

Rules & Regulations

OF THE MAD RIVER CLUB - revised 2021

1 – LEASES:

Lease Land Committee Policy

- A.** Negotiations- All negotiations for leases will be accomplished by the President and the Chairman of the Board.
- B.** The President will appoint a Lease Land Committee Chairman and 3 other members to sit on the Committee.
- C.** The Lease Land Committee will survey the club members once a year, on use of the land and productivity of that land. These surveys will help the Board of Directors in reaching a decision on dropping lease lands or acquiring more lease land.
- D.** The Lease Land Committee will investigate the economical and productivity of suggested new land when asked to do so by the President.

2 - GUEST:

- A.** Each member of the Club will have control of their guest at all times, and is responsible for his or her actions, while that guest is on Club property. Each Guest will stay in the designated area (assigned by the member responsible) or go back to the vehicle or camp and wait for the return of the member.
- B.** On all Club hunts, only one guest is allowed per member.
- C.** After repeated exposure to the Club for six-months or less, every Club Member should encourage their Guest to join the Club.

3. - FINES:

- A.** First violation of any offense - \$50.00
- B.** Second violation of any offense - \$100.00
- C.** Subject to revocation of membership
 - 1.** Loaning out of key to anybody other than spouse.
 - 2.** Loaning out member badge or guest badge to anybody else.
 - 3.** 3rd violation of any offence.
 - 4.** Fines for violations are not paid within 30 days after the board of directors meeting on the subject matter.
- D.** Any violation, accused and accuser will be presented at the next Board of Directors Meeting. If unable to attend, a Letter of Deposition must be mailed to the Board and received by the Board prior to the meeting.
- E.** All violations are as written in the Mad River Club By-Laws, New York State Conservation Laws, and Federal Laws.
- F.** Returned Check Fee subject to a \$15.00 charge per Bank guidelines. Any returned check fee payable on Square is also subject to any Square convenience fee (no more than 3% of the total), per Square's guidelines.

4. - DUES

- A. All Dues Notices for the next year will be emailed or mailed out by the Membership Secretary. The 1st Dues notice for the next year will be mailed out on or before the 1st of December of the previous year. The 2nd Dues Notice for the next year will be mailed out on the 2nd of January of the current year. The Board of Directors at the Director Meeting in February of the current year will start the process of filling the empty membership slots by having the Membership Secretary notify the applicants on the yearly waiting list in the order as they were received for membership into the Mad River Club.
- B. All past members cannot become a member until all previous fines are paid.
- C. Hardship letters are due to the Board of Directors by December 31.
- D. All hardship cases are subject a late charge applied, if not paid in full by the date set by the Board of Directors as the final due date.
- E. Full paying members pay \$325.00 per year.
- F. Permanent Wait List becomes effective the 1st of February; full dues are payable 30-days after notification letter becoming a member to the Club.
- G. Members who become 60-years of age and have 10-consecutive years as a member, pays half dues by December 31st for the year they turn 60. Workday fines are applied if not completed.
- H. Members who become 65-years of age and have 10-consecutive years as a member pay no dues for the year they turn 65. If a workday was not completed for the year before becoming Gold, the member is invoiced for that fine. Otherwise, no billing notices will be sent to new Gold member.
- I. All dues and fines are payable by December 31, or with late fee by January 31 (10% penalty is accessed January 1st).
- J. The Board of Directors have exempted All Officers, Entertainment Chairman, and the Building and Grounds Chairman from paying annual dues.
- K. New membership application fee is \$50.00 and is non-refundable.

5. - LEGAL ADVOCATE

- A. Duty as 2nd Vice President.
- B. Knows the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, procedures and policies for making decisions.

6. PARKING

- A. No parking by non-handicap members in designated handicap areas.
- B. No parking in front of roads or trails.
- C. Use discretion in driving on roads and trails (don't tear them up).
- D. Refer to Paragraph 3 on fines.
- E. Southern Tier only, use designated areas, handicap members should confront the Board of Directors for special cases, showing they have a valid state handicap permit.

7. - BUDGET

- A. Financial Committee shall present a financial budget to the membership at the September General Membership Meeting.
- B. The President has access up to \$1,500.00 each fiscal year for emergency funding expenses to pay for Club business. The Club Officers and Board Members must be notified immediately of the expense.

8. - KITCHEN

- A. All General Membership Meetings are held in the main area, not in the kitchen.
- B. Clean up after yourself.
- C. Mark all food put in the refrigerator.

