

Connecticut Air Gunners CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

- 1) **Name:** The name of the club is: Connecticut Air Gunners. The web site for the club is *ctairgunners.weebly.com*.
- 2) **Administration:** Subject to the matters set out below the Club shall be administered and managed in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Management Committee, constituted by clause 7 of these bylaws.
- 3) **Objectives:** The Club objectives are to:
 - a) Encourage and facilitate the development of and participation in the sport of air rifle and air pistol shooting on a local and state level in Connecticut.
 - b) To organize matches or competitions for the benefit of the members and its guests.
 - c) To cooperate with and to support any other shooting associated body in matters of mutual interest – both national and international organizations such as AAFTA, WFTF, USARB, WRABF & NRA.
 - d) Promote safety, fellowship and sportsmanship for all Members.
 - e) To engage, from time to time, in charitable activities consistent with the goals of the Membership.
- 4) **Powers:** In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Management Committee may exercise the following powers:
 - a) Raise funds and to invite and to receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Management Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
 - b) Find and acquire access to any property necessary for the achievement of the objectives (holding air rifle & pistol matches) and to maintain and equip it for use;
 - c) Cooperate with other clubs, organizations, and individuals engaged in furtherance of the objectives and to exchange information and advice with them;
 - d) Support any charitable trusts, Clubs or institutions formed for all or any of the objectives;
 - e) To do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objectives.
- 5) **Membership:**
 - a) Membership of the Club shall be open to individuals who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Club and who have paid the annual due as fixed from time to time by majority vote of members present at the annual general meeting or any extra ordinary meeting called specifically for that purpose.
 - b) The Management Committee may with at least 2/3rd's vote terminate the membership of any individual.
 - c) The Management Committee may create any class of member they deem necessary and may determine what benefits or rights such members may have, and may lay down procedures for the introduction of prospective new members to the Club. The exercise of any such powers by the Management Committee shall be subject to ratification by the next annual general meeting of the Club by means of appropriate amendment(s) to the bylaws of the Club.
 - d) The initial classes of membership are:
 - i) Annual working member. An annual member is a person who has paid his membership subscription for the current year and works on the setup, operation and take down of at least one club run field target match.
 - ii) Annual Non-working member. An annual member who has paid his membership subscription for the current year but has no plans or desire to participate in the setup, operation and take down of any club run match.

- iii) Junior member. A junior member is a person who has not attained the age of 18 years as of January 1 of the current year.

6) **Officers:**

- a) At a designated annual general meeting of the Club the members shall elect from amongst themselves a president, safety/range officer, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall hold office from the conclusion of the meeting until the next designated annual meeting.
- b) The role of each officer shall be as follows:
 - i) President:
 - (1) Lead Management Committee meetings, club meetings, and other events sponsored or hosted by the club; and
 - (2) Provide leadership and direction in meeting the objectives of the club; and
 - (3) Such other duties as he wishes to perform with the advice and consent of the Management Committee consistent with the objectives of the club.
 - ii) Secretary:
 - (1) Keep the minutes of the meetings and club records, including contact information of all Members,
 - (2) provide notice of meetings;
 - (3) Administer member applications; and
 - (4) Such other duties as he wishes to perform with the advice and consent of the Management Committee consistent with the objectives of the club.
 - iii) Safety/Range Officer:
 - (1) Recommend and implement safety procedures for the Club with the consent and advice of the Management Committee;
 - (2) Ensure individual and club compliance with safety procedures, including match and range safety;
 - (3) Engage in relevant technical inspection of air guns and individual and club equipment to ensure safe operation;
 - (4) Survey all match locations for any danger or safety issues;
 - (5) Design, setup, and administer matches and act as ultimate decision maker on all rules, scoring and other issues that arise during a match;
 - (6) Collection of relevant waivers; and
 - (7) Such other duties as he wishes to perform with the advice and consent of the Management Committee consistent with the objectives of the club.
 - iv) Treasurer:
 - (1) Manage and keep the money and finances of the club with the advice and consent of the Management Committee; and
 - (2) Such other duties as he wishes to perform with the advice and consent of the Management Committee consistent with the objectives of the club.

7) **Management Committee**

- a) The Management Committee shall consist of the four officers specified in the preceding clause;
- b) All members of the Management Committee must be full current members of the Club in their own right.
- c) All the members of the Management Committee are elected for period of one year. Elections for members of the committee shall proceed during the annual general meeting.

