

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Special Meeting: Sept. 24th – 6pm

From The Chairman,

Hello members, you are receiving this document from the Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club because over the past several months, a committee of club members has been working on updating the club Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Ground Rules. Several changes and clarifications have been suggested to make our club documents more straight forward and easier to understand while also removing some language that was causing different interpretations of the Bylaws. Since there are so many changes that are being proposed, the Board of Directors is calling a special meeting for the sole purpose of discussing and voting on these Bylaw changes. This document is listing all of the changes that are proposed to the Bylaws so you can view the proposed changes ahead of time and attend the special meeting on September 24th, at 6pm at the Gun Club. Each proposed change will have its own vote so make sure you bring you member card with you to the meeting otherwise, you will not be allowed to vote!

#1) Article III, Section 2:

Current Bylaw - Membership in this Club shall be limited to three hundred and fifty (350) **Active Members.**

Proposed Change - Membership in this Club shall be limited to three hundred and fifty (350) **Dues-Paying Members.**

#2) Article III, Section 3:

Current Bylaw - Membership in this Club shall consist of three (3) classes of Membership which are: **Regular Members**, Honorary Members, and Lifetime Members.

Proposed Change - Membership in this Club shall consist of three (3) classes of Membership which are: **Dues Paying Members**, Honorary Members, and Lifetime Members.

#3) Article III, Section 6A:

Current Bylaw - The dues of this Club shall be annually, payable to the Treasurer, on or before December 31st. **Any member that does not pay his/her dues by Dec 31, will be called or e-mailed to confirm their resignation from the club.** If the member wishes to continue membership. The Re-instatement fine is One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars, plus dues, plus unpaid work hours. All monies must be received by the Treasurer before the start of the Annual Meeting. After the start of the Annual Meeting any ex-member may re-apply for membership by the same process as a new applicant.

Proposed Change - The dues of this Club shall be payable to the Treasurer annually on or before December 31st. If the member wishes to continue membership after failing to meet the deadline, there is a reinstatement fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars plus dues and unpaid work hours. All monies must be received by the Treasurer before the start of the Annual Meeting. After the start of the Annual Meeting any ex-member may re-apply for membership by the same process as a new applicant.

#4) Article III, Section 6C:

Current Bylaw - Hardship cases may petition the Board of Directors on or before the December Board Meeting; by personal appearance or in writing, **for a time extension, not to exceed sixty (60) days to pay dues.**

Proposed Change - Hardship cases may petition the Board of Directors on or before the December Board Meeting by personal appearance or in writing. **Any extension to pay dues in full shall not exceed sixty (60) days.**

#5) Article III, Section 6E:

Current Bylaw - Dues of New Members shall be prorated semi-annually.

Proposed Change – (Remove 6E from the Bylaws.)

#6) Article III, Section 9:

Current Bylaw - All Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun Club Members who are sixty-five (65) years of age, or permanently disabled, with ten (10) years of Membership, may petition the Board to become paid-up Life Members, and will maintain all Rights and Privileges as that of a Regular Member. In order to maintain Life Membership, any person can check in said Life Member once a year between the dates of October 1st and December 31st. Checking in of said Life Member will include the following: Life Member's current address, current phone number, and if they wish to maintain their life membership. The check in form will be located on the main page of the club website, **mfrgc.com**. Any member may acquire Life Membership for \$50.00 per year for every year until age 65. Work Hours would be due until age 65. Any new member over 55 could acquire Life Membership for \$500.00 plus Work Hours for 10 years. **(Jan. 2018)**

Proposed Change – Section 9A: All members of the Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club with ten (10) years of membership may acquire Life Membership in one of three ways:

- 1. Achieve the age of sixty-five (65) years old and petition the Board for Life Membership.
- 2. Are permanently disabled and petition the Board for Life Membership.
- 3. Pay the current year's dues for each year remaining to age sixty-five (65). Work hours would be due until age sixty-five (65).

#7) Article III, Section 9B:

Current Bylaw – (New: Does not exist yet.)

Proposed Change – To maintain their Life Member status, the Member or anyone **she/he** delegates must check in the Member once a year between the months of October 1st and December 31st. Checking in shall include the following: the Life Member's current address, current phone number, current email address, and if they wish to maintain their Life Member status. The check-in form will be located on the main page of the club website, **mfrgc.com**.