9. - PRIVATE SHOOTING AND ARCHERY RANGE FOR MEMBERS AND GUEST ONLY (Range Rules)

- A. Anyone using the range or facilities shall exhibit a Membership Card on request.
- B. The use of bottles or cans, or anything other than proper targets, is prohibited.
- C. No shooting at pipes, railroad ties, or frames at any time.
- D. Shooting hours are 9 a.m. to Sunset.
- E. Shooters are requested to police the area before leaving the range, picking up all shell cases, cans, and trash.
- F. Eye and hearing protection is required when shooting or watching.
- G. When two or more shooters are using the range at the same time, one shall act as the Range Officer.
- H. All firearms must be benched with the action open immediately upon a “cease fire” command.
- I. The Range Officer shall be responsible for all firearms being in safe condition before permitting any shooter to advance forward of the firing line.
- J. Every Club Member is responsible to supervise safety.
- K. Always remove used targets.
- L. No full-automatic firearms.
- M. **DO NOT USE RANGE WHEN RED RANGE FLAG IS FLYING.**

10. - CLUBHOUSE

- A. Use the driveway and **ALWAYS** lock the gates behind you when coming in or going out.
- B. Clubhouse use by members and guest only are as follows:
 - 1. May camp or stay overnight at Clubhouse after checking with the Buildings and Ground Chairman for approval and upon arriving must sign in the log book (date, name, and badge number).
 - 2. May have banquets, parties, etc. with prior Board of Director’s approval.
 - 3. May have other events, if sponsored by member, such as hockey cookouts, etc. with

prior board approval.

4. Must clean up after use and is not considered a workday.

C. Outside Pavilion and Kitchen use by members and guest only are as follows:

1. Campers are okay for a short period of time with prior Board of Directors approval.
(See Camping Policy).

2. Must dispose of sewage properly.

3. Must clean up after use.

D. Members are responsible for:

1. Actions of all guests.

2. All Damages.

3. Clean up/mopping.

E. All members have the use of all facilities with the prior permission from the Board of Directors.

11. - TIMBER

A. Cutting of standing timber is prohibited.

B. Cutting of down timber to take off the property is prohibited.

12.- SECURITY

A. Lock all gates **PROPERLY** behind you when leaving or entering the property. Notify security or someone if there is a problem with the locks.

B. See Paragraph 3 for Fines.

C. DEC is on the property at uncertain times.

D. No unsanctioned events allowed unless sponsored by the Club.

E. Snowmobiling and ATVing allowed for members and guest on existing trails only.

Snowmobiling clubs for snowmobiling only use designated trails. All other motorized vehicles will use existing roads and trails only.

F. Security Policy is a separate package.

13. - NEW MEMBERSHIP

A. New member package will include at a minimum the following from the 2nd Vice President during their introduction to the Club at the General Membership Meeting:

1. Copy of By-Laws.

2. Copy of Rules and Regulations.

3. Copy of the Camping Policy.

4. Copy of Security Policy.

5. Lease Land Gate Key and/or combination, Mad River Club sticker for vehicle, and Membership Badge and Pins (updated yearly).

B. New members will come to the first General Membership Meeting after being notified they can become a member.

14. - Newsletter

A. Published in the Newsletter monthly the phone number of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

15. - SAFETY

A. All Federal, State, and Local laws along with MRC By-Laws are applicable to all people. (Use common sense)

16. - DONATIONS

There is a \$700.00 maximum total limit per year for the following activities (conservation, hunting, and fishing related activities, local fire departments, etc.). NRA, NYS Conservation Council, NYS Rifle and Pistol Association are excluded from the \$700.00 limit, but only one time per year. Rifle Raffle, a percentage of the profit to donate to NRA upon Agreement between Rifle Chairman and Board of Directors.

17. WORKDAY POLICY

A. If a member becomes unable to get in a workday because of health reasons, that person will submit a letter to the Board of Directors stating the health reasons, along with a doctor's letter certifying the health conditions. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, that person will be exempt from putting in a workday or a workday fine.

B. If a new member joins the club in October, November, or December they will be exempt from the workday and workday fine for that year.

C. It is suggested that if you get in a workday, have your name, badge number, and date recorded in the logbook in the kitchen at the Clubhouse, because of so many names, some don't get the spelling right and that causes wrong or no workday credit.

D. All Officers, Board of Directors, and anyone who heads up a Committee get a workday.

E. A workday constitutes a full 8-hour day.

18. - TREE STAND POLICY

A. For the purposes of the policy, the term **tree stand** or **stand** shall mean any form of tree stand or elevated platform used for the purpose of observation and/or hunting.

