

GEORGETOWN FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION INC.

BY-LAWS

As of the end of the General Membership Meeting held November 14, 2016

ARTICLE 1

Name and Location

SECTION 1:

The name of the association shall be known as the Georgetown Fish & Game Association, Inc.

SECTION 2:

The principal office shall be located at the Georgetown Fish and Game Clubhouse located on Lake Avenue, Georgetown, Massachusetts 01833.

ARTICLE 2

Purpose of Association

SECTION 1:

The purpose of the association is: to conserve, restore and manage wildlife, to promote better sportsmanship and friendly relation in all branches of the sports relating to fish and game, and to cooperate in obtaining proper respect for all fish and game laws.

SECTION 2:

To help improve the knowledge and skills of its members in the proper care and handling of all firearms.

ARTICLE 3

Application for Membership

SECTION 1:

Any law abiding citizen, 18 years or older, may become a member of this association by submitting his or her application with the required entrance fee, plus the required dues as determined by the members of the association and said application having been voted on and approved by the Board of Directors and membership.

In the event the prospective member is (1) present at the time and place of a meeting of the association, (2) has met all the requirements for membership other than being voted on and approved by the membership, and (3) regardless of whether a quorum is or is not present for

said meeting, then a vote on and approval there of by a majority of the members then present shall complete the requirements for Regular membership.

SECTION 2:

Any person, who either (a) resigned from membership in the association or (b) allowed his/her membership to lapse through non-renewal and who was member in good standing of the association at the time of such resignation or lapse of membership may apply for membership, will be accepted as a member in the same membership class on an expedited basis upon a vote of the Board of Directors and payment of the applicable dues and entrance fee as determined by the members of the association.

ARTICLE 4

Charter, Life, Honorary, Regular, Senior Member Emeritus Member's Fee, Dues and Assessments

SECTION 1:

All members of this association who became members before January 1, 1949 and who are in good standing shall be charter members.

SECTION 2:

By nomination of the Board of Directors and a majority vote of the membership present at any meeting of the association, a member may be elected a Life Member. No fees or dues shall be required of such member and the member shall have a voice and vote in all matters of the association.

SECTION 3:

By nomination of the Board of Directors and a majority vote of the membership present at any regular meeting of the association, any worthy person may be elected as an Honorary Member. No fees or dues shall be required of such a member and said member shall have no voice or vote in any club or association matters.

SECTION 4:

Any member in good standing of the association paying the regular dues as determined by the members of the association will be classified as a Regular member ***and shall on request be expected to participate on committees, activities and work parties.*** The member shall be entitled to a voice and vote on any and all matters of the association.

SECTION 5:

A Regular Member may purchase a spouse membership for his or her spouse with payment of spouse dues as determined by the members of the association. A Spouse Member shall have no voice or vote in any club or association matters, but may serve as an Officer of the association

and as a member of the Board of Directors and shall have a voice and vote on matters presented thereto.

A Regular Member may purchase junior memberships for his or her children, nephews, nieces, and their offspring, nieces and nephews and their further issue, provided such are aged less than 18 years, with payment of junior dues for each as determined by the members of the association. A Junior Member shall have no voice or vote in any club or association matters and may not serve as an officer or member of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6:

The entrance fee, yearly dues, and annual assessment for non-performance of work and the terms therefore, including installment, pro-ratio terms and amounts applicable to new members, for all membership classes shall be determined by the membership of the association in a special meeting of the association.

SECTION 7:

Any member in good standing attaining the age seventy five (75) years or older, having been a member of the Georgetown Fish and Game Club for ten (10) years or longer, (these years need not be consecutive or contiguous), and be desirous of such membership category shall be named "Senior Member, Emeritus".

Dues shall not be charged such members nor shall mandatory hours of work for the club be required. A nominal fee may be charged a Senior Member, Emeritus for a club-house key or key card at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Senior Members, Emeritus shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members and will be encouraged to participate as fully as they desire, or are capable, in all activities in the various shooting, archery and fishing sports.

ARTICLE 5

Meeting

SECTION 1:

The Annual Meeting of the association shall be held at the principal office of the association on the second Monday of April of each year. The lesser of (a) twenty (20) members or (b) 14% the total number of Regular members of the association as of the date thereof, rounded down to the nearest integer, present shall constitute a quorum with each meeting to be called to order at 8:00 p.m. Only members shall be present at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2:

At the annual meeting, the order of business shall be as follows: minutes of the previous monthly meeting, annual report of the Board of Directors, annual report of the Treasurer, nomination of candidates for officers and open vacancies of the Board of Directors for the coming year, election of officers and members to fill the open vacancies of the Board of Directors, unfinished business and new business. No person shall accept nomination for more than one (1) position.

