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of the
Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club
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Article I

Nomination and Election of Officers

- Section I. Nomination of candidates for elected officer and board positions of the Club shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the October monthly meeting in preparation for discussion at the November monthly meeting with a vote by the membership at the December monthly meeting. Additional nominations may be brought from the floor at both the November and December monthly meetings in advance of final discussion and the vote being taken. All candidates must be members of the Club.
- Section II. Vacancies in any office as the result of death, resignation or for some other reason shall be filled by the Board of Directors whose action shall be valid until the next annual election.

Article II

Duties of the Officers

- Section I. President: It shall be the duty of the President to be the presiding officer. The President shall call all regular and special meetings as prescribed by the Constitution and the By-Laws. The President shall affix their signature to all legal documents of the Club when necessary. The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, an ex-officio member of all regular and special committees and attend to all other matters coming under presidential jurisdiction. The President shall appoint chairpersons for any committees established pursuant to Article V, Sec. I of the Club's Constitution.
- Section II Vice President: It is the duty of the Vice President to assume presidential duties in the absence of the President at any regular or special meeting as well as at meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of regular and special committees or at any other time as requested by the President.
- Section III. Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of both the Club and the Board of directors. The Recording Secretary shall prepare, certify, and sign all orders to the Club's Treasurer when directed to do so by the proper authority. The Recording Secretary shall notify the Board of

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Directors of all board meetings and attend to all matters assigned to them in these By-Laws at the meetings. See Section V for additional responsibility in absence of the Treasurer.

- Section IV. Membership Secretary: The Membership Secretary shall collect all membership dues and forward them to the Treasurer of the Club, receiving a receipt thereof. The Membership Secretary shall forward to each member the necessary credentials upon payment of dues and keep a true record of the member's standing. The Membership Secretary shall notify all members of both regular and special meetings of the club and attend to all other matters coming under the jurisdiction of this role.
- Section V. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received or disbursed in the fulfillment of their duties with specific entries for each receipt or dispersal of funds. At each monthly club meeting, the Treasurer shall provide a detailed account of all monies received and dispersed for the period. A calendar year report including all financial accounts is to be prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies belonging to the Club in the bank designated by the Club in the name of the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club, subject to withdrawal by check of the Treasurer of the Club or by automatic withdrawal with approval of the Board. The Treasurer shall present unbudgeted expenditures greater than \$500.00 at a regular monthly meeting for authorization of payment. The Treasurer shall attend to all other matters under the jurisdiction of said role. If the Treasurer is incapacitated for any reason and is unable to fulfill the duties of disbursing checks, the Recording Secretary shall have the authority to do so.
- Section VI. Board of Directors: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to meet once a year and as otherwise deemed necessary to discuss matters of value to the Club and to make associated recommendations. The Board shall audit the books and accounts of the Club and report the results at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Club. Five (5) Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. Pursuant to Article VI of the Club's Constitution, the Board shall also establish monthly meeting dates prior to the next calendar year which are to be announced no later than at the Annual Meeting.

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Article III

Membership

- Section I. Annual Member: Any person who is age twelve (12) and older, is an American born or naturalized citizen, is of good moral character and in full accord with and agrees to abide by the purpose of the Club as outlined under Article II of the Constitution may attain annual membership based on a calendar year.
- Section II. Life Member: May be granted with no recurring dues to any member aged seventy (70) or older who has been a paid member in good standing for the previous ten (10) years. Additionally, anyone who has maintained their membership for ten (10) consecutive years is eligible to purchase a Lifetime Membership at a fee equal to ten (10) times the current annual membership dues. All Life Members of the Club reaching age eighty (80) on or before December 31st of the current year will be given the honorary title of 'Senior Life Member' (SLM) and will no longer be factored into any membership cap if one is in place.
- Section III. Honorary Life Member: May be granted to an individual at any regular or special meeting of the Club who has performed a meritorious act or who has attained eminence in scientific pursuits towards the advancement of the interests of fishing, hunting, forestation and or purification of the waters of Pennsylvania. This membership shall be exempt from annual dues and will not be factored into any membership cap.
- Section IV. Active Military Member: Membership for all active-duty military service personnel (including National Guard) will be maintained at no cost to the member and will not be factored into any membership cap. Following active-duty status, continuation of club membership is dependent upon compliance with Section I.
- Section V. Application for Membership: Openings for membership will initially be available at the regular January meeting until a cap – if one has been set by the board (following a thirty (30)-day notice providing for membership feedback) is reached. Openings in Club membership are available when individuals have not renewed their annual membership or are deceased. Children and grandchildren (including wards) of current members, when reaching sixteen (16) * to eighteen

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(18) years during the calendar year, may purchase their membership at that point and are not limited by a cap if one is in place.

To join the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club as a new member, an application along with a check including the annual dues plus an initiation fee must be presented in person at the regularly scheduled January meeting of the Club unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. During the meeting, the names of those applying for membership will be presented to the body and following consideration, a vote will be taken to accept the new members. A brief orientation will follow the meeting.

Dues renewals are to be paid by January 1st. If dues are not postmarked December 31st or earlier, the individual will no longer be considered a Club member and will have no Club privileges.

* Anyone aged sixteen (16) and older must become a member of the Club to use the Club's facilities and/or participate in club meetings. Youth under 16 may use Club grounds when accompanied by an adult Club member.

Article IV

Dues

Section I. Annual membership dues for the next calendar year shall be determined by the board of directors and are to be announced no later than the regular Club meeting in September of the current year. This rate will apply to all annual membership renewals as well as new member applications for the next calendar year. A \$10.00 application/initiation fee is to be included with the annual dues amount when applying for a new membership.

Article V

Meetings

Section I. Regular meetings of the Club, including the Annual Meeting, and any special meetings as established in Article VI of the Club's Constitution shall be clearly

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communicated to the membership via generally accepted methods including digital and other electronic means. The membership is to be informed no less than thirty (30) days in advance of any adjustments to the meeting schedule including any special meetings.

Article VI

Conduct of Members

- Section I. The members of the Club shall foster clean and ethical sportsmanship. Any willful disregard or violation of the game and fish laws/regulations will not be tolerated and will provide grounds for potential expulsion from the club.
- Section II. Violations of the Club's Constitution, By-Laws, or other Club regulations by a club member will subject the violator to potential expulsion from the club.
- Section III. Participation at Club meetings and events shall be orderly and respectful. Any member who makes use of improper language or is disorderly at a club meeting or any other Club-sanctioned event will be subject to potential expulsion.

Article VII

Expulsion

- Section I. Any Club member subject to expulsion will be provided the opportunity to address the Board and the membership at a regular or special Club Meeting (following the date of the infraction) prior to a final decision being made, providing no further infractions are committed in the interim. Expulsion of the Club member will be by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at this same or subsequent meeting regardless of whether the member in question chooses to address the Club or not. Expulsion will be effective immediately following an affirmative vote.

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Article VIII

Amendments

Section I. Amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted in written form to the Board of Directors for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular or special meeting of the Club during which it will be presented as a motion, requiring a 'second' to be given further consideration. Following any debate, a vote for full consideration shall be taken. If approved by a simple majority, notice shall be made to all members (electronic means will suffice) at least thirty (30) days prior to final consideration at the next regular or special meeting at which time, following any additional debate, a two-thirds majority vote of those present will be required to institute the revision. The revision will go into effect at the close of the meeting at which the final vote is taken or at a point consistent with the context of the amendment.