B. Mad River Club, the Board of Directors, the Officers, or the Land Owners accept **NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY** for tree stands erected on Club owned or leased properties.

C. Any member erecting or using tree stands on Club properties shall be solely responsible for such tree stands.

D. All unattended tree stands must be clearly marked/identified with the Member's name, badge number, and address of the Owner or any Club Member may remove the stand.

E. **NO GUEST** shall be permitted to use tree stands on Club owned or Club leased properties.

- F. No stands shall be permanently fastened to living trees, nor shall they be fastened with nails and spikes.
- G. All tree stands must be taken down 3-days after the close of deer season.
- H. No member or guest will use another member's tree stand without prior approval from that member.

19. - MEMBERSHIP LIMITATIONS

- A. No voting rights for spouse, children, grandchildren, son-in-law or daughter-in-law.
- B. One guest privilege between member and spouse of a member for hunting and fishing privileges.
- C. Youth groups (under the age of 18) have use of the Club Properties with one Club Member and **proper** adult supervision with approval from any two Officers and/or Board of Directors prior to the outing.
- D. A member may have visitors for limited opportunities for a Family/Group Activity (camping, hiking, etc.) on Club properties between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend. This Family/Group activity will obey all By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Camping Policy, and Range Rules. Children in this Family/Group activity will be properly supervised at all times. The Member having this activity needs approval of any two Officers and/or Board of Directors prior to this activity. One of the two Officers and/or Board of Directors notified of this activity must inform the Security Chairman and the Building and Grounds Chairman of this activity prior to this Family/Group activity taking place.
- E. A Visitor is defined as a member of a Family/Group activity and does not have hunting or fishing privileges, and is in accordance with all By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Camping Policy, and Range Rules.
- F. Military personnel on Active Duty who are a Guest of a Member's family, and can't be covered under Guest privileges, may participate in hunting or fishing trip on the Club properties with that Member (limit one person).

20. SNOWMOBILES, ATV'S, ETC.

- A. Snowmobiles, ATV's, UTV's, etc. are prohibited, except on named roads and trails cleared and designated for that purpose. All above vehicles must be in accordance with New York State Law.
- B. Operation by minors:
 - 1. A person 10-years of age, but less than 16-years of age who has received safety training as prescribed by the Commissioner and has received the appropriate ATV/UTV Safety Certificate issued by the Commissioner may operate an ATV in the same manner as a person who is 16-years of age or older.
 - 2. Except as provided by subdivision one above, no person under the age of 16-years shall operate an ATV except upon lands owned or leased by his/her parent or guardian. Unless he/she is under general supervision of a person 18-years of age or older or a person 16-years of age or over who holds an ATV Safety Certificate. "Leased lands" as herein used shall not include lands leased by an organization of which said Operator, or his parent or guardian is a member.

3. A person 10-years of age, but less than 16-years of age who has received safety training as prescribed by the Commissioner and has received the appropriate ATV Safety Certificate issued by the Commissioner may operate an ATV in the same manner as a person who is 16-years of age or older.

4. The failure of a person to exhibit an ATV Safety Certificate upon demand to any magistrate or any other Officer having authority to enforce the provisions of this article shall not be an offense but shall be presumptive evidence that such person is not the holder of such Certificate.

5. No parent or guardian shall authorize or knowingly permit his child or ward, if under 16-years of age, to operate an ATV in violation of any provision of this article, any rules or regulations promulgated there under, or the provisions of any local law or ordinance.

6. No owner or other person in possession of any ATV shall authorize or knowingly permit any person under 16-years of age to operate such an ATV in violation of any provision of this article, any rules or regulations promulgated there under, or the provisions of any local law or ordinance.

C. Each member may have **one** ATV/UTV with **one** guest, with one ATV/UTV. A Member's Spouse may have **one** ATV with **one** guest, with one ATV/UTV. A Member may have two more ATVs/UTVs with Board approval and notification to the MRC Security Team from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day only.

D. After Labor Day, **one Member, one Guest only**. No exceptions.

E. Family members may attend campsites as an extension of the Clubhouse.

F. Speed limit signs have been posted, **25-MPH**, any violations will be dealt with by the BOD.

21. - MONEY MARKET FUNDS (SINKING FUNDS OR RESTRICTED FUNDS)

A. Any money in these funds is only to be touched as a last resort.

This last resort would be that the Club has no members or not enough members to cover the lease of the Little John Lot (MRC owned land) and the MRC Clubhouse land on County Route 15. This would require a Motion that would withdraw this money for only the reason listed above and be approved unanimously by the Board of Directors and if there were any Members to be approved by a majority of the Members at the General Membership Meeting immediately following the Directors Meeting with no 30-day notice.

