

Sagamore Rifle Club, Inc.

AGREEMENT OF ASSOCIATION

(Revised April 14, 2021)

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do by this agreement, associate ourselves with the intention of maintaining this corporation under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180.

The Name by which the corporation is known is the Sagamore Rifle Club, Inc.

The Location The principal office of the corporation is to be 7 Commonwealth Ave., Sagamore, MA 02561.

The Purpose for which the corporation is formed is: To encourage rifle and pistol marksmanship, safe handling and proper care of firearms; to foster and cultivate social, educational and public relations with the membership; to aid members in maintaining the highest order of the American citizenship; and to comply with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 180.

By Laws of the Sagamore Rifle Club, Inc.

As revised on April 14, 2021

Article One

Corporation

Section I The name of the corporation is the Sagamore Rifle Club, Incorporated.

Section II The Principal Office shall be located in the town of Bourne, 7 Commonwealth Ave., Sagamore, Barnstable County, Massachusetts 02561 and mailing address will be P. O. Box 638, Sagamore, MA 02561-0638 and will be monitored by the Secretary or other designated official of the club.

Section III The Corporate Seal shall be circular in form and have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, year of its incorporation, crossed rifles and a pistol & revolver in the center".



Article Two

Corporate Powers

Section I The Corporation shall have all of the powers and enjoy all of the privileges granted by the Laws of Massachusetts to corporations organized under the General Laws, and to encourage rifle and pistol marksmanship, safe handling and proper care of firearms; foster and cultivate social, educational and public relations within the membership; support all firearms and archery related activities, and to aid members in maintaining the highest order of American citizenship; and to comply with Massachusetts General Laws; Chapter 180.

Article Three

Officers

Section I The elected officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Three Directors. The forenamed officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section II The elected officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the members. A person may be elected to more than one office, with the exception of the President, Vice President, and the Treasurer.

Section III If a vacancy occurs during the year of service of any of the above officers, it shall be filled by a vote of the club members at a regular monthly meeting or a special meeting. Existing officers are not excluded from holding dual positions under this section.

Section IV The President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee may annually appoint qualified volunteers to the following positions: Range Master, Chief Instructor, Junior Rifle Team Administrator and Webmaster. The Captains of the Rifle and Pistol Teams shall be selected by their respective teams.

Section V All elected and appointed officers shall be active members of the corporation.

Article Four

Duties of Officers

Section I President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee, and may call special meetings at any time after notice has been given to all members given by the Secretary. The President may establish committees and appoint members thereto and assign tasks as needed. The President shall be the primary point of contact between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and shall be responsible for all required correspondence, reports and obligations with respect to the corporation's license with the Army Corps of Engineers and that said documents be submitted on time and complete. The President may call upon other members to assist him with this responsibility.

Section II Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

Section III (a) Secretary: The secretary, (also to be known as Clerk), shall have charge of all correspondence of the corporation, and shall notify the membership and keep records of the minutes of all the club regular and special meetings. Additionally, recording the roll of the membership, consisting of the annual membership dues billing, legal funds, ~~new membership~~, and keeping a file on each member shall be duties of the Secretary. All moneys received shall be turned over to the Treasurer.

(b) Membership Secretary: The Membership Secretary shall work with the Secretary and maintain a current list of all applicants for membership showing their date of application. The Membership Secretary will contact prospective members as openings for membership become available and guide them through the initiation process. The Membership Secretary will field

inquiries and questions regarding membership. The Membership Secretary will provide the Executive Board and Webmaster with an updated list of applicants to be published on the website.

Section IV Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive all dues and payments, have the power to pay all bills and keep an account of the funds of the Corporation. He or she may also purchase supplies as needed by the Corporation as approved by affirmative vote ~~voted on~~ at a meeting.

Section V Director (3): Directors shall be adult members of the Corporation who have an interest in the overall running of the Corporation and shall be members of the Executive Committee. Directors may hold other positions in the Corporation except President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Secretary or Treasurer.