SECTION 3:

Regular meetings of the association shall be held on the second Monday of each month at the principal office of the association or wherever else designated by the President and Board of Directors. Each meeting shall be called to order at 7:30 p.m. All members shall be notified seven (7) days in advance of a change in meeting location.

SECTION 4:

The lesser of (a) fifteen (15) members or (b) 10% the total number of Regular members of the association as of the date of the most recent Annual Meeting, rounded down to the nearest integer, present shall constitute a quorum and a vote of the majority shall prevail at all regular meetings.

SECTION 5:

Special meetings of the association may be called at the written request of ten (10) members or by the President or Board of Directors on receipt to him or them to call said meeting. The lesser of (a) twenty (20) members or (b) 12% the total number of Regular members of the association as of the date of the most recent Annual Meeting, rounded down to the nearest integer, present shall constitute a quorum. All members to be notified by mail or telephone at least seven (7) days before said meeting.

SECTION 6:

All meetings shall be conducted according to ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER and open discussion from the floor shall be encouraged with every member present having a turn to speak at least once on the subject.

SECTION 7:

No person, not being a member of the association, shall be present at the meetings except as an invited guest of a regular member. Any guest shall be limited to three (3) meetings in one (1) year.

ARTICLE 6

Management

SECTION 1:

The management of the association shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2:

Upon retirement from a complete term of office, the President shall, with his/her consent, automatically become a member of the Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year.

SECTION 3:

The Board of Directors shall be nine (9) in number including the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Three (3) members shall be elected for three (3) years and two (2)

members for one (1) year. In the event the outgoing President consents to a position on the Board of Directors for one (1) year, the member shall so serve as one of nine (9) members.

SECTION 4:

In the event of any vacancy in office for any reason, the Board of Directors shall elect without delay some member in good standing to fill out the unexpired term of that office until the next annual meeting. In the event there is more than one vacancy within the fiscal year, a special meeting of the association will be called by the President and/or Board of Directors and new officers shall be elected to fill these positions until the next annual meeting. All members shall be notified at least seven (7) days in advance of said meeting.

SECTION 5:

The officers of this association shall maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association for their tenure in office. All associated fees shall be paid by the association.

SECTION 6:

The officers and Board of Directors shall serve in their positions until the next annual meeting of the Association or their earlier resignation, removal from office or death. In the event the annual meeting is adjourned due to lack of a quorum, the term of the officers and Board of Directors shall be extended until the actual election of their replacements at the annual meeting as reconvened.

SECTION 7:

In the event that no person accepts nomination or election to a vacancy in an office at the annual meeting of the Association, the annual meeting may authorize one or more officers to hold simultaneously more than one office to be held until a person can be elected to such unfilled office by the Board of Directors and confirmed by the members of the association in a special meeting of the association or by appointment of the President of the association.

In the event that no person accepts nomination or election to a vacancy in the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Association, the annual meeting may authorize the President to appoint persons to such vacancies. In the event the number of such vacancies exceeds one, the appointments must be confirmed by the members of the association in a special meeting of the association.

ARTICLE 7

Board of Directors

SECTION 1:

The Board of Directors shall have the authorization to manage all affairs of the association including any and all transactions relating in any matters whatsoever. They have the authorization to approve all contracts up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) as deemed necessary for the proper transaction of all business. The Board of Directors shall submit monthly reports of all business transacted by it.

SECTION 2:

The Board shall meet on the first Monday of each month at the principal office of the association or as designated by the President. The President shall set the time and date of the meeting.

SECTION 3:

Any member of the Board who shall absent himself from three (3) consecutive monthly Board meetings shall be deemed to have resigned and shall cease to be a member thereof.

SECTION 4:

The quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a simple majority of the number of individual persons holding offices or members of the Board of Directors, excluding vacancies, provided that in the event such number is even, the quorum shall be ½ of such number.

SECTION 5:

It shall be the duty of the Board to sign all orders of payment of all bills against the association, to make rules for their government and to prescribe additional duties for any and all members in good standing, including the officers.

ARTICLES

Officers

SECTION 1:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and perform such duties as may be imposed upon him by the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint/dissolve all committees and shall be a member of all committees.

SECTION 2:

The Vice President shall assist the President with all of his/her duties and shall fill his/her office in the absence of the President or if directed to do so by the President. All applications for membership in the association shall be received by the Vice President. The Vice President shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and remit same to the Treasurer.

SECTION 3:

The Secretary shall have custody of the books, papers and all items of monetary value of the association except the Treasurer's books of accounts. The Secretary shall be responsible for the purchase of all materials and equipment relating to this office of Secretary upon approval of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4:

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the association and place same in banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Such monies shall be drawn by check signed by the Treasurer and Secretary for such payment of bills that are approved by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at each Board of Directors' meeting upon request. The Treasurer's books shall be reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors or their designee and shall be audited yearly by the Board of Directors and five (5) members appointed by the membership before the end of the Fiscal Year.