**BY-LAWS OF MAD RIVER CLUB
AS VOTED ON BY MEMBERSHIP September 2021**

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this Corporation is the Mad River Club Inc. and shall be referred herein as the Club.

ARTICLE II – MAILING ADDRESS AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The mailing address of the Club is P.O. Box 171, Pulaski N.Y. 13142. The principal place of business shall be the Mad River Clubhouse, County Route 15, Town of Boylston, County of Oswego, and State of New York.

ARTICLE III - FISCAL YEAR AND EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st of a given year. The Employer Identification Number (EIN) assigned by the Internal Revenue Service is 22-2264842.

ARTICLE IV - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club Shall Be:

1. To provide opportunities for Members to engage in the sport of hunting and fishing.
2. To promote Hunter Safety.
3. To encourage the practice of good sportsmanship and compliance with local, State and Federal game and fishing laws.
4. To support wildlife conservation programs and to assist wildlife management programs.
5. To strengthen Landowner/Hunter cooperation and understanding.
6. To increase the knowledge and practice of hunting and fishing skills, marksmanship, and other outdoor recreation skills that are in harmony with the sport of hunting and fishing.
7. To cooperate with the organizations which share the objectives stated in objectives (1) through (6).
8. To acquire property, both personal and real, and improvements thereto in order to create and maintain facilities for the objectives set forth in (1) through (7) above and for general recreation. Herein such property and improvements will be referred as the “Club Property”.
9. Allow reports from the DEC and other Environmental organizations during the General Membership monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

A. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THEIR DUTIES

The Directors shall be divided into four classes, with a fifth class if the appointment below occurs. The First Class shall be the Officers elected at each Annual Member's Meeting to serve until the next Annual Member's Meeting. The Second, Third, and Fourth class shall consist of (9) Directors, as near as possible, (3) serving in each class and (3) elected at each Annual Member's Meeting for a 3-year term. The Fifth class may be the immediate past President who may be appointed to the Board by the other Directors to serve until the next Annual Member's Meeting. The Board shall have general supervision of and control over all Club business, interests, and property, taking into consideration Resolutions adopted by the Members in the General Membership meetings. No elected Official shall hold more than one office at a time.

B. – OFFICERS

Officers shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Assistant Membership Secretary, and Newsletter Editor to be elected at each Annual Membership Meeting to serve until the next Annual Membership Meeting. There shall also be a Chairman of the Board who shall be appointed to such Office by the Board from the Board to serve until the next Annual Membership Meeting. No elected Officer shall hold more than one office at a time.

C. – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all Directors' Meetings and shall perform duties as prescribed by the Board.

2. PRESIDENT

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and shall have all the general power and duties, which are usually vested in the Office of Chief Executive Officer of a Corporation. The President shall be an ex-officio member without vote on all Committees of the Club. The President shall also perform duties as prescribed by the Board, and in the absence or disability of the Chairman of the Board, the President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Board.

3. FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The First Vice-President shall perform duties as prescribed by the Board and in the absence or disability of the President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. Further, the First Vice-President shall be a Member and the Chairperson of the Financial Affairs Committee.

4. SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Second Vice-President shall perform duties as prescribed by the Board and in the absence or disability of the First Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the First Vice-President. Further, the Second Vice-President shall be a Member and the Chairperson of the Membership Committee and By-Laws Committee.

5. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have custody of the corporate funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts, disbursements, and books relating thereto belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall pay: (1) all budgeted bills, and (2) other bills approved by the Board which accompanied by bonafied invoices, cash register tapes, vouchers or receipts. The Treasurer shall, at each General Membership Meeting, or at any time upon the request of the President or the Board deliver as directed a complete statement of the financial affairs of the Club. Further, the Treasurer shall assist the Membership Secretary in collecting monies Members owe the Club. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Financial Affairs Committee and the Membership Committee, and shall have the general powers and duties which are usually vested in the Treasurer of a Corporation and shall perform other duties as prescribed by the Board.

5.1. ASSISTANT TREASURER

The assistant treasurer shall perform all duties of the Club Treasurer when called upon by the Club Treasurer, the Club President or the Board of Directors. They will maintain a close working relationship with the Treasurer so as to maintain continuity in the Club Financial affairs in the event of the absence of the Treasurer.

