

# ACUSHNET RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB INC.

215 Leonard Street, Acushnet, Ma 02743

## Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be ACUSHNET RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.

## Article II. PURPOSE

The general purpose of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among legal residents of the United States resident in the community, the cultivation of the art of sportsmanship in the use of firearms.

## Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Any legal resident of the United States 18 years of age or over may become a member of this organization on vote of the body after subscribing to the following pledge and on payment of the dues.

- A valid Massachusetts License to Carry or FID card is required.
- Membership is from January 1st. through December 31st.

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## **Article IV. MEETINGS**

- (a) The meetings of the club shall be held on the second Thursday of every month except for July at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise voted on.
- (b) Special meetings. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or upon call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the membership entitled to vote. Notice the time, place, and objective of any special meeting shall be given to the officers and members in good standing in writing by United States Mail or email not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- (c) The annual meeting of this club shall be the first monthly meeting in January unless otherwise voted on.
- (d) A quorum at any regular meeting shall be at least seven (7) non board members in good standing of this organization.

## **Article V. OFFICERS**

- (a) The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. In addition, there shall be elected from the membership at large three (3) Executive Committee members.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the four (4) officers plus three (3) Executive Committee members and shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the club.
- (c) Any officer or Executive Committee man may resign or withdraw from office upon notice, in writing, to the Secretary.
- (d) A vacancy, or vacancies; in any of the offices may be filled by a majority vote of a regular meeting.
- (e) The with-in named officers shall hold office from January 1st through December 31st and for such other time as their successor shall have qualified or until his/her term shall have been executed by this article or article VII.

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## **Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- (a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He/she shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all other such duties as usually pertain to his/her office.
- (b) **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the-President in his/her absence or at his/her request.
- (c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. He/she shall notify all members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of the special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. He/she shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have custody of books of account. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary.
- (d) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his/her transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting. The Executive Committee by majority vote may require the Treasurer to give bond under any terms and conditions which may seem suitable under the circumstances.
- (e) **Membership Director.** The Membership Director shall be one of the three (3) Executive Committee members. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Membership Director. He/she shall be responsible for the collection of dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking his/her proper receipt therefore, if so voted. He/she shall also maintain an accurate record of all current members and maintain access control to the club.
- (f) **Range Safety Officer.** The range safety officer (RSO) is a person who ensures that a shooting range is safe and that users follow the rules. RSOs are responsible for enforcing safety rules, helping shooters, and taking immediate action when necessary.

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## Article VII. SUSPENSION or EXPULSION

- (a) Any officer may be removed for cause shown by a two-third (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen-day notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the cause or causes for this removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his/her removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given full hearing.
- (b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless fifteen-day notice in writing should have been given to the members of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.
- (c) 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 Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen-day notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and the supporting affidavits, and exhibits.
  - (a) Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen-day notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. 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 special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

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## **Article VIII. MATCHES AND RULES**

All rifle and revolver or pistol competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America, approved by the National Board for the promotion of Rifle Practice and the Secretary of the Army.

## **Article IX. AMENDMENTS**

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club in good standing, at any regular or special meetings for that purpose. The suggested change or changes in any of the bylaws so introduced must be reduced to writing a notice of said change or changes sent to the full membership which shall clearly state that the same will be acted upon at the next regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership in good standing shall be required to amend these bylaws.

## **Article X. FISCAL YEAR**

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

## **Article XI. SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THESE**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern situations not covered by these bylaws.

## **Article XII. CLUB NIGHTS**

**Article XIII.** The Acushnet Rifle and Pistol Club will be reserved two nights a week for club activities only.

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I hereby certify that these bylaws have been adopted by this club.

Secretary's Signature

Sandi Rosen

Date June 12, 2025

Yea 169

Nae 7

Abstain 2

Total 178