

The Broome County Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

BY-LAWS

Broome County, New York.

New York State Certificate of Incorporation Dated March 11, 1919

The By-Laws were duly adopted at a meeting of the Broome County Sportsmen's Association Inc., held in the auditorium of the Binghamton High School on the fifth day of June, 1919.

Sidney T. Clark, Secretary

By members present appointed by President Clifton Vallier to amend the By-Laws. The revised By-Laws were adopted at a meeting of the membership held at the Broome County Sportsmen's Clubhouse, March 15, 1955. Rudolph Hector, Secretary

By members present appointed by William Barrows, President to amend the By-Laws. The revised By-Laws were adopted at a meeting of the membership held at the Broome County Sportsmen's Clubhouse, March 1, 1977.

Charles Springer, Secretary. Howard Wilson, Secretary of By-Laws Committee.

By members present appointed by Eugene Thrall, President to amend the By-Laws. The revised By-Laws were adopted at a meeting of the membership held at the Broome County Sportsmen's Clubhouse, September 4, 1984. John J. Kaufman, Secretary

By members present appointed by Carl Houghtalen, President to amend the By-Laws. The revised By-Laws were adopted at a meeting of the membership held at the Broome County Sportsmen's Clubhouse, September 6, 1994.

Ken Gill, Secretary. Robert Gore, Chairman of By-Laws Committee .

By members present appointed by Paul Rurka, President to amend the By-Laws. The revised By-Laws were adopted at a meeting of the membership held at the Broome County Sportsmen's Clubhouse, June 3, 2003.

Ken Gill, Secretary. Gary Adams, Chairman of By-Laws Committee .

By members present appointed by John Elms, President to amend the By-Laws. The revised By-Laws were adopted at a meeting of the membership held at the Broome County Sportsmen's Clubhouse, December 21, 2011

Ken Gill, Secretary. Paul A. Rurka, Chairman of By-Laws Committee .

By members present appointed by John Elms, President to amend the By-Laws. The revised By-Laws were adopted at a meeting of the membership held at the Broome County Sportsmen's Clubhouse, February 17, 2016.

Ken Gill, Secretary. Paul A. Rurka, Chairman of By-Laws Committee .

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Broome County, New York By-Laws Revised
2016

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be The Broome County Sportsmen's Association Incorporated, as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT: The object of this organization shall be as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation, to promote Sportsmanship and Conservation.

Section 1. The seal of this organization shall consist of two concentric circles with the name of the association between the said circles and the words "Incorporated 1919" within the inner circle, with green lettering on a yellow background.

Section 2. The association headquarters shall be at the clubhouse on Foley Road, Kirkwood, New York.

Section 3. The flag shall be flown at appropriate times with its due respect.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS:

Section 1. The regular meetings shall be held at seven P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month at the association headquarters. The regular meetings shall be open to all members. The regular meeting in December shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, and for other business that shall arise.

Section 2. The Board Of Directors meetings shall be held directly following the regular meeting. In most cases, regular members can "sit-in" on the board meeting. However, there may be times that regular members will be asked and expected to leave in the interest of conducting the business of the club. Board members are required to attend all meetings. Any board member missing three board meetings throughout the year is subject to removal from office (if unable to attend a meeting he/she shall notify the Secretary). Regular members may attend the Directors meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or on request of at least 25% of the Board on two days notice to all members of the Board, or at any time or place when all members of the Board are present.

Section 4. The following shall be the order of business at the **Board of Directors meetings:**

1. Roll call
2. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Membership report.
5. Communications.
6. Reports of officers and committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.

Section 5. The following shall be the order of business at **Regular Meetings.**

1. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Request the reading of the last approved minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting.
3. Unfinished business.
4. New Business.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be: President, Vice President, and one officer each for the positions of Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Comptroller, and, as deemed necessary, Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2. The President shall be executive head of the association, shall preside at all meetings (except nominating committee), sign all agreements on behalf of the association, and perform the other duties incident to office, subject to the control and direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings, retain a file of all pertinent correspondence of the association, and retain custody of the seal.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and securities of the association, deposit all funds in an approved financial institution, and submit a financial report monthly or whenever called upon to do so by the Board. The Treasurer shall sign all checks.

Section 6. The Comptroller shall be the chief accounting officer of the association and shall monitor all active money accounts and shall assess the Board of Directors of cash flow. The Comptroller shall actively seek advantages to the association for money growth and set up budgets for all active accounts in the association. Recommendations of the Comptroller shall be approved by the Board of Directors before any action is taken.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and of the By-Laws, the Board shall manage the affairs of the association and have the authority to act for the betterment of the club. They shall select the officers herein provided for, enact rules to govern the actions of the officers and of the association not inconsistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and of these By-Laws, and shall repeal or amend such rules by a vote of the majority of the Board at any Board meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 8. No officer or director shall receive any compensation for his duties.