6. CLUB SECRETARY

The Club Secretary, or the Club Secretary's designee subject to Club Secretary's oversight, shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Members, the Board, and Committees. The minutes, in addition to setting forth all matters addressed, and actions taken shall set forth those persons in attendance. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of the Club and other books and records of the Club as the Board may provide and shall perform the duties and functions customarily performed by the Secretary of a Corporation together with other duties as prescribed by the Board. At the direction of the Board, the Club Secretary shall have the duty to conduct all correspondence for the Club. The Club Secretary shall transmit all Meeting Notices and inform Chairpersons and members of Committees that they have been appointed or elected thereto.

7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Secretary shall be a member of the Financial Affairs Committee and the Membership Committee. The Financial Secretary shall collect all moneys that Members owe the Club and issue each Member his/her Membership Badge and Member/Guest Pins each year and shall maintain a current roster of the Members. The Membership Secretary is responsible for answering inquiries from prospective and newly elected Members, produce and deliver applications to prospective Members, deliver completed applications to the Board for action, and deliver maps and keys to the Club Property to new Members. The roster shall set forth each Member's name, number, address, email address, phone number, age, and date of joining, after payment. Further, the Membership Secretary shall perform other duties as prescribed by the Board. The Membership Secretary may nominate a Board Member or another Mad River Club

member to assist in the financial deposits, the member must be (A) approved by the Board (B) notify the bonding company of this Member to be added to the club policy.

7.1. ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Assistant Membership Secretary shall have the powers of the Membership Secretary and shall be under the direction of the Club Membership Secretary. They shall perform duties of the office when called upon by the Club Membership Secretary, the Club President, or the Board of Directors.

8. NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND/OR EDITOR'S DESIGNEE

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the composition, production, and distribution of a Monthly Newsletter for every month. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the composition, production, and distribution of the Club website. Further, the Newsletter Editor shall be the Officer Members should contact relating to their club concerns and perform other duties as prescribed by the Board.

D. – VACANCIES

Vacancies in the first, second, third, or fourth class of Directors and Officers can be appointed by the President or Board and must be approved by the Board at any Meeting of the Board to serve until the next Annual Members Meeting.

E. – CONDUCT OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

In the event a Director or an Officer does not attend (3) consecutive meetings without a meritorious excuse, or (2) perform his or her duties satisfactorily; the Board may remove such Director or Officer and such Office shall become vacant.

F – COMMITTEES

1. GENERAL

Except as further limited by law, such Committees shall only have the authority granted to them by the By-Laws and the Board; provided the Board may not grant authority inconsistent with the By-Laws. Further, all Committees shall have at least three Members and a Chairperson designated by the President with the consent of the Board; Provide that in the case of the Financial Affairs Committee and the Membership Committee three of their Members and the Chairperson shall be as set forth herein. All committee Members and Chairpersons designed by the President with the consent of the Board shall serve from such consent until the next Annual Membership Meeting at the pleasure of the Board.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

There shall be the following Standing Committees with the following authority and duties:

2.1. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Shall annually audit the financial books and records of the Club and report their findings as required by Law annually at the Board Meeting immediately prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

2.2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Shall recommend Members to be Officers and Directors and to fill the second, third, and fourth class of Directors as required, to be elected at the next Annual Membership Meeting. A report containing such recommendations shall be delivered annually to the Board Meeting immediately prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

2.3. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Shall prepare an annual budget to be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting: which budget shall be delivered to the Board Meeting immediately prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

2.4. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Shall develop and implement programs to obtain new members, to retain existing members, and to have former members rejoin.

2.5. WORKDAY COMMITTEE

Shall determine work projects for the Members and appoint Project Chairpersons to oversee such work. Further, the Chairperson of the Workday Committee and the Project Chairpersons shall perform those duties they are required.

2.6. NYS DEC CAMP COMMITTEE

Shall annually select member's children and public-school teacher(s) to attend summer camp, and thereafter implement their attendance thereto. The number of children and teachers shall be determined by the Board.

2.7. AWARDS COMMITTEE

Shall annually select which Members are to receive awards and implement their presentation at the Annual Picnic. The criteria for receiving such awards shall be service to the Club.

2.8. CAMPING COMMITTEE

Shall make and implement policies regarding camps and tenting on the Club property.

2.9. LEASE LAND COMMITTEE

Shall locate lands to be leased and negotiate, execute, and implement Leases thereto.

2.10. ROADS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Shall open, mark, maintain, and repair roads and trails on the Club property and keep the boundaries of the Club property marked.

