

Bylaws of the Maybee Sportsman Club Incorporated
(As of January 17, 2019)

Article I

NAME AND SUBJECT

Section 1:

This organization shall be known as the Maybee Sportsman Club Inc., a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 2:

The objectives of this club shall be: The promotion, protection and encouragement of the hunting and shooting sports. To promote the science of marksmanship and hunting ethics; to encourage the practice of good sportsmanship; to actively support all forms of intelligent conservation; national, state, and local, and promote any legislation deemed helpful to secure more fish and game for Monroe County. To provide and maintain a suitable clubhouse and shooting facilities, both archery and firearms ranges, for the use of its members.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1:

Any citizen of good moral character 18 years of age or older may apply for a Probationary membership of this organization by completing an application with three (3) Active or Lifetime members as sponsors and paying the required initiation fee and annual dues if effect at that time. Any former member who became delinquent may be reinstated as an Probationary member by completing an application with three (3) Active or Lifetime members as sponsors, and paying the reinstatement fee and the annual dues in effect at that time.

Section 2:

All annual dues shall be payable in advance on or before January 1st of each calendar year for the current year. Dues paid after January 31st for a renewed membership shall be considered delinquent.

Section 3:

Each new and re-instated member shall remain a Probationary member for a minimum of 12 months from their induction date into the club, after the application has been approved by the board of directors, submitted to the general membership at the next regular meeting, and approved by an 80% vote of the Active and Lifetime members present at the meeting.

Section 4:

Membership shall be divided into four (4) categories: Active, Lifetime, Probationary, and Junior.

Active: An Active member must sign the register twelve (12) SCHEDULED Club functions a year and work a minimum of twenty (20) hours of donated time for the betterment of the club or pay an assessment, the amount in effect at that time, per hour not worked.

Article II cont.

Lifetime: A Lifetime member is a member who has paid Lifetime membership dues, or has attained the age 65 of years or older and was a member in good standing for the previous ten (10) consecutive years, or has been a member in good standing for at least thirty (30) consecutive years, or has been a member in good standing for a minimum of the previous ten (10) consecutive years and adding the member's age to their years of consecutive membership to achieve a score of 75 points.. Lifetime members pay no dues, but are subject to the cost of any fringe benefits; subscriptions or newsletters for example.

Probationary: All Probationary members are encouraged to participate in at least one (1) league (trap, rifle, pistol, archery, horseshoe, etc.), work a minimum of twenty (20) hours of donated time for the betterment of the club and sign the register at twelve (12) scheduled club functions a year. If a person joins as a Probationary member after June 30th, they are liable for only 10 work hours from July 1st to December 31st.

The Board of Directors in special circumstances may waive requirements for Active and Probationary members.

Junior: See Article X

Section 5:

Maximum Active and Lifetime membership is limited to one hundred fifty (150) members. The Board of Directors may adjust the maximum Active and Lifetime membership limit. Maximum Probationary membership is limited to fifty (50) members. The Board of Directors may adjust the maximum Probationary membership limit. The Probationary member who has met the requirement of Article II, sections 3 & 4, and has the longest term of seniority on the Probationary member list will fill an Active member vacancy.

Section 6:

Only Active and Lifetime members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office, with club facilities open to them at all times as approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6A:

Probationary members have an equal vote with the Lifetime members and Active members in all club decisions.

Section 7:

Membership shall be deemed to be submissive to the Bylaws and house rules of the club and are required to follow the Bylaws and club rules.

Section 8:

A member may be suspended or expelled for any just cause upon written petition by any member in good standing and following a hearing before the Board of Directors. At least thirty (30) days before the time set for such a hearing, written notice shall be sent to the member against whom charges are brought contain the alleged charges. It shall be mailed to his last known place of residence by registered mail, return receipt requested. Violation of Federal and /or State Conservation Laws, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws of the Club, House Rules of the Club, or conduct tending to jeopardize the Club's legal licenses shall be deemed to be just cause for suspension or expulsion of a member.

Article II cont.

Section 9:

The annual dues, initiation assessment, and reinstatement fees are to be determined in the October general membership meeting of each year for the following year.

Section 10:

The club shall not place any special financial assessments on the membership.

Section 11:

Officers and Directors shall not be personally liable for claims or damages against them solely by reason of fact that they were acting for or on behalf of the Club at the time such claim accrued.

