

**BY LAWS OF**  
**THE MEEKER SPORTSMAN CLUB, INC.**  
**1658 Agosta-Meeker Rd. N., Marion, OH**

**REVISED SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be: THE MEEKER SPORTSMAN CLUB, Inc.

**ARTICLE II- PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Club shall be:

1. To create and maintain an organization for the promotion of fish and game conservation within the State of Ohio and particularly in the western part of Marion County, in and about Meeker, Ohio.
2. To acquaint its members and the community generally with the problems of game propagation, management, conservation and related subjects.
3. To promote safety measures with respect to the proper use of firearms and other sporting equipment, and to further public education as to such measures.
4. To provide facilities for members of the community of Meeker, Ohio and the township adjacent thereto for pistol, trap and rifle shooting, the use of such facilities not being limited to the members of the organization.
5. To provide holding and raising pens for pheasants and such other game birds as may be found suitable for the area.
6. To build or otherwise secure a lake in the community for the propagation of fresh water fish.
7. To provide recreational facilities for residents of said locality for the purpose of holding community square dances, picnics, card parties and social evenings, the use of such facilities not being limited to the members of the organization.
8. To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, any real estate, land or premises necessary for the construction of such recreational and sport facilities and for reforestation of adjacent areas in accordance with sound conservation practices.
9. To raise money in any proper manner for the financing of said programs and facilities; and
10. To do any and all things necessary and incidental to the accomplishment of these purposes.

Any net earnings of the organization shall be devoted exclusively to the educational and recreational purposes set forth herein.

In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the organization, any funds remaining after payment of liabilities shall be distributed equally to the Township Trustees of Montgomery, Big Island, Grand and Salt Rock Townships, Marion County, Ohio and used by them to create and promote sound conservation practices within said Townships.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older may become a member of this organization on vote of the general membership at a meeting at which membership acceptance is being voted on, subscribing to the following pledge and on payment of the membership dues.

#### THE MEEKER SPORTSMAN CLUB PLEDGE

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a felony and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Club members will also subscribe to the Meeker Sportsman Club Hunter's Code of Ethics as follows:

I will consider myself an invited guest of any landowner, seeking his permission to enter upon his premises, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.

I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously, but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same.

I will obey all hunting rules and regulations, and will insist that my companions do likewise.

I will do my best to acquire those marksmanship and hunting skills which assure clean, sportsmanlike skill.

I will support conservation efforts which can assure good hunting for future generations of Americans.

I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.

### ARTICLE IV – DUES

- A. Annual dues for members shall be provided for by action of the Board of Trustees.
- B. Lifetime memberships may be provided for by action of the Board of Trustees. A life time member shall not be subject to annual dues.
- C. Members whose dues are delinquent shall not be eligible to participate in any Club meetings and the privileges and benefits available to members of the Club.

#### **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

- A. The regular business meetings of the Club shall be held on the last Monday of the month, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- B. Special meetings of the Club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon written demand of a member, stating the object of the proposed meeting. Written notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all members in good standing.

#### **ARTICLE VI - TRUSTEES**

- A. There shall be seven (7) Trustees for the Club.
- B. To qualify to serve as Trustee, a member shall have been a member of the Club in good standing for a period of three (3) years or be a lifetime member in good standing.
- C. Trustees shall be elected and serve for three (3) years. At the initial election of Trustees, two shall be elected for one year, two for two years and three for three years. Thereafter, successor Trustees shall be elected as the terms of the various Trustees expire, terminate or become vacant.
- D. Trustees shall be nominated by the general membership at the November membership meeting and voted upon at the December membership meeting.
- E. The Trustee's shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the Club. Meetings of the Trustee's shall be held regularly at such time and place as they may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the written call of the President or on the written demand by three (3) of the Trustees. Four members of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum.
- F. After elected in December, the Trustees shall meet in December and elect the Officers and the Trustee Chairman for the Club for the following calendar year.

#### **ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS**

- A. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a president, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. The Officers shall be elected for a term of one year commencing January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. The Trustees, after their election at the December meeting, shall elect the Officers for the ensuing calendar year.
- D. Duties of Officers:
  - 1. President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his or her office.

2. Vice President – The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence or at his or her request.
3. Secretary – The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence, prepare and file all reports required of the Club. He or she shall notify the Trustees of all meetings of the Trustees and shall notify the members in writing of all special meetings and of the annual meeting. He or she shall keep a true record of the minutes of all meetings of the Trustees and of the membership and have the custody of the books and papers of the Club, except the Treasurer's books of account. He or she shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer. The Secretary shall give written notices of meetings of the Trustees or memberships as required on the by-laws.
4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Trustees. All bank accounts shall be entrusted with three (3) signatures, the President, the Trustee Chairman and the Treasurer. All expenditures and transfers from bank accounts shall done by check requiring two of the afore mentioned signatures. The signers on all accounts shall be bonded in amounts determined by the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his or her transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Trustees, when requested, and a monthly report to the club at its meetings. An annual audit of the Treasurers books shall be performed prior to the December election meeting by a committee consisting of one officer, one non-officer and the Trustee Chair.
5. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least two Trustees.

#### ARTICLE VIII – VACANCIES

- A. Any Officer or Trustee who misses three consecutive meetings, without good cause, shall automatically be relieved and removed from the office held by them.
- B. Voluntary resignation by any Officer or Trustee shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees, who may accept such resignation by majority vote on the Trustees.
- C. A vacancy in any of the Offices shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Trustees. A vacancy on the Board of Trustees shall be filled by a majority vote of the general membership present at the next meeting at which members have been notified of the vacancy. If more than one vacancy exists on the Board of Trustees at any given time, a special meeting of the membership shall be called to elect new Trustees to the vacant terms.

## ARTICLE IX – SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

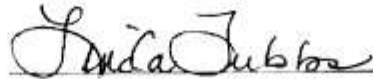
- A. Any Officer may be removed from office for cause by two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the Officer of the reasons for his removal and the time and place of the special meeting at which such vote on his/her removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the Officer shall be given a full hearing
- B. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Trustees by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Trustees present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges proffered and of the time and place of the meeting of the Trustees at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.
- C. Charges against any Officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, which will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Trustees or membership to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to each member of the Trustees or membership and to the accuser and the accused, such notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and the supporting affidavits and exhibits.
- D. Any member suspended or expelled by the Trustees may appeal to the full membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who shall notify the President. The President shall call a special meeting of the Club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to the membership stating the date, time, place and reason for the special meeting. At the meeting the Secretary shall read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Trustees at which the charges were heard and the action taken. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Trustees.

**ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

Any proposed Amendments to these By-Laws may be introduced by any member in good standing at a regular meeting of the membership or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Such proposal shall be acted upon by the membership at such meeting and shall require an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members present to pass the amendment.

I hereby certify that these REVISED BYLAWS have been adopted by the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc. this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005.

  
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Secretary

  
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Witness TRUSTEE

  
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Witness VICE PRESIDENT