

Constitution and By-Laws
Paris Sportsman's Club
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ARTICLE 1: Club Name

The club shall be known as the Paris Sportsman's Club.

ARTICLE 2: Club Purpose

Section One:

It shall be the purpose of developing, and preserving, the game, forests and fish of Pennsylvania, stocking of game and fish, to aid in development of better sporting dogs, by conducting field trials, to develop marksmanship, promote friendly cooperation with the farmer, and assist in securing proper legislation for the sportsman.

ARTICLE 3: Elected Officers and Trustees

Section One:

There shall be the following officers elected annually on the date of the annual meeting in November to serve for one year, or until relieved by their successors; President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Game Chairman, Fish Chairman, Arms Chairman, Sporting Dog Chairman, Sargent of Arms, Trap Chairman, Archery Chairman, Conservation Chairman, and two 3-year Trustees. A nominating committee to be named at the regular September meeting will meet and bring a list of nominations to the regular October meeting. These nominations shall be read and meeting will be opened to additional nominations at the October meeting. The election of new officers shall be by secret ballot on the day of the annual November meeting, voting to start at 12:00 noon and continuing until 8:00 p.m. Votes shall be tallied and results read at the November meeting. Ties will be determined by a majority vote of members present at November meeting. New officers shall serve from first day of January of following year until last day of December.

ARTICLE 4: President Duties

Section One:

President -- It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the Club; to enforce the constitution and the by-laws; to sign all checks drawn against this organization, and to perform all other duties as are pertinent to the office. The President shall be bonded to the amount of \$10,000.00.

ARTICLE 5: Vice-President Duties

Section One:

Vice-President – It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President and to preside in his absence.

ARTICLE 6: Secretary (*Recording*) Duties

Section One:

Secretary (Recording) – It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep record of all business conducted at any regular or special meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE 7: Secretary (*Corresponding*) Duties

Section One:

Secretary (Corresponding) – It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct all necessary correspondence for the Club.

ARTICLE 8: Treasurer Duties

Section One:

Treasurer --- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the Club; keeping a

correct amount of the same. He shall deposit all funds belonging to the Club in a designated bank. He must pay all orders for such bills as are approved by the Club; to give a financial report at each meeting. All checks must carry the signature of the treasurer and the President as co-signers. The Treasurer must be bonded to the amount of \$10,000.00.

ARTICLE 9: Chairmen Duties

Section One:

Chairmen --- It shall be the duty of the different elected Chairmen to develop the sport of his chair and present his program to the Club for approval and assistance.

ARTICLE 10: Meetings

Section One:

Regular meetings will be held at a meeting place designated for that purpose, on the 2nd Monday of every month at 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 11: Amendments to the Charter

Section One:

Amendments to the charter shall be read and tabled at one meeting and finally voted upon at the next meeting. Upon an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present and in person and entitled thereon-said amendment shall become part of the charter such to court approval. Also at least ten (10) days written notice to all members of such proposed amendments shall be given. This written notification may be by written notification posted on bulletin boards in the clubhouses.

ARTICLE 12: Order Of Business

Order of Business:

- 1) Call to order.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 3) Roll call of officers.
- 4) Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- 5) Reading of communications and bills.
- 6) Reports of officers.
- 7) Reports of committees.
- 8) Announcing new members' names for approval and initiation.
- 9) Unfinished business.
- 10) New business.
- 11) Good and welfare.
- 12) Adjournment.

ARTICLE 13: Standing Rules

Standing Rules:

- 1) No business shall be taken up except in the order prescribed unless ordered by majority vote of members present.
- 2) No member shall speak more than twice or more than five minutes on any question without majority consent of the members present.
- 3) Except where otherwise specified Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.
- 4) No subjects of a religious or political nature shall at any time be admitted for discussion on the floor.
- 5) In the absence of the President and Vice-President the elected officers present shall elect a member to preside.

ARTICLE 14: Remuneration

Section One:

All officers shall serve without remuneration.

ARTICLE 15: Annual Dues

Section One:

The annual club dues can be changed ant any meeting by the recommendation of the directors when they deem it necessary; then, to be voted on by members' present and said meeting.

ARTICLE 16: Membership Eligibility

Section One:

Membership in the Club shall be limited to male persons who are citizens of the United States of America and who are 12 years of age and older; provided that only those members who are 18 years of age and older shall have the privilege of voting and holding office in the Club. Members under the age of 21 will not be issued a key card.

Section Two:

The admission of new members to this club shall be by secret ballot and with an approval of at least 71% of members voting at a regular club meeting, (applicant rejected by 30% black balls) plus the payment of dues and fees as set by the club.

