

Pricetown Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
Of Berks County

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Club is to promote cooperation between the sportsman and the farmer, landowner, representatives of the Game Commission, Fish Commission and other interested agencies. To also stock, feed and protect game and fish, and secure more open land for the Sportsman. It is also the object and purpose of this organization to encourage organized rifle, pistol, sporting clays and trap shooting among citizens of the United States resident in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
Of
Pricetown Rifle and Pistol Club

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be Pricetown Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. – Ruscombmanor Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II

Officers

The officers shall consist of a President; Vice President; Recording Secretary; Financial Secretary; Treasurer; Executive Officer; and Technology Officer.

ARTICLE III

Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1.

At the October meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee to report at the November meeting. Before nominations are closed, additional nominations shall be asked from the floor, to be considered along with those proposed by the nominating committee at the November meeting. All nominations received at the November meeting shall be final.

Section 2.

Election shall be held at the December meeting.

Section 3.

All terms of elective officers shall commence immediately upon adjournment of the meeting at which the election was held and shall be for a term of one year or until a successor has been elected.

Section 4.

In order to be eligible for an officer position, the applicant must be an active member in good standing for 2 years or more.

ARTICLE IV
Vacancies

Section 1.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, either by death, resignation or removal or for any other cause, the Vice President shall assume charge of and exercise the duties of that office until the next annual election.

Section 2.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer or Executive Officer, either by death, resignation or removal or for any other cause, they shall be nominated and elected at the next regular meeting.

Section 3.

If any officer is absent for three consecutive meetings without good cause, his office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of eligible voting members present at a regular meeting.

Section 4.

If and when the office of Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer or Executive Officer become vacant, the President shall immediately cause his books and accounts to be audited and a transfer of all funds and properties to his duly elected successor.

ARTICLE V
Suspension or Expulsion

Section 1.

Any officer may be removed by majority affirmative vote of the eligible voting members present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days' notice in writing shall be given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which by secret ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting, the officer shall be given a full hearing on the written charges. No additional charges may be presented or considered at this meeting without the expressed consent of the accused.

Section 2.

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the organization for any cause deemed sufficient by the majority vote of the eligible voting members present at the regular monthly meeting.

Section 3.

Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the membership to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least 15 days' notice of the meeting to each member of the club and the accuser and to the accused which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Section 4.

Any member suspended or expelled by the membership any appeal to the full membership of the organization at the regular monthly meeting of the club. Such appeal shall be made to the Secretary in writing who will notify the President. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the meeting at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be

given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by secret ballot of the members in good standing present and a majority of the membership present shall be required to reverse the charges. Section 5.

All testimony at hearings on charges against officers or members shall be under oath. The President or other presiding officer will swear the witnesses who give verbal testimony. Affidavits in Court proceedings shall be acceptable as evidence.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

Section 1.

President. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings; enforce a strict observance of the By-Laws; appoint Committees and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Section 2.

Vice-President. The Vice President shall in the absence of the President or at his request perform all the duties pertaining to that office, and to assist the President.

Section 3.

Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of this Club. He shall receive and answer all communications for and on behalf of the Club. He shall keep on file all communications and keep a record of all events important to the Club and its welfare.

Section 4.

Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary shall keep a correct roll of the members of the Club, collect all monies and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking a receipt for the same; keep a just and accurate account between the Club and its members. Notify all members in arrear for dues, etc., and present a report at the meetings of the Club. The Financial Secretary is to be bonded in an amount to be determined by the membership. The expense of the bond is to be borne by the Association.

Section 5.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Financial Secretary and give his receipt for the same; pay all orders drawn on the Treasury and render a statement at each meeting of the Club. The Treasurer is to be bonded in an amount to be determined by the membership. The expense of the bond is to be borne by the Association.

Section 6.

Executive Officer. The Executive Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the Club, the printing of scorecards, the arranging of competitions, etc. He shall have the authority to appoint his assistants. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the membership.

Section 7.

Technology Officer. The Technology Officer shall maintain the Club's website, social media and all electronic tools, including but not limited to email and cloud storage. He shall recommend, install and maintain technology supporting the safety and security of the Club's facilities, including but not limited to security cameras, electronic locks and gate systems. He shall recommend new technologies to support and improve the operation of the Club as they become available.

ARTICLE VII

Membership

Section 1.

There shall be two types of memberships: Voting and Non-Voting. Any person eighteen or over may join the club as a Voting member upon the recommendation of the Investigating Committee and on the approval of the majority of the members eligible to vote present at regular meeting of the club.

Section 2.

~~Any person between the ages of twelve and eighteen whose parent or legal guardian is a member in good standing and on the approval of the Investigating Committee and on the approval of the majority of the members present, is eligible as a Junior member. Rescinded.~~

Section 3.

There shall be two groups of voting members known as Active Membership or Active Life Membership. Existing Active Life Members at the time of the enactment of the By-Laws shall remain Active Life Members. No new Active Life Members shall be accepted as of the enactment date of the By-Laws.

Section 4.