Section 9. All former presidents who are members in good standing will be honorary members of the Board.

Section 10. The position of honorary Board member is a non-voting position on the Board.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The nominating committee shall consist of at least three members of the Board of Directors and shall be selected by the Board at the October Board meeting. The association President will not sit on this committee or attend any of the meetings. The slate of proposed directors selected will be presented to the association members at the November regular meeting. At this time, any member in good standing may nominate any member in good standing.

Nominations will then be closed. Members nominated from the floor will meet with the nominating committee and will be advised of the responsibilities of being a Board Member. After this, the nominating committee will generate a slate of candidates, noting those recommended by the committee.

Section 2. The Board of Directors, which shall be a maximum of twenty-five members, will be elected by the membership in attendance, at the December regular meeting, from the slate of candidates nominated by the nominating committee and the general membership at the November meeting.

Section 3. The officers, proposed by the nominating committee or by any nomination of a Board member, will be elected at a special meeting of the Board immediately following the annual meeting provided a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, the election of officers will be held at the next Board Meeting.

Section 4. The new directors and officers will assume office on January 1st of the following year.

Section 5. No member can hold the office of President, without a majority vote of the complete Board, or hold the office for more than two consecutive years, unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the complete Board.

Section 6. Vacancies in any office not fulfilled by succession may be filled by the Board at any Board or special meeting for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 7. No one can be nominated for the Board of Directors who has not been a member in good standing of the club for one full year preceding his nomination.

Section 8. If section 5 cannot be met by a first vote, a special Board meeting will be called, and a second vote will be taken. If section 5 cannot be met after the special vote, a vote will be brought forth at the next regular meeting, for the attending members to resolve the issue.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERS:

Section 1. Any person, who by his/her actions, and otherwise, evidence a strong interest in sportsmanship, recreational use of guns and riflery, and the protection and preservation of the environment and general conservation measures, may become an association member by submitting an application for membership and paying one year's dues.

Section 2. A membership year is from September 1 to August 31.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the members to attend all regular meetings and to support the association objectives.

Section 4. Any member may be expelled from the association by a two thirds vote of the Board Members present at any Board meeting provided that written notice of such proposed action has been previously given to the member at least two weeks prior to such monthly meeting.

Section 5. Any Board Member wishing to resign, must submit a letter of resignation to the Board. If no letter of resignation is submitted, future reinstatement onto the Board of Directors will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Membership

A. Classes of membership shall be:

1. Regular Member: Any person up to age sixty-five (65), fulfilling the associations dues requirements of a regular member.
2. Junior Member: (The definition for this classification will be the same as the NRA definition). Any member who meets the requirements for the NRA classification of Junior Member and fulfilling the associations dues requirements of a junior member.
3. Senior member: Constitute members in good standing having at least one year prior membership, who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older at the beginning of the membership year, and fulfilling the association dues requirements of a senior member.
4. Life Member: Any member fulfilling the dues requirement of a life member.
5. Guest Membership: Allows any non-member to temporary use the Clubs facilities with the following provisions a. The member purchasing the Guest Membership shall be present while the Guest Member is on club property b. That member will be responsible for all actions of the non-member while on club property. Any member in good standing may purchase Guest Memberships(s) for the same annual fee as a Regular Membership.

B. Voting: Each member will have one (1) general association vote. Excepting Guest Memberships.

C. Dues: Club dues shall be reviewed no sooner than every three years. The dues committee shall be formed and chaired by the Vice President and committee members appointed by the Vice President. Recommendations will be read at the next Board Meeting. Recommendations will be posted to all members in the next newsletter. The final decision will be determined by a majority vote of the general membership at the next general meeting following publication in the newsletter. The results of said vote will be posted in the newsletter.

ARTICLE VII. CLUB BUSINESS:

Section 1. The rules of the association shall be made by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to take care of the business of the association. Every Director shall perform a specific duty for the club. If a Director is not performing a specific duty for the club, the President may assign a choice of duties or activities. The Director must accept one within sixty (60) days or face expulsion from the Board.

Section 3. The association fiscal year will run from January 1 to December 31

Section 4. Any Board member may be suspended or expelled from the Board for not acting for the betterment of the club, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors at a meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or expulsion can be taken unless at least fifteen days notice has been given in writing, by registered letter, and said person be given a full hearing. All newly elected Board members will be on a six (6) month probationary period. Probationary Board members may be suspended or expelled by a majority vote of Board members when a quorum exists.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order - Revised" shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and to which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and rules of the association.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the By-Laws must first be presented, in writing, to the Board of Directors. If the amendment is accepted by the Board, it must be read at two consecutive general meetings, after which it will be voted on at the following general meeting and will pass or be rejected by a majority vote of the general members present.