

**Hudson Fish and Game Club, Inc.**  
**53 Pine Road**  
**Hudson, New Hampshire 03051**

# **BY-LAWS**

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**HUDSON, N.H.**

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## **ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE**

1. SECTION 1- This organization, established as a social club under IRS Code 501(c)(7) ("organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes") shall hereby be known as The Hudson Fish and Game Club, Inc., Hudson, N.H., hereinafter known as the "Club".

2. SECTION 2- The purpose of this organization shall be:

3. To promote all legitimate sport with rod, gun, and bow

4. To assist in enforcing the laws for the protection and propagation of fish and game within the state

5. To help in securing legislation in connection with these purpose as may be necessary

6. To buy, sell, mortgage or lease real estate to further these purposes

7. To build a clubhouse and/or other buildings and generally to promote social contacts of its members

8. To expend income above and beyond operating expenses on Club activities, charitable activities and other activities as the Club Membership shall vote as appropriate.

## **ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1— Any resident of Hudson, N. H. or nearby towns, twenty one years of age or over, may be elected to membership under the following conditions:

- A. An application form signed by applicant and sponsor and accompanied by membership fee, may be presented, prior to the opening of any regular meeting, to the chairman of the membership committee.
- B. The membership committee shall present such application to the membership at the next regular meeting, with the recommendation for acceptance or rejection.
- C. All elections for membership shall be by ballot vote with two-thirds majority of those present and voting required to accept a new member.
- D. On acceptance to memberships, it shall be the duty of the sponsors to familiarize those persons of the duties and responsibilities expected of them. These to include; Work hour requirement, Club By-Laws, house rules, and range orientation by a Club range officer.
- E. Any application rejected for membership cannot re-apply for membership for a minimum of one year.

F. The membership quota shall not exceed 125 members except when a child or grandchild is an applicant.

G. No members shall receive any compensation, other than work hours, for any personal services performed for the club or in the club's interest, unless approved in advance by the membership.

SECTION 2-Honorary members may be elected on recommendation of the Executive Committee and by majority vote of those present and voting at a regular meeting. The Club may create not more than two (2) honorary members in any one calendar year. Such honorary members shall not have voting power or privileges.

SECTION 3- Conditions for suspension are as follows:

A. Any member of the club convicted of any willful violation of any Federal, State or Local law, regulation or ordinance pertaining to sporting, whereby his license to hunt or fish is suspended, shall be suspended as a member of the Club for one year from date of license suspension. Such suspension shall not entitle the suspended member the refund of the membership dues. If the suspension of license privileges for the period in excess of one year is part of the sentence for the violation, then the member's suspension from the Club shall

extend for a period of six months beyond the restoration of license privileges by the courts or governmental agency.

- B.** Any member of the Club convicted of any Federal, State, or local felony shall be expelled as a member of the Club.

## **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

SECTION 1- Officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and ten (10) Directors elected by the membership of the Club.

SECTION 2- The Executive Committee shall be the elected Officers and Directors of this Club and shall conduct the general affairs of the club. The Executive Committee shall have a \$500.00 spending limit, once per thirty days.

SECTION 3- The President, or in his absence, the Vice President shall preside at all annual, regular, or special meetings of this Club. The President, or in his absence the Vice President shall be Ex-Officio member of all standing committees. The President shall have authority to order or instruct when emergency actions are necessary.

SECTION 4- The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all club meetings and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. He shall prepare all correspondence for signature by all other officers of the club.

SECTION 5- The Corresponding Secretary shall care for the receiving and sending of all communications of the club. He shall furnish the Recording Secretary with all communications received and

replies, if any sent, for the previous month, prior to each regular meeting. He shall prepare all correspondence for signature by all other officers of the club.

SECTION 6- The Treasurer shall receive all moneys for the club and deposit them in the authorized account.

SECTION 7- The Treasurer shall give an accounting at all monthly meetings of all receipts and expenditures during the preceding month with the resultant balance in the authorized accounts. He shall submit his records to the Executive Committee for review on or before December 31, prior to submittal to the C. P. A.

SECTION 8- Checks shall be signed only by the Treasurer of the Club and one of the following: President or Secretary.

SECTION 9- The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the club for the sum annually equal to the next higher \$1,000.00 as indicated by the report of the annual audit.