- d) The proceedings of the Management Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or qualification of a member.
 - e) No person shall be elected an officer or member of the Management Committee who has not turned 18 as of January 1 of the current year.
- 8) **Termination of Membership of the Management Committee:** A member of the Management Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she:
- a) ceases to be a full current member of the Club; or
 - b) becomes incapable by reason of managing and administering his or her club duties; or
 - c) is absent without permission of the Management Committee from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Management Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
 - d) gives to the Management Committee notice that he or she wishes to resign.
- 9) **Management Committee and Members not to be Personally Interested.**
- a) No member of the Management Committee or any club member shall acquire any interest in property belonging to the Club or receive remuneration or have a financial interest in any contract entered by the Management Committee.
 - b) Nothing, however, prevents the Manage Committee, with the abstinence of any interested member of the Management Committee, from leasing, buying, or selling property to a club or Management Committee member.
- 10) **Meetings and Proceedings of the Management Committee**
- a) All meetings and proceedings of the management committee may be carried out electronically or in person.
 - b) The Management Committee shall hold at least four ordinary meetings each year. A special meeting may be called at any time by the president or by any three members of the Management Committee upon not less than seven days' notice being given to the other members of the Management Committee of the matters to be discussed.
 - c) The president shall act as leader at meetings of the Management Committee. If the president is absent from any meeting, the members of the Management Committee present shall choose one of their number to be leader of the meeting before any other business is transacted.
 - d) There shall be a quorum when at least two of the four members of the Management Committee are present at the meeting.
 - e) The Management Committee shall keep minutes of the proceedings at meetings of the Management Committee and any sub-committee.
 - f) The Management Committee may from time to time make, publish, amend or alter the bylaws of the Club. Any such bylaws or modified bylaws must be laid before the next annual general meeting of the Club for ratification. No bylaw, rule, standing order or other regulation may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.
 - g) The Management Committee may appoint one or more advisory or sub-committees consisting of two or more club members for the purpose of making any enquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Management Committee would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee: provided that all acts and proceedings of any sub-committee shall be fully and promptly reported to the Management Committee.
 - h) The Management Committee shall ensure that at all times the Club and its members shall comply with all legal requirements in force from time to time and any rules appertaining to the conduct of the activities being undertaken.

11) **Receipts and Expenditure**

- a) The funds of the Club, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Management Committee in the name of the Club at such bank as the Management Committee shall from time to time decide. The Club will only use one bank account.
 - b) The funds belonging to the Club shall be applied only in furthering the objectives of the Club.
 - c) General audits of financial accounts shall be performed and made available to members by 12/31 of each calendar year.
- 12) **Property:** The Management Committee shall take such steps as necessary to secure access to and manage property (or properties) used by the club.
- 13) **Annual General Meeting**
- a) There shall be an annual general meeting of the Club which shall normally be held each year during one of the Club' winter matches in January or February.
 - b) Every annual general meeting shall be called by the Management Committee.
 - c) The Secretary shall give at least 21 days' notice of the annual general meeting via email to all the members of the Club. All members of the Club shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
 - d) The president of the Club then in office shall be the leader of each annual and extraordinary general meeting, but if he is not present, before any other business is transacted, the persons present shall appoint a leader of the meeting.
 - e) The Management Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Club for the preceding financial year.
 - f) Nominations for election of officers and at-large members of the Management Committee must be made by members of the Club via email at least 14 days before the annual general meeting. The person nominated must confirm his or her willingness to stand. Should nominees exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.
- 14) **Special General Meetings:** The Management Committee may call a special general meeting of the Club at any time. If at least 20% of the Club membership or 50 members, whichever is less, request such a meeting via email, or where the member has no email facility the notification shall be by post, stating the business to be considered the Secretary shall call such a meeting. At least 21 days' notice must be given. The notice calling the meeting must state the business to be discussed.
- 15) **Procedure at General Meetings**
- a) The Secretary or other person specially appointed by the Management Committee shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the Club.
 - b) There shall be a quorum when at least 25% of the number of full members of the Club for the time being or 20 members of the Club, whichever is less, are present at any general meeting.
 - c) If after 30 minutes from the time stated for the commencement of the meeting there are still insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to another time and place. The adjourned meeting shall take place within 42 days of the date of the original meeting, or as soon after as is practicable.
 - d) If at the adjourned meeting there are insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting will proceed after a delay of 30 minutes unless sufficient members are present before that time to form a quorum.
- 16) **Notices:** Any notice required to be served on any member of the Club shall be via email, or where the member has no email facility the notification shall be by post, and shall be served by the Secretary or the Management Committee on such member by sending it to the member at his or her last known email address, or where the member had no email facility to the last known address and any email or letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

- 17) **Voting:**
- a) Every member shall have one vote on any resolution on which he is entitled to vote.
 - b) Every resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes by those present and entitled to vote on the question but in the case of a tied vote the President of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote.
- 18) **Alteration to the Constitution:** The constitution may be altered by a resolution supported by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed to the Constitution.
- 19) **Dissolution:** If the Management Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club it shall call a meeting of all members of the Club, of which not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is supported by two-thirds of those present and voting the Management Committee shall have power to realize any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other non-profit institution or institutions having objects similar to the objectives of the Club as the members of the Club may determine.

SIGNATURES

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