2.11. ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Shall select and implement entertainment for the Annual Picnic, Family Outing, Venison Dinner, and other social activities.

2.12. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Shall improve, maintain, and repair Clubhouse, its outbuildings and grounds. Also, shall purchase, maintain, and repair all equipment owned by the Club.

2.13. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Shall plan and implement way by which the Club can obtain money for Club purposes other than by dues, fees, or assessments.

2.14. Children's Fishing Derby Committee

Shall plan and implement the Annual Children's Fishing Derby.

2.15. FAMILY OUTING COMMITTEE

Shall plan and implement the Annual Family Outing.

2.16. ARCHERY COMMITTEE

Shall annually plan and implement instruction course(s) in the safe and accurate use of archery equipment.

2.17. GUN COMMITTEE

Shall annually plan and implement instruction course(s) in the safe and accurate use of firearms.

2.18. MRC SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENT STUDIES

Shall promote educational assistance to a student within our local school system pursuing a degree in environmental studies.

2.19. Federation and NYS Conservation Council

3. There shall be such other Committees and Chairpersons thereof as the President shall designate with the consent of the Board.

4. PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OR OFFICERS

No Member, Director or Officer shall receive any compensation from the Club for services performed in an official capacity pursuant to duties set forth in these By-Laws or Rules and Regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any Member, Director or Officer from serving the Club in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore, or to receiving reimbursements for expenses incurred in connection with Club business and operations; provided, such service or expense be incurred after prior Board approval.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

A. – MEMBERSHIP QUOTA, MEMBER’S NUMBER, BADGES, AND CARD

The Membership of the Club shall not exceed 300 plus half dues paying members, (half dues, Lifetime members (Gold), honorary members, all Officer slots, Security Chairman slot, Building and Grounds Chairman slot, and the Entertainment Chairman slot, will not be counted as part of the membership quota. Except under extraordinary circumstances the Board may authorize up to (5) additional Members as honorary non-paying member. Upon election, each Member shall be assigned a number which number shall be set forth on the Badges and Card. A Member shall keep this number throughout Membership.

B. – APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIPS

Applications for Membership shall be made on a form provided by the Newsletter Editor on the website. This shall contain a recommendation by and be countersigned by at least one current Member. Applications shall be voted upon in order they are received except as provided herein. Each Application shall be accompanied by check, cash, or paid through Square in the amount of \$50.00. Completed applications should be delivered to the Membership Secretary or mailed to the Club at the listed mailing address.

C. – MEMBERSHIP PREFERENCE FOR CHILDREN

A child, grandchild, son or daughter in law of a Member who has had a continuous Membership for (5) or more years immediately prior to the child’s application for Membership shall have preference for Membership and be voted for Membership in the order each child’s application is received prior to other applications. Spouse, children, and grandchildren the application fee is waived.

D. – VOTING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Voting for Membership may occur at any Membership Meeting; provided. The applicant’s application has been presented at a prior Membership Meeting, and his/her name and the date of the Membership Meeting at which the vote is to take place has been published in a Monthly Newsletter between the presentation and the vote. To be elected, the applicant must receive an affirmative unanimous vote of all Members present. If a Member does not wish an applicant to become a Member, the Member may deliver a written statement to that effect before a Regular Directors Meeting prior to such vote to the Club Secretary and to the Member(s) recommending the applicant. If this occurs the Member delivering the statement and Member(s) recommending the applicant shall discuss this matter with the Board at a regular Directors Meeting prior to such vote. After such Directors Meeting, whether or not the discussion occurs, such vote will take place at the Membership Meeting designated for the vote unless the recommending Member(s) withdraw the application.

E. – ANNUAL DUES, EXEMPTION THEREFROM; AND APPLICATION FEE

The annual dues shall be an amount determined by the Members at a Members’ Meeting and are for the fiscal year. The Board may exempt the payment of Annual Dues for certain members based upon such member’s service to the Club. In addition, except as provided herein, newly elected Members shall pay an application fee in the amount of \$50.00.

F. – NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

The annual dues are **PAYABLE** by January 1st of a given year. And if a Member for the prior year does not pay such dues by January 31st of the current year, the Member shall forfeit his/her membership and be obligated to immediately deliver his/her keys to the Membership Secretary. Upon forfeiture the former member loses all privileges and rights of membership. The Board may waive forfeiture for a stated period; provided, such Member delivers to the Board a written statement setting forth reason(s) for non-payment and the Board decides the reason(s) are meritorious.

