

**BY-LAWS**  
**OF THE**

**FAIRCHANCE ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**  
**TITLE**

The name of this organization shall be Fairchance Rod and Gun Club, Inc. of Fairchance, Pennsylvania. A non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and chartered in the Courts of Fayette County Pennsylvania.

**ARTICLE II**  
**CONSTITUTION**

This organization was formed for the purpose of preservation and conservation of fish, game, and wildlife, to promote the safe use of firearms for hunting and target practice; to promote good sportsmanship, reforestation and conservation of timberlands; to encourage obedience to the Game and Fish Laws, for the social intercourse and enjoyment of its members; to acquire real estate, encumber and dispose of the same as well as the personal property incident to the purpose of aforesaid and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the Act of Assembly under which it was incorporated. This Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to its members.

**ARTICLE III**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** A Junior member must be a U.S Citizen is a member between the ages of 12 – 18, their dues will be one half (1/2) the adult dues; and is not eligible to vote. A Junior Member must be accompanied by an adult member while using the range.

**Section 2.** Applicant must be a U.S Citizen, age 18 or older applications for membership shall be made on a prescribed form which may include a background check, credit check and federal firearms form. The for id to be accompanied by the initiation fee and membership fee; the application and fee to be presented to the membership at a regular meeting. The applicant “MUST” be present, and may be asked to step outside. A favorable vote to accept the applicant shall consist of “ALL” of the membership present that are eligible to vote- have 3 meetings. If the applicant is not approved the President may have a discussion and may have a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote. If the applicant is rejected, they may not apply for a period of one year. Once voted

in the new member is to be given orientation and sign a form they will follow all bylaws, range rules and Safety rules.

**Section 3.** Members in order to be eligible to vote for (anything) at any meeting must have attended three (3) meetings in that calendar year. The Secretary's attendance record and sign in sheet will determine if the member has 3 meetings. Simply stated at the end of 2017 if you have 3 meetings you can vote in Jan. and Feb. of 2018 and the vote in March or whatever month you have attended a third meeting.

**Section 4.** Any member not having dues paid for current year by January 31, or have not paid any \$10, one day, guest passes they owe, will be automatically dropped from club membership. In order to rejoin the dues, initiation fee, and any guest pass(es) must be paid, there must be an opening and a unanimous vote as prescribe in section 2.

**Section 5.** Initiation fee to this club shall be fee set forth by the club members at a regular meeting.

**Section 6.** The membership fee for this club shall be fee set by the members present at a regular meeting of the club.

**Section 7.** Total membership in this club shall be at 400 total. Charter is closed at 400.

**Section 8.** Besides a member, his wife (spouse), girlfriend, significant other, kids & grandkids 12-18, may use the range (shoot). Children under 12yrs. With a "mentors" license - a copy to given to club – may shoot with the adult "mentor" and the adult mentor is required to be a member and must be present and supervise juvenile "mentee". Guest passes are available and the member is responsible for the guest and may be suspended is the rules are not followed, abused, or a problem arises. A member is allowed a limit of 2 guest shooting at the same time. Simply to get a guest pass, contact an officer or someone listed on the call list and get a verbal ok. The guest pass is good for the day the member requested and member owes the club \$10.00 for each guest. If caught with a guest(s) and no approval or more than 2 Shooting, member faces a suspension. The designated contact (officer) giving approval is to let another officer know and a "guest" list is to be maintained. A guest pass is available for Juvenile "mentee" as explained above.

## **ARTICLE IV**

## **OFFICERS**

- Section 1.** The elected officers of this club shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. Of arms, and seven ( 7 ) Trustees. There is a limit purchase of \$100.00 for officers and trustees unless approved by two others. For emergencies between meetings two others mentioned must give approval.
- Section 2.** No member shall be eligible to hold office unless a member of this Club for at least one ( 1 ) year. He shall be in good standing and of the age of 21 years or older, and has attended six ( 6 ) regular meetings of that year.
- Section 3.** All business of the Club shall be transacted on the yearly basis beginning January 1 and ending December 31.
- Section 3a.** The installation of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. Of arms and ½ of seven (7) Trustees elected shall take place at the December regular meeting and the new term begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new year. The one-year term ends December 31<sup>st</sup> for the old officers.
- Section 3b.** Trustees will be elected each year. Four ( 4 ) Trustees will be elected on even years. Three ( 3 ) Trustees will be elected on odd years. Each group of Trustees will have two ( 2 ) years of service. This way it will not be an entirely new group.
- Section 4.** All nominations shall be made by voice at the November regular meeting, and election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the December regular meeting. The nominee receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
- Section 5.** Any vacancy occurring among the officers of the Club shall be filled by an election at the next regular meeting.
- Section 6.** A person can only be nominated for one ( 1 ) office at each election. A person may NOT serve as both an officer and trustee. If special situations arise, the membership may vote to have a position filled, temporarily until the member has six(6) meetings and is eligible to hold office
- Section 7.** The President shall appoint two ( 2 ) tellers; tellers cannot be candidates.
- Section 8.** Before any member is eligible to vote he must have attended three ( 3 ) meetings in that year.