ARTICLE 17: Membership (conduct, dues, & roster)

Section One:

Any member of this Club may be expelled from membership by a two - thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose if it shall be found that such member has been convicted of breaking any law of the Fish or Game Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any other corresponding state, or for failure to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and regulations of this Club or for the violation and conviction of a serious offense under general law. All charges against any member of this club shall be made in writing, filed with the Recording Secretary and signed by the member or members making the charge. The secretary shall by registered mail, notify the accused member of the preferment of the charge against him and shall notify him to appear and answer said charges at the next regular meeting of the Club, or a special meeting for that purpose, provided however, that such meeting shall be held at least ten (10) days after such notification shall have been mailed. If any member so accused and having been notified of said accusation shall fail to appear at such meeting, the hearing and the vote of the members on his expulsion may be proceeded with, in his absence, in which case the Secretary shall notify such member by registered mail of the results of said hearing within five days thereafter. In addition to the forgoing causes, it will be sufficient reason for any member to be dropped from the rolls of this club if he shall have been ordered by the President to leave the meeting for disorderly conduct in two separate meetings.

Section Two:

Dues for the current year are due and payable on January 1st of each year and after the last day of February become delinquent and any unpaid member automatically loses his membership. Then such member must apply for admission again as a new member.

Section Three:

The Recording Secretary shall prepare and keep in his possession a permanent roll of the membership of this Club where roll shall contain the name, address, age and date of admission to the membership and where such is the case, the date of withdrawal or expulsion from membership of the club. This roll shall

be open to inspection by any member of the Club at any time. The Secretary shall file and maintain a record of such additional data with reference to the membership as shall be required by these By-laws.

ARTICLE 18: Meeting Notifications

Section One:

Special membership meetings may be called by the President or on the signatures of at least five (5) Members. Notice of said special meeting shall be given as provided for in these By-Laws for notice of a regular meeting.

Section Two:

Notice of regular members' meetings shall be at least five days written notice prior to the day set for the meeting or in lieu of written notice by advertising once in the nearest newspaper of general circulation within the county and in the legal journal. Any notice required of either general or special meetings may be waived in writing by the members entitled to such notice in accord with the general laws.

ARTICLE 19: Officer Absenteeism

Section One:

Any officer missing three (3) consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse will be declared out of office and the vacancy shall be filled until the next annual election, by the majority of the members present at the meeting at which the officer is removed.

ARTICLE 20: Amendments to the By-Laws

Section One:

Amendments may be made to these By-Laws provided such amendments are in accord with the Constitution. Amendments may be passed by a majority vote of members of the corporation who are present in person and entitled to vote thereon at any regular or special meeting duly convened after notice to the members of the purpose. Said notice shall be the same notice as hereto fore provided.

ARTICLE 21: Constitution and By-Law Copies

Section One:

All new members shall receive a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE 22: Quorum to Transact Business

Section One:

A quorum to transact business of the corporation at any meeting shall consist of eleven (11) members present and in person at such meeting.

ARTICLE 23: Board of Directors

Section One:

The ordinary and usual business and affairs of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of six Directors who shall be twenty-one years age or older.

Section Two:

The first Board of Directors elected after the election of these By-Laws shall hold office until the annual meeting in January 1960. This first Board of Directors, after the adoption of these By-Laws shall be elected by the majority of the members present at a special or regular meeting duly convened after due notice of said purpose.

Section Three:

Said Board of Directors shall consist of six persons as aforesaid, two to be elected per year for a term of three years. Said board of directors shall be elected by majority vote of members as outlined in Article 3: Section 1. Vacancies in the said board of Directors shall be filled by a majority of the remaining board and in accord with the law.

Section Four:

The time and place of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be as a majority of the directors designate in the notice calling said meeting.

Section Five:

Two-thirds of the Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business. However, if all six directors are present a two-thirds vote is necessary to pass any measure. If less than six directors are present a majority vote shall be required.

Section Six:

It is the intention of these By-Laws to give said Board of Directors any and all necessary powers and authority to transact the usual and ordinary business of said corporation. However, said powers do not include the right to borrow money, purchase, sell lease or otherwise dispose of any real estate which right shall be vested in the membership as hereafter set forth.

ARTICLE 24: Real Estate and Personal Property

Section One:

To borrow money, to purchase, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any real estate for any amount of money or valuable consideration or to purchase, sell lease or dispose of in any manner any personal property involving an amount of \$200.00 or valuable consideration of value of \$200.00 is subject to a majority vote of the membership present at a special or regular meeting duly convened on proper notice of said purpose.

ARTICLE 25: Running for Office and Attendance Requirement

Section One:

No member can hold office that has not attended at least four meetings per year, the previous year without just cause as determined by the membership.

PARIS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

Anyone found guilty of violating the following club rules and regulations will be penalized accordingly, up to and including expulsion from the club

- All members must abide by the constitution, by-laws and all rules and regulations set forth by the Pennsylvania Game commission.
- Members are to wear their ID badges while on the club grounds, except while participating in events open to the public.
- After Jan. of 2006, members are to have visible club membership ID (ex; sticker) on any motorized conveyance that they are using on club grounds. (Truck, car, ATV, motorcycle).
- Members are to conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times, no physical altercations, no profane or indecent behavior, especially around families and children.

