

**STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION
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BY-LAWS**



**CONSTITUTION
Of the
*STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION***

Name

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be the “Standish Sportsman’s Association Inc.”

Purpose

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this association shall be to promote better hunting, fishing, conservation, and sportsmanship. The association shall be non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit.

Seal

ARTICLE III

This Article has been eliminated

Membership

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The members of this association shall be any person of good moral character, who has attained the age of eighteen years.

Provided, that no person shall be eligible to membership in this association who has not declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, or who, having declared such intention, has permitted same to lapse.

Section 2. *This section has been eliminated*

Section 3. All applications for new members shall be read by the Financial Secretary to the association at the regular meeting previous to that which it is voted upon.

After a proposed member has been accepted by the Board of Directors, the applicant’s name shall be put before the association at the next regular meeting. Voting shall be done by the majority vote (yes) shall elect, majority vote (no) shall reject.

In case of rejection the applicant’s deposit shall be returned.

Section 4. Members in good standing, for 15 years consecutively, and who are charter members, who attain the age of 55 years or charter members who have been in the club for a period of 5 consecutive years and have reached the age of 65 years shall be eligible to apply for Life membership. Members in good standing for 20 years consecutively, who are charter members, may apply for Life membership, regardless of their age. Life membership will be granted or denied using the existing three reading process.

Membership start date begins on the date you are first voted into the club as a temporary associate member.

Section 5. Honorary membership for one year, for service may be conferred upon any person on vote of the body and the approval of the Board of Directors. Honorary members shall pay no dues nor assessment. They shall not have voting power.

Section 6. Misconduct & Penalties: Any member who shall engage in activities detrimental to the reputation of the association shall on a majority vote of the Board of Directors be suspended.

Section 7. Charter membership shall be all members in good standing as of April 1, 1986. And a minimum of 13 charter members shall be maintained and not exceed 105. As openings in the charter membership become available, associate members of the age of 21 and older may be voted in by a majority vote of the charter membership.

Associate members shall have no obligation other than paying dues and abiding by the club by-laws as a condition to being an associate member in good standing.

Officers of the Association

ARTICLE V

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors.

Section 2. Except as hereinafter provided, all officers shall be elected by secret ballot of the association at its annual meeting.

All officers elected at the annual meeting shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of their respective officers immediately following such election, and shall hold office for one year thereafter or until their successors are duly elected.

Section 3. If required by the vote of the association the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, shall furnish bonds in such amount and with such surety as may be required by the association or the Board of Directors. The cost of furnishing such bonds shall be paid by the association.

Section 4. In event of any vacancy among the elected officers of this association occasioned by the disability, resignation, or death of such officer, the vacancy shall be filled by the vote of the Board of Directors, and the person so selected shall serve until his successor is elected by the members of the association.

President

ARTICLE VI

The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the Board of Directors. He shall name the standing committees and shall exercise such other powers as may be vested in him by this constitution or by vote of the association or the Board of Directors. He shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Vice-President

ARTICLE VII

The Vice-President in the absence of the President shall discharge the duties and exercise the powers of the latter.

Secretary

ARTICLE VIII

The secretary shall attend all meetings of the association and of the Board of Directors and shall record upon Books or Record the proceeding of the meetings.

He shall notify the members of the association and of the Board of Directors of all meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by vote of the association, or by that of the Board of Directors.

He shall at all meetings have in his possession a copy of this constitution and a copy of Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

Financial Secretary

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. The Financial Secretary shall collect all dues and other sums owing to the association. He shall properly post names of applicants and serve on the membership committee.

He shall receive monies from all fund raising committees with their written report, giving them a receipt therefore. He shall promptly pay over the same to the Treasurer of the association, taking the latter's receipt therefore. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by vote of the association or the Board of Directors.

Section 2. He shall when required by vote of the association, by this constitution, or by order of the Board of Directors submit his books and records to the auditing committee for examination and approval.

Treasurer

ARTICLE X

Section 1. The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all monies, funds, securities, papers and deeds of the association.

He shall keep a full and accurate account of his transactions upon Books of Record furnished by the association, and generally

attend to all the association's financial affairs, conducting the same so as to best promote its interests.

Section 2. He may make payments, sign, endorse, and accept checks, notes and drafts in behalf of the association so far as authorized by vote of the club or by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. *This section has been eliminated*

Section 4. He shall when and as required by vote of the association or the Board of Directors submit his books and records to the auditing committee for examination and approval.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly report to the association.

Board of Directors

ARTICLE XI

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of eight members plus the elective officers of the association.

Section 2. *This section has been eliminated*

Section 3. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy among the Officers or Directors by a vote of the majority of those present at a regular monthly meeting of such Board, such election to be for unexpired term.

