. As a last resort, in the event none of the foregoing organizations can be identified which satisfies the foregoing requirement, the property may be transferred to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection if the adjoining property continues to be a nature preserve operated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.