- No consumption of alcohol or drunken behavior is permitted during the regular club meetings.
- No one under the age of 21 is permitted to consume alcoholic beverages on club property. **Anyone providing alcohol to a minor (under 21 years of age), will immediately be expelled from the club and reported to the authorities.**
- Membership is closed at 275 members. (Excluding junior and senior lifetime members)
- Members are **NOT** permitted to bring a guest on club property for any reason, with the exception of immediate family members. Immediate family includes wives, girlfriends, daughters, sons under the age of 12, grandchildren, or elderly under your immediate care. Sons or grandsons 12 years of age and older are required to become a junior member. A guest is not permitted to partake in hunting big game as defined by the PGC. (Deer and turkey) (Rule revision voted & approved by the member body 3-10-09)
- Their owners must keep all pets or hunting dogs under control at all times.
- Permanent tree stands are not allowed to be built at any time.
- All hunting arms are to be unloaded if brought into the clubhouse or hall.
- Members are responsible to clean up messes they make in the clubhouse.
- No one under 18 is permitted in the clubhouse after 7 PM.
- Junior Members are NOT permitted in the clubhouse, unless they are accompanied by an adult member, and NEVER after 7 pm.
- Pets are NEVER allowed in the clubhouse or hall.
- All new applicants must be read two times and appear before a committee before being voted on for membership to the club. If accepted, members will serve a one year probation period and after the one year probation period is up, will be voted on to be accepted as a regular member. Probationary members may enjoy all the benefits of a regular member except that they are not permitted to sponsor a new applicant or vote on new probationary members.

JUNOR MEMBERS

- Junior member are **NOT** permitted to bring guests onto club property.
- No clubhouse keys (key cards) are to be issued to junior members.
- Junior members are permitted to use all areas of the club alone or with other junior member except in the following instances.
 1. Junior members must abide by the Pa. Game Comm. Laws while hunting.
 - 12 & 13 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (parent or guardian must be a member)
 - 14 & 15 year olds must be accompanied by an adult member

16 and older may hunt alone

2. Any junior member between the ages of 12 and 15 years of age, desiring to use the lake or rifle range must be accompanied by an adult member.
3. Junior members are NOT permitted in the clubhouse unless accompanied by an adult member, and are NEVER allowed in after 7pm.

ATVS and MOTORCYCLES

- Riding ATVs and motorcycles is restricted to members only. Junior members are permitted to ride on club grounds. Members may bring certain members of their family to ride with them. This includes wives, girlfriends, daughters, and sons under the age of 12, but they must be accompanied by the member. All males over the age of 12, which belong to a member's immediate family, must belong to the club to ride on club grounds.
- No children under the age of 12 are permitted on the club unless accompanied by an adult member,
- Members must wear their club ID badges while riding on club grounds and after Jan. 2006, members must have club membership vehicle ID attached to their ATV or motorcycle.
- Speed is not to exceed 15 mph on any designated roadways. (Lake road)
- No riding around in the lake area. Riders may ride by the lake on the road (15 mph) or ride to the lake and park. Members are not permitted to bring ATVs or motorbikes to lake and let children ride around the lake and bother fishermen with noise from the machines. ATVs and motorcycles are to ride only on established trails. No new trails are to be made. Members are permitted to ride off of trails for the purposes of doing work or getting deer out of the woods.
- Restricted areas: (no riding) Gun range; in front of shooting benches or on range property. Trap range; May ride in front of trap houses when range is not in use.
- No pleasure riding during special events such as the sportsman's challenge.
- No loaded firearms on any motorized vehicles as PA. Game Comm. laws.
- Club is not responsible for any accidents or injuries incurred while riding on club property

LAKE

- No shooting in immediate area of lake. Lake Chair may give special permission to rid lake of pests or varmints, in a safe manner.
- No swimming at any time.
- Everyone MUST abide by all rules posted by Lake Chairman.

GUN RANGE

- Use of the range is restricted to regular members, junior members, and immediate family of regular members only.
- Members are NOT permitted to bring a guest onto club property for any reason, with the exception of the immediate family of regular members. Immediate family includes wives, girlfriends, daughters, sons under the age of 12, grandchildren, or elderly under your immediate care. Sons or grandsons, 12 years of age and older, are required to become a junior member
- Junior members between the ages of 12 and 15 years of age must be accompanied at all times by an adult member while using the shooting range and are not permitted to bring guests onto club property.
- Shooting must be directed at the erected back stops using paper targets only. No glass is permitted on the range.
- The use of drugs or alcohol while using the range is strictly prohibited.
- Carry everything off the range that you carried on to it.
- Place all garbage and papers in the refuse drums, or take it with you when you leave.
- The range is open from 8:00 AM until sunset. No night shooting or camping is permitted on the range.
- All firearms are to be unloaded unless they are being shot at that time. No loaded guns lying about on the benches or leaning against the benches.
- Gun safety is to be observed at all times.
- Shots must be directed at the backstops. Do not fire into the woods or trees.
- Ear and eye protection is highly recommended.
- Range is closed during 2 weeks of PA deer season

TRAP RANGE

- Guns are to be open at all times, except when actually shooting.
- Anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be removed from the range.
- No one is to walk beyond the 16-yard line, except during special events.
- No spectators are permitted on the shooting field.
- Eye and hearing protection is recommended at all times during shooting.