SECTION 10- At all election meetings, there shall be elected five directors for a term of two years. The Chairman is to be elected at the January Executive Committee meeting

SECTION 11- On or after December 31 of each calendar year, the Executive Committee shall review the books of the Treasurer and

the account(s) of any special committee handling any finances of the club.

A. The Treasurer shall submit the books to the auditor. ( C. P. A. )

B. The Executive Committee chairman shall report the findings of the audit to the membership at the January meeting. At the close of the January meeting, the outgoing Treasurer shall turn the books of accounts over to the newly elected Treasurer.



## **ARTICLE IV -FISCAL YEAR**

SECTION 1- The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

## **ARTICLE V -MEETINGS**

- A. SECTION 1- Regular monthly general membership meetings shall be held on the third Monday of each month; but if such third Monday shall be a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following Monday or on such a day that is voted at a previous meeting. Regular monthly Executive Committee meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month; but if such first Monday shall be a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following Monday or on such a day that is voted at a previous meeting. Either meeting may be rescheduled by a majority vote of the General Membership, providing that the members are notified in the monthly newsletter of the rescheduled date.
- B. SECTION 2- Special meetings may be called at other times by the President, majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon written request of ten (10) or more members. Only subjects given in the notice of the special meeting may be considered at such special meeting.
- C. SECTION 3- The annual election meeting shall be held at the regular meeting in December of each calendar year. A formal installation of officers is to be held at the January meeting.

D. SECTION 4- Regular meetings may be turned into social meetings by vote of the membership at a previous regular meeting or by vote of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI -DUES**

SECTION 1- The membership fee and current calendar year's dues shall accompany all applications for membership. Dues for the coming year and the initial membership fee shall be fixed each year at the October General Membership Meeting, but in the event that no action is taken at the October meeting, the dues and membership fee for the preceding year shall prevail. The amount of the current dues and membership fee shall be contained in the House Rules.

SECTION 2- If an application for membership is received at the November or December meeting, then the membership dues in Section 1 of this article shall cover the following calendar year.

SECTION 3- Members are required to perform 20 work hours per year by December 31, or they shall be assessed.

SECTION 4- Members after acquiring 500 work hours shall be exempt from assessment.

SECTION 5- A member is delinquent if dues are not paid by January 31. He must reapply as a new member.

SECTION 6- Members after five years membership, when attaining the age of 65 years, shall not be assessed for dues or work time.

## **ARTICLE VII - QUORUM**

SECTION 1- A quorum shall constitute the following:

- A. Ten percent of the total membership at any regular, special or annual meeting.
- B. Five Executive Committee members at any regular or special Executive Committee meeting.
- C. Eight Executive Committee members at any Membership Committee meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION**

SECTION 1- Annual election of officers shall be held at the December meeting of each year from nominations as approved under Section 3 of this article. No member shall hold more than one office.

SECTION 2- Newly elected officers shall be installed and take office as of the January executive council meeting.

SECTION 3- Nominations shall take place at the November meeting and be closed at that meeting. However, if no nominations are made for a certain officer or officers at the November meeting, these can be called for at the December general membership meeting immediately preceding the election of officers.

SECTION 4- All members shall be notified in writing at least five days prior to the November meeting that nominations shall be held. All members shall be notified in writing at least five days prior to the December general membership meeting that an election is to be held. The monthly newsletter shall constitute written notice for this purpose.

SECTION 5- If a vacancy exists in any office during the calendar year, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to fill this vacancy.

SECTION 6- Any officer, director or chairman or member of a standing committee who absents himself from two consecutive regular or special meetings shall be relieved of his office and replaced according to Section 5 of this article.

## **ARTICLE IX BY-LAW CHANGES**

SECTION 1- These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any regular or special meeting, providing a written notice of the proposed change is given in the call of the meeting, stating the substance of the proposed change.

- A. Proposed By-Law changes shall be submitted in writing and endorsed by at least ten members. All changes or amendments to the proposed By-Law change must be done prior to the notified meeting.
- B. The Recording Secretary shall record, update and post all changes immediately.
- C. The monthly newsletter shall be considered the call of the meeting.



