

**CONSTITUTION
FREEPORT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.**

**REVISED 1954, 1958, 1960, 1964, 1971, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017
UPDATED 1982, 1995, 1999, 2006, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2024**

ARTICLE 1: NAME & OBJECT

- SECTION 1** This organization shall be known as the FREEPORT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC. chartered under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, as a non-profit organization filing annually with the IRS.
- SECTION 2** The object of this organization shall be the propagation, protection and preservation of game, fish and forests and the diffusion of information pertaining there to, for the educational and recreational welfare of the people.
- SECTION 3** Meetings shall be held by referencing Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1** Any citizen not less than eighteen years of age may become and thereafter continue to be a member by payment of current annual dues, provided however, that the member has paid up current dues, has no infractions of the rules and regulations, and has shown mature and responsible conduct at all times while on club property. Any member may at any time be expelled from membership in this association by the Trustees for the violation of these rules or the game or fish laws or damage of the property of this club. Reinstatement may only occur with Officers and Trustees review and approval after a 60-Day waiting period.
- SECTION 2** The membership begins when the initiation fee and/or dues are paid and ends December 31st. Adult Members 18 years and older pay current dues and new Adult Members must pay an initiation fee and dues. Dues for Junior Members 8-17 years old shall be five dollars paid annually. There is no initiation fee after turning 18 years old provided their dues are current. Lifetime members after reaching the age of 65 years and 10 consecutive years as an Adult Member will pay a ten-dollar one-time fee. Dues for Active Duty Military Service Members shall be free during their year(s) of active Service. Annual payment of dues begins the 1st meeting in September and ends December 31st. Dues are subject to change only by the majority vote of the Officers and Trustees.
- SECTION 3** Proper membership cards shall be issued to each member bearing the date of the year for which the dues are paid. Cards must be carried and presented when requested at all times while on club grounds.
- SECTION 4** Dues for membership shall be paid annually. Annual membership begins January 1st and ends December 31st. Failure to pay dues by December 31st shall terminate a member's membership, club privileges, and all appointed or elected positions within the organization beginning January 1st. To rejoin the organization, the member must repay their initiation fee and/or current dues. The Membership Chair will post a list of all members and their dues status.
- SECTION 5** Since the charter was closed December 31, 1955, all new members after January 31, 1960 shall be required to pay an initiation fee and yearly dues. All members are to receive a copy of the by-laws.
- SECTION 6** All new regular member applicants will be vetted by the Membership Committee. Approved applicants must be present at the regular meeting when his/her application is to be voted on. New applicants will be asked to step outside of meeting location, and any objections to new applicant must be brought before the general membership. If there are no objections a vote is not required. If a vote is needed it is to be done by secret paper ballot.

BY-LAWS
ARTICLE 1: MEETINGS

- SECTION 1** The regular meetings of this club shall be held monthly on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise changed by the call of the President and Trustees. Meetings will be conducted by parliamentary procedure by Roberts Rules of Order.
- SECTION 2** Special meetings shall be held only at the call of the President or a member of the Trustees.
- SECTION 3** All Officers and Trustees shall be elected at the regular meeting in June following nominations in May. The newly elected Officers and Trustees shall take office in July at the regular monthly meeting. This shall be the regular annual election by lifetime members and adult members who have attended at least 3 regular monthly meetings and are in good standing with the club.
- SECTION 4** Six members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business of the club at a regular meeting. The club shall not be dissolved while there are ten members willing to continue its existence.
- SECTION 5** Notice of the May/June election process will be communicated to the membership through the Freeport Sportsmen's Club website or social media.

ARTICLE 2: POWER AND DUTIES OF Officers and Trustees

- SECTION 1** The Trustees shall have and exercise certain defined powers which are necessary to manage the general interests of the club. Refer to Article 3 for details. The Trustees shall have the power to spend up to \$250 for club facility maintenance needs with a majority vote of the Trustees. Expenditures costing above \$250 require a majority of Officers and Trustees approval.
- SECTION 2** In the event of any vacancies occurring in the Officers or Trustees, the President shall have the power to fill the same until the next annual election.
- SECTION 3** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club. He/She has the power to suspend any Member, Officer or Trustee for misconduct or insubordination, shall decide all questions before the club and shall have the deciding vote on all questions having an equal number of Trustee votes. He/She shall countersign all orders drawn from the Treasury for the payment of such sums of money as may from time to time be voted on by the Trustees. The President may defer his/her countersignature to a Trustee or Board member if the President feels there may be a conflict of interest. The countersignature will revert back to the succeeding President upon election.
- SECTION 4** The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence or disability. The Vice-President may attend the Trustee meetings as a non-voting member.
- SECTION 5** The Secretary shall keep proper minutes of the proceedings of all regular meetings and Trustees meetings. He/She shall receive all notices to the members, attend to official correspondence and draw all drafts and letters ordered by the club or Trustees and may countersign all drafts drawn for club expenditures. The Secretary shall secure a complete financial report from the Treasurer each year to be made available to club members upon request.
- SECTION 6** The Treasurer shall be custodian of all finances pertaining to the activities of the organization, shall countersign all drafts drawn for the club expenditures, and keep up to date a legible set of books pertaining to the financial activities of the organization. He/She shall also give a report on the financial standing of the organization at each monthly meeting.

