

BY LAWS OF THE MONMOUTH FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mission Statement

The Monmouth Fish and Game Association is dedicated to all aspects of outdoor conservation, including hunting, fishing, shooting sports, education and supporting our local community.

ARTICLE 1

Corporation

- Section 1: The name of the corporation is Monmouth Fish & Game Association, Inc.
- Section 2: The location and principal office are at Monmouth, Me.
- Section 3: The corporate seal of this corporation shall be a piece of paper bearing the Letter L.S. that shall be affixed to any document given in which a seal is required to effect its legality.

ARTICLE II

Membership

- Section 1: The members of this corporation shall be the original incorporators and such persons in good standing and who shall pay the dues fixed by this organization.
- Section 2: Any person, 18 years of age or older, seeking membership may do so by obtaining sponsorship from a regular member. Upon approval by vote of the Executive Committee the prospective member shall then submit an application, and pay the usual dues, and complete a safety orientation before becoming a probationary member. During this probationary period, the Executive Committee may, at its sole discretion, deny membership to said probationary member. A probationary member in good standing after six months shall become a regular member. The domestic partner of a regular member shall also be a regular member.
- Section 3: MF&GA members shall be considered associate members, if under the age of 18. These members shall enjoy the privileges of the regular membership except voting.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

- Section 1: The Executive Committee, as defined by article V, Section 1, will meet once a month to conduct all business pertaining to the club. All club members are welcome to attend these regular meetings.
- Section 2: Regular meetings will occur on the second Tuesday of each month, unless cancelled due to weather. Regular meetings that are cancelled are automatically rescheduled for the third Tuesday in the same month.
- Section 3: Robert's Rules of Order shall conduct all meetings. A quorum for regular Executive Committee meetings will be defined as a simple majority of all Executive Committee members, or a combination of 9 Directors and/or Officers.
- Section 4: The annual meeting for the election of officers and for transaction of any business as legally may come before the meeting shall be held on the first Saturday in April each year, or such other date as agreed to by the Executive Committee. In the event that the meeting cannot be held as scheduled, it shall be rescheduled by the President as a Special Meeting.
- Section 5: Special meetings may be held at any time at the call of the President or upon the application in writing of any three members, addressed to the President, stating the business to be considered and transacted. The Recording Secretary shall give at least 15 days' notice of all special and regular meetings to all members of the association.

ARTICLE IV

Voting

- Section 1: At the annual or special membership meeting, each regular member, as defined by Article II, Section 2, present shall be entitled to vote. For the purpose of a quorum, 10% of the total regular voting membership will be sufficient. A majority of the members present and voting at any meeting shall be necessary and sufficient to carry and adopt any proposition made properly before the meeting, unless otherwise herein or by law provided.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1: The officers of this corporation shall be: President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be an Executive Committee consisting of the above mentioned officers plus ten Board of Director members of the corporation and the Past President. The Executive Committee shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted by the nominating committee or from the floor at the meeting at which the election is held.

ARTICLE VI

President

Section 1: The president, when present, shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and the Executive Committee. He or she shall appoint all standing or special committees subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee or by the association, and shall perform such other duties as customarily are performed by a president or which, from time to time, shall be proscribed by the Executive Committee or the Association. The President may call a special meeting at any time provided adequate notice is given as described in Article III, Section 3.

ARTICLE VII

Vice President

Section 1: The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties and shall perform such other duties as shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Executive committee or the Association. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside at any meeting of the corporation or of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Second Vice President

Section 1: The Second Vice President will take over in the absence of the Vice President.

ARTICLE IX

Secretary

- Section 1: Membership Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Membership Secretary to keep a roll of the members, to collect the dues of all members, and to issue membership cards. The same shall be turned over to the treasurer within a period of thirty days following the date of collection thereof.
- Section 2: Recording Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of all meetings of the corporation and the Executive Committee and to notify members of all meetings,

ARTICLE X

Treasurer

- Section 1: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all moneys of the corporation; to deposit the same in the name thereof in such bank as may be designated by the direction of the Executive Committee. At each annual meeting, he shall submit a complete statement of his accounts for the past year, and if deemed advisable by the Executive Committee, he shall be bonded to be approved as to sureties and amount by said committee for the faithful discharge of his duties.

ARTICLE XI

Executive Committee

- Section 1: The Executive Committee shall approve all expenditures, contracts, and obligations made by the officers or committees before such obligations shall be binding upon this corporation. It shall have the care and arrangement of all entertainment or outings of the corporation, shall confirm all committees appointed by the President, and shall direct the stocking of fish and distribution of game which shall come into the possession of the corporation, for such stocking or distribution. The Executive Committee shall audit or cause to be audited the accounts of the Treasurer immediately before the annual meeting and submit a report thereon and shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to it by the corporation. In general, this committee shall have the active management of all of the affairs and business of the corporation. Said Executive Committee shall hold special meetings at the call of the President. Such meeting to be called in accordance with Article III Section 3.
- Section 2: The Executive Committee shall appoint a Range Officer to enforce rules and regulations of all shooting functions of the club. The Range Officer shall appoint Safety Officer(s) for each shooting function from a list approved in advance by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: All officers and Executive Committee members must attend at least eight of the twelve scheduled Executive meetings to be a member in good standing. Any violation of this Section may be cause for suspension or removal from office as described in Article XIII, Section 2.

ARTICLE XII

Vacancies

Section 1: Vacancies from any cause occurring in any office or in the Board of Directors may be filled by the Executive Committee at any meeting thereof. In case of a vacancy in a committee, the President may appoint a replacement.

ARTICLE XIII

Suspension or Expulsion

Section 1: Any officer may be removed by two-thirds 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 15 days' notice in writing shall have been given the officer of the reasons for his or her removal is to be taken. At such special meeting, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Section 2: Any permanent member may be suspended or expelled from the club with cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the committee present at any regular or special executive committee meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless 15 days' notice in writing shall have been given to the member 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 given a full hearing. For purposes of this article a permanent member is defined as a member in good standing after the probationary period has passed and who is not suspended.

Section 3: Any member in good standing may prefer Charges against any officer or member. All charges 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 Membership Secretary who will immediately notify the President. The President will call the proper meeting, as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this article, to hear the charges.

Section 4: 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 Membership 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 Recording Secretary shall give at least 15 days' 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, the Recording 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 was taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee. Suspended members may not use the club facility or participate in any club activity until after the appeal process.

ARTICLE XIV

Annual Dues

Section 1: The annual dues shall be the current MF&GA annual rate per membership over the age of 18. Any member 90 days late in payment of his MF&G dues may be dropped from the roll without notice to such delinquent by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: All new members must fill in an application form and sign as oath of membership.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments

Section 1: The members, by a majority vote, at any annual meeting or at any special meeting, upon notice, may alter, modify or amend these by-laws.

ARTICLE XVI

Distribution of Real Property

Section 1: Club real property shall not be liquidated, sold, given away, or encumbered in any way without a 2/3 affirmative majority vote of all permanent regular members.