## **ARTICLE X- STANDING COMMITTEES**

SECTION 1- The following committees are established as standing committees of the Club. Committee members shall hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed:

- A. Building and Grounds Committee
- B. Membership Committee
- C. Ways and Means Committee
- D. Entertainment Committee
- E. Publicity Committee
- F. Legal and Disciplinary Committee
- G. Stocking Committee
- H. Legislative Committee

SECTION 2- The President shall appoint all standing committees at the January meeting.

SECTION 3- Special committees may be elected, as may be necessary, by vote of the Club from among the membership of the Club at any regular or special meeting.

SECTION 4- Duties of the standing committees are as follows:

- A. The Land and Buildings Committee shall have active supervisory control of all real estate including land and

buildings owned by the Club. It shall designate, subject to approval of the Club, all rules and regulation concerning the use, occupancy, renting, leasing or operating any facilities or building on premises owned by the Club. It shall recommend for action by the Club all improvements and changes in or on Club property.

B. The Membership Committee shall conduct membership drives as directed by the Executive Committee as needed. It shall review and recommend applicants for membership. It shall submit to the Recording Secretary for Club action all membership applications and read them at each meeting. It shall see that new members are introduced to the club just prior to the 15 minute recess. On notice of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary, it shall contact members whose dues are delinquent and make collection for submission at the next meeting. It shall give each new member copies of Rules and By- Laws.

C. The Ways and Means Committee shall plan and conduct all fund raising events for the club. It shall conduct the annual Fish and Game Pool.

D. The Publicity Committee, President, Recording Secretary or other person designated by the Club Officers shall report the

activities of the Club to the press only as directed by the Board. It shall advertise by news items, paid advertisements, or any other method, the coming of special events in order to obtain full participation of all members.

E. The Publicity Committee shall report the activities of the Club to the press and radio within 48 hours after any regular Club meeting and social functions. It shall advertise by news items, paid advertisements, or any other method, the coming of special events in order to obtain full participation of all members.

F. The Legal and Disciplinary Committee shall handle the details of any legal problem for the Club. They shall, when authorized by vote of the Club only, retain legal counsel on any questions voted necessary by the Club. It shall establish and enforce, by vote of the Club rules of decorum concerning all members and shall, in accord with these By-Laws and Rules, recommend a minimum of six months suspension of any member for infraction of the rules established or designated herein.

G. The Stocking Committee shall endeavor to obtain fish and game for stocking fields and waters in the immediate area using every effort to obtain cooperation with other clubs

and with any, or all, public or private agencies relating thereto.

H. Legislative Committee shall keep the membership informed regarding federal, state and local legislative action on any matter pertaining to fish and game, with particular reference to Legislative and Administrative changes in law to improve fish and game sporting in New Hampshire in general, and in the immediate area in particular.

SECTION 5- Any provision of these By-Laws affecting the serving of an officer or director on standing committee shall not apply to the Legislative Committee (Article X, Section 6, H).

## **ARTICLE XI- CLUB REAL ESTATE**

### SECTION 1- Sale of Club Real Estate:

- A. If for any reason the clubhouse or land owned by the Club should be put up for sale by a motion before the body, it shall be necessary for ninety percent (90%) affirmative vote of the total membership for the motion to pass.
- B. All votes are to be on a signed ballot. (For the purpose of this paragraph, signed ballot is meant to be a ballot signed by a member voting and notarized if received by mail).
- C. All members are to be notified at least two weeks in advance by registered mail for the above procedure.

## **ARTICLE XII- ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Section 1- The order of business at any meeting of this Club shall be the following:

- A. Call to order
- B. Salute to the flag
- C. Roll call of officers, directors, and committee chairman
- D. Minutes of previous meeting
- E. Report of Treasurer
- F. Initial readings of applications for membership by Chairman of Membership Committee
- G. Reading of communications
- H. Minutes of Directors meeting
- I. Second reading of applications for membership
- J. Reports of Standing Committees
- K. Reports of Special Committees
- L. Unfinished Business
- M. New Business
- N. Good of the Club
- O. Time and Date of Next Meeting
- P. Adjournment ( Social events may take place either before or after adjournment)

## **ARTICLE XIII- RULES OF ORDER**

Section 1- Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all monthly or special Club meetings procedure.