#8) Article III, Section 10B:

Current Bylaw - An Honorary Membership shall, unless revoked, continue for the life of the Honorary Member, and shall permit the Honorary Member to enjoy all of the rights possessed by **other Members**.

Proposed Change – An Honorary Membership shall, unless revoked, continue for the life of the Honorary Member, and shall permit the Honorary Member to enjoy all of the rights possessed by **Dues Paying Members except for voting rights**.

#9) Article IV, Section 2:

Current Bylaw - Order of business at the Annual Meeting:

- A. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting
- B. Reports of the Committee Chairmen
- C. Report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors
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#10) Article IV, Section 4:

Current Bylaw - A Special Meeting of the Club may be called by the Board of Directors, or whenever one-third (1/3) of the voting Members in-good-standing shall make written request to the Chairman for the same, specifying the object of the Meeting, and provided not less than ten (10) days **written notice** of such Special Meeting shall be given to the Members.

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#11) Article IV, Section 5:

Current Bylaw - All Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and Club By-Laws. Open discussion from the Floor, on all measures, shall be permitted and encouraged. In any matter, whatsoever, that shall come before the Membership, which is not covered specifically by **Charter**, By-Laws, or Standing Rules; Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

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#12) Article IV, Section 6:

Current Bylaw - The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, on the third Monday of the month, prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting, unless otherwise specified. A Special Meeting may be called, by any two (2) Members of the Board, providing **written notice** be given to each Member of the Board, prior to the date set for the Meeting.

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#13) Article V, Section 1:

Current Bylaw – A Quorum shall consist of the **Active Members** present at any Meeting.

Proposed Change – A Quorum shall consist of the **Dues Paying and Life Members** present at any Membership Meeting.

#14) Article VI, Section 1:

Current Bylaw – The **Officers** of this Club shall consist of six (6) duly elected Members to the Board of Directors.

Proposed Change – The **Directors** of this Club shall consist of six (6) duly elected Members to the Board of Directors.

#15) Article VII, Section 1:

Current Bylaw – The Board of Directors shall have the power to manage all the affairs of the Club; and to make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of all business. They shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the care, control, and management of the Club and its' finances. The Board shall perform these duties within the confines of the **Charter**, By-Laws, and Standing Rules; and always strive to serve the will of the Parent Body.

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#16) Article VII, Section 2:

Current Bylaw – Items of major importance and/or items costing fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars or more must be proposed to the entire Membership, by the **Secretary**. The Secretary must publish notice of this item in the Club Bulletin for one (1) month. The item will be voted upon at the next Meeting. Such items must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all the Members present at the Meeting; or at a Membership Meeting called for the purpose of such vote. The Board will **still** be allowed to approve **only** five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

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#17) Article VII, Section 6D:

Current Bylaw – The Board of Directors shall annually appoint a Chief Range Officer.

Proposed Change – Remove 6D from the Bylaws.

#18) Article VII, Section 6E:

Current Bylaw – **SECTION 6E**. The Board of Directors shall appoint all Committee Chairmen.

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#19) Article VII, Section 6F:

Current Bylaw – **SECTION 6F**. All appointed Committee Chairmen shall be responsible to the Board of Directors, **and if they**, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, are not doing their duties properly; may be removed from their office, for the welfare of the Club. **They may be removed only** by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Change – **SECTION 6E**. All appointed Committee Chairmen shall be responsible to the Board of Directors. **If**, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, they are not doing their duties properly they may then be removed from their office for the welfare of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#20) Article VII, Section 6G:

Current Bylaw – **SECTION 6G**. **To** appoint Delegates to the different Associations of which this Club may be a Member, or for the purpose of conferring with any Association or Club **respecting** any matter in which the Club may be concerned.

Proposed Change – SECTION 6F. The Board of Directors shall appoint Delegates to the different Associations of which this Club may be a Member, or for the purpose of conferring with any Association or Club **representing** any matter in which the Club may be concerned.