Section 4. Any member of the Board of Directors who shall absent himself from three consecutive monthly meetings of such Board, unless he shall offer at the next monthly meeting an excuse for his absence which is satisfactory to the President, shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of said Board and cease to be a member thereof.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to transact all business and make decisions which call for immediate action without waiting for sanction of a regular meeting, providing such action is for the good of the association and in the nature of an emergency.

Section 6.

Except as stated in the club Bylaws, Policies and Range Rules, all decisions made by the Board of Directors shall come before the membership for consideration with a recommendation From the Board of Directors

Meetings

ARTICLE XII

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held in the evening on the third Thursday of each December.

Section 2. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month unless said day falls on a holiday, when meetings shall be determined by vote of the body.

Section 3. Social meetings shall be fixed by vote of the association or the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the president, by the Board of Directors, or by written petition signed by ten members in good standing, addressed to the Secretary; whereupon, the latter must give all members written notice seven days prior to such meeting. Such notice must clearly state the purpose of the meeting.

Only such business may be transacted at a special meeting as directly relates to the purpose stated in the notice.

Section 5. Any business which could legally be transacted at any meeting of the association may be legally transacted after an adjournment without new notice, if reconvened by the President, the same evening while a quorum is present.

Quorum

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1. Ten members of the association shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the association.

Section 2. Seven directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors, one of which shall be the President or the Vice-President to conduct meeting.

Dues

ARTICLE XIV

Section 1. Membership dues are due January 1, to be paid in full by the Business Meeting in February of each year. Any member who fails to pay membership dues by the February Business Meeting will cease to be a member.

Section 2. Dues are subject to change by vote of the association.

Section 3. Any exception to dues policy or reinstatement to membership will be approved or disapproved by the Board of Directors.

Committees

ARTICLE XV

Section 1. The Association's fiscal year shall run from July 1st to June 30th. The President shall annually, thirty days prior to the ending of the fiscal year, by May 30th, appoint an auditing committee of 2 members, subject to the approval of the Association, whose duty shall be to audit the books and the

accounts of the financial secretary, and of the Treasurer, and such other officers and agents of the Association, as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Report of the auditing committee shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at the August Board of Directors meeting and at the following September Business meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Prior to the November business meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of the three club members. This committee will be responsible for preparing a list of candidates for the offices of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors.

The list of candidates must be presented at the December business meeting for club acceptance but shall not prevent nominations from the floor.

At the December meeting, after nominations are closed, the President shall appoint an election committee of three members of the Association who are not running for office.

The President, with club acceptance, will also set the hours for the election to be held at the annual meeting.

The election committee will be responsible for preparing an election ballot, supervising the election, counting the election results, and posting the results on the Association bulletin board.

Only charter members of the Association in attendance at the annual meeting will be allowed to vote. If the election should result in a tie for any offices, the election committee will immediately hold a special election for the purpose of breaking any ties.

Section 3. *This section has been eliminated*

Section 4. The President shall announce at the first regular meeting after his election his appointments for the year to the various *standing committees* to carry out the routine work of the association who shall serve until their successors are appointed.

Section 5. The association may, from time to time, raise such *special committees* as may be deemed advisable and define their powers and duties.

All committees, which receive and handle funds in the discharge of their duties, shall if requested submit a written itemized account of that part of their reports, which relate to receipt and disbursement of funds to the Financial Secretary.

Dissolution of Corporation

ARTICLE XVI

Section 1. Dissolution will be acted upon as an amendment to the By-Laws.

Section 2. In case of dissolution of the club all assets shall be turned over to the Town of East Bridgewater for conservation purpose only.

Use of Property
ARTICLE XVII

Section 1. The association may adopt, from time to time, such rules and regulations relating to the use of the property, rights, and privileges of this association by its members and others, as it may deem advisable. Such rules and regulations shall become operative, effective and binding upon the members of the association on the date, which the same is posted upon the walls of the regular meeting place of the association.

Section 2. No political circulars, posters or pictures of any candidate for office whether for national, state, city or town government shall be allowed on building or grounds.

Procedure
ARTICLE XVIII

Section 1. All questions of parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Roberts Rules except as herein provided by this constitution.

Section 2. The regular order of business shall be as follows.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Secretary's report.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Report of Board.
5. Report of committees.
6. Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting).
7. Election of new members.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Good of the order.
11. Adjournment.

Amendment
ARTICLE XIX

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association after three readings, provided:

1. First reading

That during any regular meeting the amendment is presented in writing to the Secretary and read. No action is needed at this time. A copy of the proposed written amendment will be sent to all members before the second reading.

2. Second reading

That the proposed amendment is read and discussed during the following regular meeting (under new business).

3. Third reading

That the proposed amendment will be read and approved only by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present during the third regular meeting.