

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
Of the
DEERFIELD VALLEY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.
641 Fowler Rd. Whitingham, VT 05361
Updated: April 11, 2012

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name:

This organization shall be known as the Deerfield Valley Sportsman's Club, Inc.

Article II – Objectives:

The objectives of this organization is to maintain and to hand down to future generations that splendid heritage of the sportsmen we have received from the pioneer hunters and fishermen of Vermont; to encourage the children of our locality to love and enjoy the recreation of the outdoor life and with them to foster and develop a higher appreciation of the natural attractions of the woods and streams in this vicinity; to encourage proper protection of fish, game, birds, and the preservation of their natural homes; to help mold and develop public sentiment to uphold the statutes of Vermont as related to hunting and fishing, and the conservation of wildlife.

Article III – Officers

The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall perform the duties usually incumbent on such officers and such other duties as prescribed by the by-laws. Further, there will be five Director Positions. Their terms of office shall be: Two positions will be three year terms, two positions will be two year terms, and one position will be a one year term. These officers shall act as a Board of Directors along with the five duly elected Directors, plus the past president if evident for one year.

Article IV – Election of Officers

All officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for a one year term. The directors will be elected as their term expires.

If one of the officer's or director's positions becomes vacant, during his/her term of office, the board of directors shall have the right to appoint a replacement to fill said vacancy until the next election. If more than one vacancy should occur at the same time, as special election of the membership shall be held to fill the vacant position.

Members are expected to attend at least three meetings, or participate in a club committee or work bee to have the privilege to vote at the Annual Meeting.

A nominating committee/person will be appointed by the club at the regular February meeting. Any person wishing to become a candidate may petition the nominating committee.

To qualify for eligibility to run for a director's position or any officer's position the candidate must be an active member in good standing for at least one year prior to running for that position.

Article V – Quorum

Seven members at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Article VI – Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed at any regular meeting. The proposed amendment(s) must be discussed at three consecutive regular meetings and voted on at the finish of the final discussion.

Each member will be notified in writing that there is a proposal to amend the Constitution and By-laws and will include the dates of such discussions and final voting on said amendment(s).

Article VII – Peter Johnson Memorial Fund

On November 7, 1985 a vote was passed to hold in trust a certain amount of monies in the name of Peter Johnson Memorial Fund, and this club will use such interest as accrued each year to hold an outing for club members and their sons and/or daughters to participate in competitive shooting and other related activities.

The above being the wishes of Peter's family.

BY-LAWS

Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of this organization will be held on the second Monday of April each year at a time and place as determined by the Board of Directors.

The regular meeting of this organization shall be held on the second Monday of each month at the club house on Fowler Road in Whitingham at 7:00pm.

Directors Meetings are to be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, prior to the regular meeting or at a time and date called by the President.

Special meetings may be called by order of the Board of Directors and notice of such meetings shall be sent by the secretary to each member at least five days prior to the meeting.

Duties of the Officers:

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings, bringing to the attention of the club such matters as call for their action; to see that the enactments of the club are properly executed; and approve all bills before payment of the Treasurer.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the President in the latter's absence.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings, have charge of the correspondence of the club and issue all notices. The Secretary, with assistance of the Board of Directors, shall notify members of their dues, collect them and then turn them over to the Treasurer.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe handling of all club money, tax preparation and payment, bank statements and the payment of all monthly bills required for the normal operation of the club, and will only make payment of all other bills with the approval of the President or in his absence, the Vice President. The Treasurer shall make report of the financial condition of the club at each meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors shall act as an executive committee with full power to act for the club, between meetings of the club. The President shall report at the next meeting of such matters to the club members any action taken.

RANGE OFFICERS: The Officers and Board of Directors shall appoint four (4) Range Officers each year at the Annual Meeting. In the absence of an officer or director, at least one of these officers shall be present at all club shooting events to promote safety and responsible handling of firearms and club property. These range officers have the power to vote as general members and not as officers of the board of directors.

At the meetings of the Board of Directors, a quorum shall be one half of the active (positions filled) members of the board, but never less than three.

DEBTS: No officer shall contract debts in excess of the amount of money in the treasury, nor without the approval of the Board of Directors.

DUES: The annual dues shall be set at the Annual Meeting. Dues are payable in December and if not paid by the February regular meeting, the Membership Committee shall notify those who are delinquent. If the dues are not paid by the March meeting, such persons shall cease to be members, but may be reinstated at any regular meeting by paying all of his or her dues for the current year.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is: an individual, eighteen years or older, or a family (husband, wife and dependent children under eighteen years of age) who is a resident of the area the club serves, or is desirous of aiding in the objectives of its work or

desirous of using the club facilities because of a member-only rule that may apply for membership to the Board of Directors.

Memberships are broken down into two categories: Active and Associate. An Active Member is a member who attends at least three meetings in a calendar year and/or participates in one or more committees or work bees. An Associate Member is an inactive member with access to the range facilities only. An Associate member may be upgraded to an Active Member status when he/she meet the active member requirements.

The club by a majority vote at any regular meeting may expel a member who by his or her conduct has become inimical to the purpose of the club, providing notice has been given to such member and he or she has been offered an opportunity to show reason why they should not be expelled.

Pledges: Every member shall be considered as having pledged his or her honor to promote and carry out the objectives of this club.

We the undersigned, certify that the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Deerfield Valley Sportsmen's Club, Inc. have been adopted by this organization on April 21, 2012 and will become effective on that same date.

President: Lloyd (Mike) Austin

Vice President: Jonathan (Jody) Boos

Secretary: Debra Cox

Treasurer: Nekki Saladino

Director: Marv Neuman (2011-2014)

Director: Lorne Johnson (2012-2013)

Director: Bob Hamilton (2011-2013)

Director: Tim Putnam (2010-2013)

Director: Bradford Lackey (2012-2014)