#21) Article VII, Section 6H:

Current Bylaw – SECTION 6H. The Board shall annually appoint a Sergeant at Arms, whose duties shall be to verify Membership authenticity of all Members at Club Meetings, and maintain

order at the direction of the Chair. The Chair may appoint an alternate Sergeant at Arms, **if the regular Sergeant at Arms is not available.**

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#22) Article VII, Section 8:

Current Bylaw – In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman, and fulfill all **his** duties. In the event of the death or disability of the Chairman, **he** shall act as the Chairman, until the Board of Directors shall fill the office.

Proposed Change – In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman, and fulfill all **her/his** duties. In the event of the death or disability of the Chairman, the **Vice- Chairman** shall act as the Chairman until the Board of Directors shall fill the office.

#23) Article VII, Section 10:

Current Bylaw – The Treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by him, and deposit in the name of the Club, in such bank as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall not pay out any **of the** money of the Club, except in such manner, and for such purpose as shall be approved by the proper **Officers** of the Club, whose approval shall be authorized by a motion or resolution of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall not be responsible for money or funds of the Club paid out, or disbursed upon checks or vouchers which have been properly signed and countersigned. At each Monthly Meeting, he shall make a statement of the financial condition of the Club, and at the Annual Meeting of the Club, he shall submit a detailed report of the financial condition of the club for the fiscal year. This report may be audited by accountants designated by the Board of Directors. He/she shall receive a salary, as determined by the Board.

Proposed Change – The Treasurer shall keep account of all monies received by **her/him**, and deposit **them** in the name of the Club in such bank **or banks** as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. **She/he** shall not pay out any money of the Club except in such manner and for such purpose as shall be approved by the proper **Directors or Committee Chairmen** of the Club, whose approval shall be authorized by a motion or resolution of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall not be responsible for money or funds of the Club paid out or disbursed upon checks or vouchers which have been properly signed and countersigned. At

each Monthly Meeting **she/he** shall make a statement of the financial condition of the Club, and at the Annual Meeting of the Club **she/he** shall submit a detailed report of the financial condition of the club for the fiscal year. This report may be audited by accountants designated by the Board of Directors. **She/he** shall receive a salary as determined by the Board.

#24) Article VII, Section 11:

Current Bylaw – The Chief Range Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the Club, the printing of scorecards, the arranging of competition, etc. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Change – Remove 11 from the Bylaws.

#25) Article VIII, Section 1:

Current Bylaw – Any **Officer** may be removed from office, by a two-thirds vote of the **Members** in-good-standing, present at any Special Meeting for this purpose. **No vote on suspension or removal may be taken, unless** fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to this **Officer**, of the reasons for his removal, and the time and place of the Special Meeting, **at which such ballot on his or her removal shall be taken. At such Special Meeting, the Officer shall be given a full hearing.**

Proposed Change – Any **Director** may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the **club's Dues Paying and Life Members** in good standing present at a Special Meeting called for this purpose **by the Board of Directors. At least** fifteen (15) days written notice shall be given this **Director**, **detailing the** reasons for **her/his** removal and giving the date and time of the Special Meeting. **At such Special Meeting the Director shall be given a full hearing, followed by taking a ballot on her/his removal.**

#26) Article VIII, Section 3:

Current Bylaw – Charges against any **Officer** or Member may be referred by any Member in-good-standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts relied upon, and accompanied by all affidavits and exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the Chairman. The Chairman will call a Meeting of the Board of Directors, to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Meeting, to each Member of the Board of Directors, and to the Accuser, and the Accused. This notice will, **also**, include a true copy of the charges, and the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

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least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Meeting to each Member of the Board of Directors, and to the Accuser, and the Accused. This notice will also include a true copy of the charges and the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

#27) Article VIII, Section 4:

Current Bylaw – Any Member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors, may appeal to the Full Membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing, to the Secretary, who will notify the Chairman. The Chairman will call a Meeting of the Club, for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days' **notice in writing**, to all Members in-good-standing in the Club, stating the date, time, place, and reason for such Special Meeting. At the Special Meeting of the Club, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the Special Meeting, at which the charges and actions were taken. A full hearing will be given the Accuser and the Accused. A vote will be taken by ballot, of the Members in-good-standing present and two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

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#28) Article VIII, Section 5:

Current Bylaw – Any **Officer** or Member of the Club, who has been suspended, or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America, shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from the Club, upon receipt of Official Notice, by the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.

Proposed Change – Any **Director** or Member of the Club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from the Club, upon receipt of Official Notice by the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.