Section 12:

The Club shall indemnify an Officer or Director of the club who is a party to a lawsuit solely by reason of the fact that the person was an Officer or Director of the Club at the time such claim accrued.

Article III

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1:

At the October general membership meeting a nomination committee of at least four (4) Active and/or Lifetime members shall be appointed to present a slate of nominees at the November membership meeting for the approval by the voting members present at such meeting. A minimum of three nominees shall be submitted for each office and vacancy to be filled. Nominations will also be open from the floor. At the close of all nominations at the November meeting, all nominees are to be notified by the Secretary as to their respective office nominated for. Nominees may decline such nomination by returning such in writing before such election is to take place.

Section 2:

The annual election for the coming year shall be held at the December general membership meeting. Nominations from the floor will once again be accepted. All nominees must carry a simple majority vote to be elected.

Section 3:

Any Director elected as an officer must resign his remaining years as a Director, and his vacancy filled by a simple majority vote at that time.

Article IV

DIRECTORS

Section 1:

The affairs of this club shall be managed and controlled by a Board of nine (9) Directors who shall be nominated and elected by the members to serve for a three (3) year term. The terms of the Directors shall be so

Article IV cont.

arranged that each year the term of three (3) of them will expire and three (3) new Directors shall be elected. Each Director shall pay club dues of \$1.00 per year until his successor is elected and takes office. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve on the Board of Directors making a total of thirteen (13) Directors.

Section 2:

Except for reasonable cause, the failure of a Director to be present at three (3) or more consecutive meetings of the board shall terminate his holding office as a Director.

Section 3:

A vacancy on the Board caused by the removal, death, resignation, or other termination of office shall be filled by the Board's appointment of a successor to hold office for the un-expired term of such vacated.

Article V

OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected from the ACTIVE and LIFETIME members at large and serve one year, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, after checking records in November for eligibility.

Section 2:

The immediate past President shall become Chairman of the Board and shall act as an advisor to the Club President. In the absence of both the President and the Vice-President, the Chairman of the Board shall chair the meetings.

Article VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors, and shall be the general Executive Officer of the Club to manage its affairs between its meetings and those of the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and take over his duties in his absence or inability to act. Likewise, he shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Club or its Board of Directors.

Article VI cont.

Section 3:

There shall be such committees appointed as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable whose members shall be appointed by the President except when specified by the Board. New committees may be appointed from time to time as new projects or functions develop and needs arise. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with voice in their deliberations without vote expect in the case of a tie.

Section 4:

The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the Club and shall deposit all receipts in the name of Maybee Sportsman Club Inc. in such bank as the Board may specify, otherwise in such bank as the treasurer may determine.

Section 5:

The Treasurer shall pay all obligations of the Club after the same has been approved by the Board of Directors or by an auditing committee of the same.

Section 6:

All checks shall be signed be the Treasurer and countersigned by the President and/or Vice-President in the absence of the President or Treasurer.

Section 7:

All expenditures greater than \$2,000.00 must be presented at a general meeting and be approved by a majority of Active and Lifetime members present.

Section 8:

The Secretary shall make and keep the records of all Club and Board of Directors meetings, shall conduct all correspondence, and shall give written notice of all regular membership and Directors meetings at least seven (7) days in advance of meetings. Notice of emergency Directors Meetings may be done using the best methods available, no less than two (2) days prior to the emergency meeting.

Article VII

MEETINGS

Section 1:

Regular membership meetings of the Club shall be held on the third Thursday of each month unless changed by the Board of Directors. The meeting in January shall constitute the Club's Annual meeting.

Section 2:

A Special meeting of the Club may be called by any three members by requesting in writing and detailing the reason for the special meeting in a letter to the President and the Board of Directors. Notice of special meetings shall be in writing seven (7) business days in advance by mailing a notice to each member. Such notice is to specify the purpose of the meeting.

Article VII cont.

Section 3:

Board of Directors meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month unless changed by the Board of Directors. A minimum of seven (7) Board members constitutes a meeting.

Article VIII

FISCAL YEAR

Section 1:

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year, with the auditing of the books performed at the end of the fiscal year, and completed by the second regular meeting of the New Year.

Article IX

AMENDING BYLAWS

Section 1:

The within Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of ACTIVE and LIFETIME members at the Annual or any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE X

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

The Club shall have a junior membership for children ages up to 18, of a parent, grandparent or guardian belonging to the Club. Junior membership is contingent on Board of Directors approval.