ARTICLE 9

Suspension of Membership and Reinstatement

SECTION 1:

Membership dues and any assessments shall be due on the last day of December. Any member who fails to pay such indebtedness when due shall be suspended from membership without further notice.

A member shall be reinstated immediately upon by payment, on or prior to the annual meeting, of dues and assessments owed. No dues will be accepted after the annual meeting, and after this date a member will be accepted only as a new member.

As a new member you will be responsible for any outstanding work party fees in addition to the application and membership fees required as a new member.

SECTION 2:

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the association for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors by a two thirds affirmative vote. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least seven (7) 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 Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts and accompanied by all affidavits and/or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed by the Secretary who will immediately notify the President. The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary shall give at least seven (7) days notice to the Board of Directors and to the accuser and to the accused, which shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges along with the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Any member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal to the membership of the association. Such appeal shall be in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President shall call a special meeting of the association for the purpose of acting on the appeal.

The Secretary shall give at least seven (7) days notice in writing to all members of the association in good standing of the time, date, place and purpose for the special meeting. At the meeting of the association the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits and exhibits and will read the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of

which the charges were heard and the action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members of good standing present and a two thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10

Amendments to the By-Laws

SECTION J:

Amendments to any of the articles continued herein may be made by adding or deleting any section or portion thereof provided that such amendment shall be made at an annual meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose of amending the same. All members shall be notified at least seven (7) days before such meeting is to take place and why. A two thirds vote by the membership present shall be required for the proposed amendments to be adopted into the By-Laws. The lesser of (a) twenty (20) members or (b) 12% the total number of Regular members of the association as of the date of the most recent Annual Meeting, rounded down to the nearest integer, present shall constitute a quorum for a special meeting.

ARTICLE 11

Miscellaneous

SECTION J:

No person, member, guest or otherwise, shall bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises of the Club at any time, whether for consumption or any other purpose.

CERTAIN CLUB POLICIES

Dues and Membership

1. Annual dues are \$125.00 for Regular Members. A \$30 discount to members with valid membership with the NRA or GOAL or any 2nd Amendment organization approved by the Board. There shall be no dues required of Life Members or Honorary Members. For any Regular Member having both a principal residence and place of business more than 100 miles from the location of the clubhouse of the association for a period in excess of 180 days of the preceding calendar year, the annual dues shall be \$50.00 and no Work Incentive Fee shall be assessed thereto. Such Regular Members shall be deemed Non-Resident Regular Members.

For new Regular members, the Annual Dues for the year of admittance is determined by the month in which said membership is voted by the membership: January, February and March, one (1) full year's dues shall be required; April, May, June, July, and August, the amount of annual dues required shall be reduced by the following amounts: April - \$5.00, May - \$10.00, June - \$15.00, July - \$20.00, August- \$25.00; and for September, October, November and December, one (1) full year's dues shall be required and such payment shall also be considered payment in full for the dues for the following year.

2. For any Regular Member of an age sixty-two (62) years or older, who has been in the association for one (1) year or more, the annual dues shall be \$50.00.
3. For former members in good standing being reinstated into membership or upon being accepted as members under Article 3, Section 2, the applicable annual dues as provided in the paragraph 1 and paragraph (2) above shall apply, provided, however, in the event the person was a member of the association at any time during the calendar year immediately preceding the date of reinstatement or being accepted into membership, no reduction for pro-ration for a partial year shall apply.
4. The Entrance Fee shall be equal to \$125.00 upon acceptance into the Association as a Regular member, provided that (a) no fee shall be required for Spouse Members or Junior Members who are accepted as such, (b) no fee shall be required for Junior Members or Spouse Members who are accepted as Regular Members, (c), and no entrance fee shall be required for former members in good standing being reinstated into membership or upon being accepted as members under Article 3, Section 2, provided, however, that the fee shall equal any Work Incentive Fee that would have been required of such member to renew membership. No Entrance Fee shall be required for Honorary Members.
5. Annual dues are \$5.00 for Spouse Members and \$5.00 for Junior Members with no are no pro-ration or installment terms.
6. For persons applying for membership in the association, payment of the amount of the sum of the entrance fee and required dues payable upon joining the association in excess of \$100.00 may be deferred for up to three months at the election of the new member with approval of the Board of Directors of the association. If payment of the balance due shall not be received upon

expiration of the third month after the member's election, the person's membership in the association shall automatically expire unless extended by the Board of Directors of the association.

7. A person applying for Regular membership shall be present at the meeting of the association at which a vote on the approval for his or her membership shall occur.
8. All Regular Members, other than Non-Resident Members, shall perform at least four (4) hours of work for the benefit of the association per calendar year, as approved by the Board of Directors or any officer. Any Regular Member who does not perform such required work shall be assessed a Work Incentive Fee in the amount of \$100.00 payable together with the annual dues for the next calendar year for renewal of such person's membership in the association.