A former member who has his or her membership forfeited and is re-elected to membership prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year will not have to pay an Application Fee.

G. – MEMBERSHIP NON-TRANSFERABLE AND MEMBERS FAMILY

Memberships are non-transferable. A member’s spouse, children and grandchildren under 18-years of age have limited membership privileges, subject to the limitations imposed by the board of directors and rules and regulations. In the event of the members’ death, the spouse of the member can elect to take over the membership and member number of the deceased and would be granted full membership and be required to pay dues and have all benefits of a full or half dues membership based on the deceased member’s status.

H. – BADGE AND CARD REQUIREMENTS

Each Member when on the Club property must have his/her Badge affixed to his/her person and possess such card. Further, if requested by another Member, such Member must show the requesting Member his/her Card.

I. – MEMBERS MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS

Each Member has the duty to deliver to the Membership Secretary his/her current mailing address, phone number, and email address.

The Mad River Club Mailing List (Membership List) is for the Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairman only, and is not to be given out to any other member or individuals without the approval of the Board of Directors.

J. – GUEST PRIVILEGES

Subject to limitations imposed by the Board and the Rules and Regulations, each Member may have **one** Guest with him/her on the Club property. The Guest must have affixed to his/her person the Member’s Guest Badge and be in the company of the Member. This Article does not include the Clubhouse and County Route 15 properties.

K. – MEMBERSHIP REVOCATION

Any Member's membership (including Honorary Member or a Life Member) can be revoked for cause; provided, a written complaint by a Member is delivered to the Board and the Board decides such Membership should be revoked. Thereafter, before revocation can become effective, two-thirds of the Members present at a Member's Meeting must vote for revocation, if a Membership is revoked the Member forfeits all monies he/she has paid to the Club and all privileges of Membership and must immediately deliver he/she keys, Card and Badges to the Membership Secretary. If the Board does not vote for revocation or if upon the Board voting for revocation the two-thirds vote is not obtained, the Member remains a Member.

L. – HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Members may be elected by the Board at any time and shall have the same privileges as a Member except he/she may not vote or have a Guest Badge. Honorary Members are not to be counted in the Membership quota.

M. – MEMBERS 60 OR OVER

A Member 60-years or older who has been a Member for at least (10) continuous years shall be obligated to pay only one-half of the Annual Dues. Workdays must be completed each year, or a workday fine will be assessed. A half-dues member is not counted in the membership quota.

N. – LIFE MEMBERS (GOLD)

A member 65-years or older who has been a member for at least (10) continuous years shall become a Life member and shall not be obligated to pay dues. A Life Member is not counted in the membership quota.

In the event of the passing of a Life Member, the member's spouse may elect to retain life membership, without voting rights, until which time the spouse passes or remarries. In either event the life membership shall expire.

O. – PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

The Directors at an October Director's Meeting may elect an applicant who has complied with all the requirements herein, except as modified in this paragraph, to a Provisional Membership which membership term shall be the period from the later of such election of the events set forth in this sentence to that December's Membership Meeting, provided; the applicant's application for membership is submitted to that October's Membership Meeting, the applicant pays the Initiation Fee, and the Annual Dues for that year which amounts are non-refundable, and the applicant's name and a statement that such applicant will be voted on for membership at that December Membership Meeting be published in that October's Newsletter. A Provisional Member is subject to all the limitations and has all the privileges of a Member except he/she may not vote.

P. – ASSESSMENTS

In the case of extraordinary circumstances each Member may be assessed an amount by the Members at a Memberships Meeting.

Q. – WORK DAY

Each Member must work (1) 8-hour workday during each fiscal year. The Workday Committee will designate projects to be worked on, Project Chairpersons to supervise the work, and workdays on which the work is to be accomplished. The Project Chairperson shall report the name of the Members who have performed their Workday to the Workday Chairperson at the next Board Meeting.

Further, a Member may fulfill such Workday obligation by working on a non-designated Workday provided such Member obtains permission from a Project Chairperson or Board of Director. In this case, the Member must enter the work done, the Member's name, who authorized the workday, and the day it was done in the Clubhouse Logbook maintained at the Clubhouse.

If a Member does not perform such workday, the Member shall be assessed an amount as determined by the Members at a Membership Meeting and billed therefore on the statement for the Members next Annual Dues to be paid at the same time the Dues are to be paid. If the Member does not pay this Assessment his/her Membership shall be forfeited to the same effect as if the dues were not paid.

The Board may waive this Assessment, provided, such Member delivers to the Board a written statement explaining the reason(s) for such non-performance and the Board decides the reason(s) are meritorious. A Member may give one of his or her workdays to another member under extenuating circumstances with the Board of Directors approval.