There shall be six groups of non-voting members known as Junior, Family, Annual, Pending, Group, Limited Term, Active Military, Annual and Day Limited Term memberships. The term and privileges for each of the non-voting memberships are set forth within the most current club rules.

Section 5.

Written application for voting membership only will be accepted and must be proposed at the regular monthly meeting, at which time the applicant's name will be turned over to the Investigating Committee. On the recommendation of the committee at the next monthly meeting at which time the applicant's name will be accepted only on the approval or disapproval of the majority of the members present. New applicants who are accepted must appear in person to accept new membership at a regular monthly meeting.

Section 6.

Written applications for non-voting membership and dues payment must be completed and submitted prior to using the club ranges.

Section 7.

Member in good standing is the status assigned to a member of the organization when he or she has remained current on organization dues and payments, attended at least one monthly meeting or club-sanctioned event within a rolling 12-month period and who neither has voluntarily withdrawn from membership nor has been expelled or suspended from membership after appropriate proceedings consistent with lawful provisions of the By-Laws of the Pricetown Rifle and Pistol Club. The current meeting should not be considered in the 12-month period.

ARTICLE VIII

Dues

Section 1.

A membership fee shall be fixed by a vote of the majority of the eligible voting members present at the end of the fiscal year, at which time said fee may be considered as the dues for the coming year.

Section 2.

All dues are payable on or after the regular December meeting. All are due on January 1st with a grace period of 30 days ending February 1st at which time such member may be suspended and upon a majority vote of the eligible voting members present at any meeting thereafter shall be expelled from membership in the club.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section 1.

The regular monthly meeting of the club shall be held on the second Thursday of each month. In case of a holiday, the meeting shall be held at a date selected by the members present at the previous meeting.

Section 2.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the active members in good standing. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given to all officers in writing by United States mail or by telephone and the general membership via email and posting on the club web site, not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for holding the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the President.

Section 3.

Every member on entering the place of meeting after presiding officer has taken his chair, shall take his seat and avoid all conversation.

Section 4.

In order to vote, a member shall be considered in good standing and have attended three meetings in the past rolling 12 months. The current meeting should not be considered in this count.

Section 5.

A member wishing to speak shall rise and address the President.

Section 6.

When a question or motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be in order until the question is disposed of.

Section 7.

A motion that requests a change to the Club's By-Laws, organization or activities, the disposition of any property, or requires an expenditure of \$1000 or more other than normal operating or maintenance expenses, must be communicated to the membership and discussed at two consecutive meetings before being voted on. The Board retains the right to table such a motion at their discretion.

Section 8.

When two or more members rise at the same time to address the chair, the President shall decide which one is entitled to the floor first.

Section 9.

The order of business shall be:

1. Calling the meeting to order.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Reading of minutes.
4. Reports of Committees (Standing and Special)
5. Unfinished business.
6. Propositions for membership.
7. Report of Recording Secretary.
8. Report of Financial Secretary.
9. Report of Executive Officer.

10. New business.
11. Payment of Bills.
12. Report of Treasurer.
13. Remarks.
14. Nominations or Election of Officers.
15. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X

Quorum

Seven members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. No meeting can be held without a quorum.

ARTICLE XI

Committees

Section 1.

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President or elected by the membership at the election of the officers: Membership, Investigating, Fish and Game, Public Relations and Law, and House.

Section 2.

The House Committee shall set up and maintain all rules and regulations concerning the property, both real and personal, belonging to the corporation.

Section 3.

The Membership Committee shall receive applications for membership, take the necessary action thereon, and handle all matters pertaining to membership.

Section 4.

The Fish and Game Committee shall assist in the distribution of fish and game and all matters incidental thereto.

Section 5.

The Public Relations and Law Committee shall endeavor to maintain good relations with the general public, advocate all laws favorable to the corporation's purpose, and recommend changes or alterations to the articles of incorporation and/or these By-Laws.

Section 6.

The Investigating Committee receives the membership applications from the Membership Committee and decides whether or not the applicant is eligible for membership.

Section 7.

All committees shall have chairmen who will be elected by a majority of the members appointed thereto.

Section 8.

The President may from time to time appoint any other committee he may deem necessary.

ARTICLE XII

All rifle and revolver, pistol and shotgun competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the Club.

RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of the club and of the committees will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XIII

No other group or organization shall override or change the purpose of this organization or corporation.

ARTICLE XIV

During all regular trapshooting events, no other events will be allowed at the club. Also the rifle range will be closed.

ARTICLE XV

In the event of the Club's termination, all properties and assets shall be donated to a non-profit organization whose purpose is to protect wildlife and procure lands for the protection and preservation of wildlife. It is the intent of this article for said organization to act as a conduit to see that either, the land of the club be preserved for the protection of wildlife or that the proceeds from the sale of the land be used to procure other land or lands for the protection of wildlife.

ARTICLE XVI

These By-Laws providing these changes have been read at three regular meetings and a notice of such changes or amendments be communicated to all members. Acceptable forms of communication will include posting at clubhouse and emailing to club email list.

Adopted _____

BY-LAW COMMITTEE