ARTICLE 3: TRUSTEES

- SECTION 1** The Trustees are comprised of 6 elected members of the club and the current President of the club. The current Vice-President and any Director(s) may attend any Trustees meetings. Only the current President of the club carries a Trustee voting privilege and only as a tie breaker in Trustee voting.
- SECTION 2** The Trustees elected at the annual election shall serve a term of three years. Each annual election shall elect two Trustees.
- SECTION 3** It shall be the duty of the Officers and Trustees to hold a meeting prior to the regular meeting being held on the second Thursday of each month.
- SECTION 4** The Trustees are responsible for writing, maintaining, and posting: various facilities rules, member definitions, general event registrations, and liability release documents.
- SECTION 5** The Trustees are responsible for developing, prioritizing, and executing projects for the maintenance and improvement of club property and facilities.
- SECTION 6** Any disagreement or impasse with Trustees responsibilities or projects are forwarded to the Board of Directors for final review and directions.

ARTICLE 4: SALE, DISPOSITION OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AND DIVERSIFICATION OF FUNDS

- SECTION 1** No Real Estate which is owned or acquired by the club or by any person or body in trust, constructive or otherwise, for the use of such club, may be sold, exchanged, conveyed, mortgaged or encumbered by trust or deed or otherwise by such club unless the details of the subject matter together with the pertinent and material facts warranting such sale, exchange, mortgage, encumbrance or conveyance of real estate shall first be submitted to the Trustees for action and then to the members in good standing for a vote, then the Officers and Trustees for a final vote. Final vote by Officers and Trustees must be unanimous for approval.
- SECTION 2** Any future revenues received from any form of club functions shall be placed in appropriate accounts per definition and direction of the Officers and Trustees.
- SECTION 3** The club will operate within a budget established by the Trustees. The budget is to be delivered to the Officers and Trustees at the December meeting for review and approval. It will be the duty of the Officers and the Trustees to agree to diversify any future funds received by the club to predetermined club accounts as called for by the club budget.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

- SECTION 1** The officers of the club shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, who shall be elected annually to serve one year and/or until their successors in office shall be elected and entered upon the discharge of their duties. There shall also be a Membership Chair whose office shall be filled by appointment from the President.
- SECTION 2** Any regular member having been an active member for one year and having attended fifty percent of the meetings of the current year is eligible to hold office.
- SECTION 3** The President is automatically a member of the Trustees only as a tie breaking vote.
- SECTION 4** A Board of Directors shall be composed of all the ex-presidents in good standing with the club. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to provide advice and counsel to the officers and trustees.
- SECTION 5** The annual election of the Officers and Trustees shall take place in June after the opening of nominations in May. The newly elected Officers and Trustees shall then assume their respective duties in July.
- SECTION 6** The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair must be bonded.
- SECTION 7** No club member may hold more than one (1) position in any year. Further, no member can serve as a Trustee and hold an Officer position. Only in emergency circumstances may a member hold two (2) Officer/ Trustee positions within the club. Those emergency circumstances will be defined and approved only by the current President.

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES

- SECTION 1** Standing committees shall be appointed to carry forward the work of the club. Special committees shall be appointed when ordered by the club or Trustees. The Trustees shall determine what standing committees are to be appointed and shall define the duties of all committees. The President is subject to appoint all committees. The action of all committees shall be subject at all times to the revision and control of the Trustees as provided in the constitution.

ARTICLE 7: DUES

- SECTION 1** Membership dues for a new calendar year must be paid by December 31st of the prior year. Failure to pay dues on or before December 31 shall suspend a member from all voting privileges and forfeiture of his/her membership. The secretary will post a list of such members. Dues are subject to change by vote of the Officers and Trustees.
- SECTION 2** Only Adult members who have attended at least 3 monthly meetings and with 10 hours of verifiable work time for the first year then 6 hours per year thereafter, Officers, Trustees and Directors qualify for a clubhouse FOB. FOB is available for the cost of the FOB. A key/FOB for the main gate entrance to the property is available with paid Adult membership for the cost of the key/FOB.

ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

- SECTION 1** Any amendments to the bylaws shall be proposed and read at a regular meeting then will be re-read and voted on during the next regular monthly meeting by the general membership and presented to the Officers and Trustees for final approval.

The Constitution and Bylaws have been revised, updated and approved by the
members of the Freeport Sportsmen's Club on August 8, 2024

Officers;

President, Rodney Barber _____

Vice President, Bill Affrica _____

Treasurer, Nathan Lutz _____

Secretary, Phil Cornelius _____

Trustees;

Trustee, Carl Good _____

Trustee, Julio Medeiros _____

Trustee, Marc Riggle _____

Trustee, Lou Silliman _____

Trustee, Jeffrey Snyder _____

Trustee, Robert Walters _____