# ARTICLE V

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club, to enforce a strict observance of these By-laws, to appoint and instruct any necessary committees not otherwise provided for.
- Section 2.** It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President. He shall be given the same authority as the President when so presiding.
- Section 3.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of all meetings, to keep a record of the membership, and maintain a list of the meetings attended by members in order to know who is eligible to vote: to attend all the meetings; to attend all correspondence pertaining to his office and to present to the Club all communications received by him pertaining to the Club. He shall issue membership cards; shall have charge of the minutes book, all records books and other records of the club. The secretary and one other officer will sign off on the monthly report.
- Section 4.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Trustees to have charge of all money of the Club and safely bank same for the benefit of the Club; issue receipts for all money; to keep proper records of all transactions pertaining to the Club and to present same at each regular business meeting of the Club. Treasurer and one officer will sign off on the monthly report. Debit cards are only to be carried when needed.
- Section 5.** All checks are to be filled out before signed by two (2) of the four (4) officers. The Treasurer, President, Vice President, or Secretary
- Section 6.** It shall be the duty of the Trustees to have charge of all properties of the Club and maintenance of same. They shall with the treasurer count all the money. Trustees shall audit books of the Secretary and Treasurer and shall keep proper record annually of all properties of the Club.
- Section 7.** It shall be the duty of all officers of the Club to attend all meetings of the Club. When any officer of the Club shall be absent himself from Club meetings for three ( 3 ) consecutive meetings without forwarding a reasonable excuse for his absence, his office shall be declared vacant. The presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary to record this action on the minutes of the meeting. The vacancy so created shall be filled in accordance with Section ( 5 ) of Article 4.
- Section 8.** It shall be the duty of the Sergeant of Arms to maintain order at all times: make certain parliamentary procedures are followed and may call to order as well as adjourn all meetings. The Sgt. of Arms will support the president, greet members, and maintain the sign-in/attendance list. He/she is responsible to enforce rules and carry out request or orders made by the President

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **COMMITTEES**

- Section 1.** In accordance with Section 1, Article V the President may make at any time during his term of office, appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary.
- Section 2.** The first named member of each committee shall be chairman of that committee.
- Section 3.** Unless dissolved by the President at a prior date, all appointed committees shall be considered as dissolved at the last regular meeting of that year.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **MEETINGS**

- Section 1.** Regular business meetings shall be the second Sunday of every month at 7:00 P M.
- Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the President when he deems it necessary and all members be notified one week in advance ( 7 Days ).
- Section 3.** Unless called for general purposes, a special meeting shall consider only that business for which it was called.
- Section 4.** In order to hold a regular or special meeting a quorum of nine ( 9 ) members consisting of three ( 3 ) officers must be present.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

- Section 1.** It shall be the duty of all members to report all violations of the By-laws to the Club.
- Section 2.** It shall be the duty of all members to attend all meetings of the Club.
- Section 3.** It shall be the duty of all members to exercise every effort to protect crops, fences, property, buildings, etc., while traveling lands owned leased or posted by this Club, or on other lands privately or publicly owned.
- Section 4.** No member shall be allowed to introduce a subject of a political or sectarian nature, nor to make use of any offensive, profane or obscene language at any meeting of the Club

## **ARTICLE IX** **EXPULSIONS**

**Section 1.** Any officer or member may be removed from office or expelled from the Club on a complaint preferred against him, signed by three (3) members for violation of the Club By-laws or the Constitution of this Club, for improper conduct or for any break of trust relative to duty assigned to him.

- A. Exception to this section will be for a safety violation viewed by another member and reported to an officer or the membership. Such violation will be discussed at a regular meeting and voted on according to ARTICLE IX Section 2 and Section 3.

**Section 2.** A member against whom charges are preferred must be given ample opportunity for defense and shall be considered in good standing until charges are proven and there is a vote on the action to be taken by a majority of eligible members to vote, have attended, (3) meetings.

**Section 3.** Any member/person violating any regulation, by-law, inappropriate conduct is subject to expulsion either 30 – 60 – 90 days or life. Any member or person expelled for any period of time, including life, may not attend any function held at the club, or by the club, or be on any club property for any reason.

## **ARTICLE X** **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution and By-laws can be made at any regular business meeting of the Club and voted on at the next regular meeting of the club by a vote of two thirds ( 2/3 ) of members present.

## **ARTICLE XI** **DISSOLUTION**

This Club shall not be dissolved so long as nine ( 9 ) members agree to continue its existence.

## **ARTICLE XII** **DRINKING**

**Section 1.** No drinking alcoholic beverages during a meeting or before a meeting, or during any shooting activity.

**Section 2.** Drinking will be controlled by the officers.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **REGULATIONS OF BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Section 1.** Order of Business

1. Reading of the minutes and approval of same.
2. Collection of Dues.
3. Resignations and expulsions.
4. Treasurers Report.
5. Bills presented and action on same.
6. Communications read and disposed.
7. Reports of officers and committees.
8. Nominations for membership.
9. Election of members.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Election of Officers.
13. Appointing of Committees.
14. For the good of the Club.
15. Adjournment

**Section 2.** Any member wishing to have the floor shall rise and address himself to the chair; if two members arise at the same time the chair shall decide which one of the two is entitled to the floor.

**Section 3.** No motion shall be open for discussion until accepted and stated by the chair.

**Section 4.** When a question is put to the membership for a vote every member present shall vote for or against the same unless excused from voting by the membership

**Section 5.** Motion to adjourn shall be in order when not detrimental to the best interests of the Club, to be decided by a majority of members present.

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