No Work Incentive Fee shall be assessed to any Life, Honorary or Charter Member. Any member deemed disabled by the President and Treasurer of the Association shall not be assessed a Work Incentive Fee. No Work Incentive Fee shall be assessed to any Non-Resident Member

9. A member having attended an orientation and familiarization program given by a person approved by the Board of Directors or the President shall be range qualified. A member who is not range qualified shall NOT fire any firearm on any range of the association without a range officer being on duty at the time or a range qualified member being present at the range while firing occurs.
10. A Spouse Member may use the club facilities (including becoming range qualified) without payment of any guest fees.
11. A junior member may use the club facilities (but may NOT become range qualified) without payment of any guest fees.
12. Nominations for officers shall be submitted to the Secretary no later than the end of the March membership meeting for voting at the April annual meeting.

Guests

1. Members must sign in their guest(s) upon arrival and collect/pay the required guest fees; members must sign out their guests on departure. Members are limited to two (2) guests per day.
2. Guest fees are five dollars (\$5.00) per day per guest, payable upon arrival at the club, but if a guest will only be using the trap field, the guest fee will be waived in lieu of payment of the applicable trap guest fees.
3. The member is responsible for the behavior of his or her guest.
4. No guest shall fire any firearm unless the range-qualified member is present at the range while firing occurs or a range officer is on duty at the time.

Range Safety

1. Use SAFETY and COMMON SENSE at all times.

Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

Always keep your fingers off the trigger until you are ready to shoot. When holding a gun. Rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible. And, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

2. Range officers have full authority while on duty.
3. All members and guests MUST sign in at the clubhouse upon arrival (before using any range) and sign out on departure. All guest(s) must fill out the Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement and member must sign as the witness.
4. There is no fee for members to use any range, except that members using the club's trap birds shall pay the applicable trap fees.
5. Firearms will not be discharged at any range other than during Range hours or during special events. Range hours are 9:00 A.M. to Sunset on Monday through Saturday and 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. or Sunset whichever comes first on Sunday and holidays, and the trap field may additionally be open for shooting under the lights until 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday or other designated evening.
6. Eye and ear protection shall be worn by ALL SHOOTERS, OBSERVERS, AND SPECTATORS at all times when any firing shall occur.
7. All firearms are to be aimed or pointed down range at ALL times, unless racked or cased, whether loaded or unloaded. Do not handle or touch any firearm in any way while any person is down range. Whenever any person is or will be going down range (for example, setting up or inspecting targets), ALL firearms MUST be placed on the shooting table and pointed downrange, or racked, in both cases EMPTY with the bolt, cylinder or action OPEN and the magazines of any semi-automatic firearm REMOVED (if possible). If the action will not stay open, you MUST insert a spent case, stick or other object to lock it open or rack the firearm.
8. When closing the action of any semiautomatic firearm, BE CERTAIN that the firearm is pointed at the target area. Slam-fires, while rare, can and do occur. YOU must ensure that any accidental discharge impacts on the target area and does not leave the club grounds.

9. Handle **ALL** firearms, loaded or unloaded, as if loaded. Never cover any person with the firearm's barrel while moving it. Move firearms - **UNLOADED** - to cases or holsters by pointing at the ground or straight up in the air. Never put your finger on the trigger unless planning to fire at a properly set up target. Please note rule #7 above and do not move firearms while persons are down range.
10. Do not shoot near the top of the banking. Do not shoot at any rock or other object likely to cause a ricochet; if firing at low targets, remove any nearby rocks. Do not shoot at any animal that may enter the target area. Do not position paper targets where a target frame is likely to be hit. Do not position any target where the built-in target backdrop or supports and posts are likely to be hit.
11. Shoot at legitimate targets only. No glass shall be fired upon at any range at any time. Please dispose of all rubbish in the proper receptacle, especially if firing at tin cans or plastic bottles. Do not leave any such rubbish in the target area. Do not use any target that could cause a ricochet. Use only approved metallic silhouette targets at the approved distance.
12. All shooting is to be done from the shooting bench or other designated area only.
13. Full-auto fire is **NOT** permitted at any time.
14. All shots shall be fired with deliberate aiming at a target.
15. There shall be no limit of rounds loaded into a firearm unless directed by a range officer during an event to load a limited number of rounds.
16. Silhouette targets shall be folded or masked so that the head is not visible, unless used at a supervised event.
17. **Additional range rules and more detailed rules for each range may be found in the handbook, Familiarization Materials for Range Safety, Rules and Use.**
18. **No one may operate a firearm if they have consumed any ALCOHOL or DRUGS that impair the ability to operate machinery or drive.**