R. – DUES NOTICE

All dues notices for the next year will be emailed out by the Membership Secretary. The 1st dues notice for the next year will be mailed out no later than December 1st of the previous year. All dues notices will be originally emailed, unless Member specifically asks the Membership Secretary for a mailed version. With the use of online payment options, electronic reminders will be sent to all emailed Members.

The 2nd dues notice for the next year will be emailed (or mailed based on discretion) on the 2nd of January of the current year. This 2nd notice will contain a 10% late fee charge that must be paid.

The Board of Directors at the Director Meeting in February of the current year will start the process of filling the empty membership slots by having the Financial Membership notify the applicants on the yearly waiting list in the order as they were received for membership into the Mad River Club.

ARTICLE VII - INDEMNIFICATION OF MEMBERS, DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS

Each Member, Director, and Officer of the Club, whether or not then in office, and any person whose testator or intestate was such a Member, Director or Officer, shall be indemnified by the Club for the defense of and in connection with, civil or criminal actions or proceedings, or appeals therein, which arose by reason of the fact that such Member, Director or Officer was a

Member, Director or Officer of the Club, in accordance with and to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

A. - PLACE OF MEETINGS

All Meetings shall be held at the Principal Place of Business of the Club or at such other place upon Notice as the Directors may from time to time determine.

B. - ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETINGS

The Annual Membership Meeting shall be held each year on Friday in the second week of April. If in a given year the date conflicts with Good Friday, the Meeting will be held the first Friday in April.

C. - REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Regular Members' Meetings shall be held on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Amended September 2021) Special Membership Meeting may be called by the President; and shall be called by the President, any Vice-President or Secretary upon written request of 10-Members or a majority of the Board, which Meeting must take place within (20) days of such request.

D. - REGULAR AND SPECIAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Regular Directors Meetings shall be held within the (7) days prior to the Regular Membership Meetings. Special Directors Meeting shall be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board or President upon written request of three Directors, which Meeting must take place within (20) days of such request. Non-Director Members may attend Directors Meetings but do not have the right to participate therein. The Board of Directors Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting shall be a separate night other than the Annual Meeting night.

E- NOTICE OF A MEETING

Notice of a Meeting shall be in writing and state the place, hour, date, and purpose of the Meeting. The Notice shall be delivered personally or by mail upon at least (10) days' notice. If mailed such a notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States Mail with the postage thereon prepaid addressed to the Member to the address he/she delivered to the Membership Secretary. Notices will be sent for all Members and Directors Meetings except for Regular Membership Meetings. A Notice will be required for a Regular Membership Meeting if the Board changes the time or the place of the meeting, due to unusual circumstances, in which case the Notice must be delivered at least (10) days before the usual and the new Meeting time. Notices may be delivered in the Monthly Newsletter, Facebook, or on the website.

F. - WAIVER OF NOTICE

Any Director or Member before or after any Directors or Membership Meeting, may in writing waive Notice of such Meeting and such waiver shall be equivalent to the delivery of Notice. Attendance of any Meeting by a Member or Director without protest prior thereto or at its commencement concerning lack of Notice shall constitute a waiver of Notice by such Member or Director.

G. - QUORUM

The quorum for a Members' Meeting shall be 10-percent of the Full Dues Paying Members, in good standing with voting rights, (5) of whom must be Directors. Quorum membership count shall be made up of members of full dues, half dues, and gold members in good standing with voting rights. The quorum for a Directors Meeting shall be (7).

H. - ACTION BY PROXY

A Member may not authorize another person(s) to act for him/her by proxy.

I. - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All Meetings will be conducted by standard Parliamentary Procedures as set forth in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. In all matters not covered by these by-laws, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.

J. - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All meetings will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the Mad River Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. It is the desire that in the event of dissolution that the Oswego County Sportsmen's Foundation be the 501(C)(3) of first choice to receive any assets from the dissolution of the Mad River Club.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO CERTIFICATION OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

The Club Certification of Incorporation or these By-Laws may only be amended by the Members at a Membership Meeting. A copy of the Amendment or a description of the Amendment must accompany the Notice of the Meeting at which the Amendment will be voted on. In order for an Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to become effective at least 10-percent of the Members at least (5) of whom must be Directors must vote affirmatively for the Amendment. In order for an Amendment to the By-Laws to become effective a majority of those Members present must vote affirmatively for the Amendment provided a Quorum is present, as determined herein.

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