Section 2:

Their annual dues shall be \$1.00 and they shall have a regular membership card with Junior stamped on it. They may also wear the Club patch.

Section 3:

Junior members may not use the facilities unless under the direct supervision of an Active or Lifetime member.

Section 4:

Junior members sponsored by an Active or Lifetime member are eligible to become a Probationary member at the age of 18 years. They will pay regular membership dues and their membership will require the approval of the Board of Directors and the general membership.

Article XI

AUXILIARY GROUPS

Section 1:

All activities of auxiliary groups shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Article XII

CLUB PROPERTY

Section 1:

Inventory of all Club property shall be performed by an auditing committee at the end of the fiscal year and a record kept thereof.

Section 2:

No Club contents worth any value shall be disposed of unless brought to the Board of Directors and approved by all members. If Club contents are to be sold, they will be put up for bid. Sealed bids from any members are to be opened at the regular membership meeting and contents going to the highest bidder. Members will be notified of item for sale a month in advance.

Section 3:

Any monetary donation to the Club shall be contributed to the committee of the patron's choice or if desired, be disbursed at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All material donated to the Club shall be approved by the Board of Directors and such approved items be included within the next performed inventory.

Section 4:

All funds and assets of the club shall be used only for the purposes that are consistent with the purposes of the club and for actual administrative expenses in conducting the affairs of the club under the direction and with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may purchase land, building and equipment and operate and maintain the same as required to further the purpose of the club.

Section 5:

Revenues of the club shall not be used for the benefit of any individual, member or shareholder of the qualified organization except to further the lawful purposes of the club.

Article XIII

DISSOLVEMENT OF CLUB

Section 1:

If it becomes necessary, after every means of trying to save the Club, the Club fails and the only alternative is to dissolve the Club, all members, ACTIVE, LIFETIME, and PROBATIONARY, will be informed of a special meeting on the dissolution of the club.

Article XIII cont.

Section 2:

After it has been determined by Article XIII, Sections 1 and 2, to dissolve the Club, all ACTIVE, and LIFETIME members present at the special meeting will vote by ballot on dissolution of the Club with a three quarters (3/4) majority vote necessary to carry.

Section 3:

After it has been determined by Article XIII, Sections 1 and 2, to dissolve the Club, the Club will pay in full any and all debts that are outstanding against the Club. After complying with all of the above sections under Article XIII, the remaining Club property and assets will revert to another NON Profit organization or NON Profit organizations as designated by Active and Lifetime members who have been a member in good standing for ten (10) consecutive years or more as of the dissolution date of the Club.

THE ABOVE BYLAWS WERE ACCEPTED AT THE MAYBEE SPORTSMANS CLUB'S SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2009.

Addition: to "Article II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 6A:" voted on and approved at a Special Membership meeting, November 21, 2002.

Modification: to "Article II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 6A:" voted on and approved at a Special Membership meeting, March 20, 2003.

Modification: to "Article XIII DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB, Section 3:" voted on and approved at a Special Membership meeting, May 19, 2005.

Modification: to "Article X JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP, Section 3 and Section 4:" voted on and approved at a Special Membership meeting, June 16, 2005.

Addition: to "Article II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 4 Lifetime:" voted on and approved at a Special Membership meeting, April 16, 2009.

Addition: to "Article XII Club Property, added Section 4 and Section 5:" voted on and approved at a Special Membership meeting, April 16, 2009.

Addition: to "Article II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 4 Lifetime:" voted on and approved at a Special Membership meeting, January 19, 2012.

Modification: to "Article II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 5:" voted on and approved at Directors meeting, November 08, 2012.

Modification: to "Article VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS Section 7:" voted on and approved at Membership meeting, January 19, 2017.

Modification: to “Article II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, Article 10 Junior Membership Section 4, Article XIII Dissolvent of Club Section 1:” Change Associate to Probationary voted on and approved at Membership meeting, January 18, 2018.

Modification: to “Article II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Section 6A, Probationary members have an equal vote with the Lifetime members and Active members in all club decisions voted on and approved at Membership meeting, January 18, 2018.

Modification: to “Article IV DIRECTORS Section 1, Each Director shall pay club dues of \$1.00 per year until his successor is elected and takes office instead of Each Director shall serve without compensation until his successor is elected and takes office. Voted on and approved at Membership meeting, January 17, 2019.