Section VI Range Master: The Range Master shall hold a valid certification as a Firearms Instructor and Range Safety Officer and shall have charge of the range. The Range Master shall ~~and~~ have full power to suspend anyone not conducting him or herself in a proper manner. In the absence of the Range Master, his assistants, rifle or team captains shall have full charge of same.

Section VII Chief Instructor: The Chief Instructor shall have charge of all small arms instruction with authority to appoint assistant instructors. The Chief Instructor shall hold a valid certification and be experienced as a firearms instructor.

Section VIII Rifle Captain and Pistol Captain: The Rifle and Pistol Captains shall have full charge of their team activities, and shall keep records of scores, which determine the teams.

Section IX Junior Rifle Team Administrator: Shall organize, train and arrange matches and activities for the Junior Program.

Section X Executive Committee: Executive committee members shall perform any duties assigned to them at regular meetings of the Corporation, and have full power to arrange and schedule club activities, as well as to temporarily close or cap the membership.

Section XI Range Committee The Range Committee shall consist of up to seven (7) Active Members. The Range Master will serve as the Range Committee Chairman. The duties of the Range Committee shall be to establish the Range Rules and to oversee the day to day use of the range by the membership. This includes but is not limited to: maintenance, improvements, arranging and scheduling all matches and establishing protocols for the use of the range in addition to any other range related duties assigned to them by the President.

Article Five

Membership

Section I To be eligible for membership, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age (between 12 and 18 for Junior Membership), and have made payment for the initiation fee and annual dues to the Secretary or Treasurer. The applicant will be introduced to the members at a monthly meeting by his/her sponsor where he/she briefly will tell the membership about him/herself and why he/she wishes to join the Sagamore Rifle Club. At that time the application for membership may be voted upon by written ballot by the members present provided there are no objections from the membership. An affirmative vote by at least 75% of the members present is required to induct a new member. Upon presentation of the membership card to the newly elected member, he/she will take the oath of allegiance (see Section II). All prospective members shall read and sign that they understand and will abide by the Range Safety Rules & Procedures. This document shall be retained by the Secretary

Section II Oath of Allegiance: *"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. I certify that I am a citizen of the United States and that I am not a member of any organization or group pledged to, or work for, a program aimed at the destruction of our present system of government established by the Constitution of the United States."*

Section III The Executive Committee may temporarily limit or cap the maximum number of members for the benefit of the Corporation. Such action shall be taken only by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.

Article Six

Types of Membership

Section I There shall be two types of membership:

- a. Active Members (Adult or Junior)
- b. Honorary Members

Section II The requirements for eligibility shall be as follows:

- a. Active Members (Adult) shall have all privileges of the Corporation, unless granted an exemption by the Executive Board.
- b. Active Members (Junior) shall have all the privileges of the Corporation except they shall not have the right to vote on corporation business nor may they hold elected office or have unlimited access to the firing range.
- c. Honorary Membership: Honorary membership may be granted to an adult elected by a two-thirds vote at a formal meeting of the Corporation. An honorary member cannot hold office, but is entitled to all other privileges of the Corporation while accompanied by an active Member. The Executive Committee may elect to have an Honorary Member's dues to be paid by the Corporation if the Honorary Member performs a service to Corporation above and beyond the normal responsibilities of a member.

Article Seven

Dues

Section I The annual dues shall be payable on or before September 1st. The annual dues shall be a rate set by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee to maintain positive funding for the Corporation projects and expenses.

Section II Any active adult member who has paid dues for at least ten years and has attained 65 years of age will be exempted from paying dues and shall be considered a Life Active Member. Life members shall retain all the privileges of a paying member. Life members shall receive a laminated membership card marked **LIFE MEMBER** which will not have an expiration date. The Membership Secretary may issue a replacement in the event the Life Member's card is destroyed or lost.

Section III Dues for Junior Members shall be 50% of the rate charged to adult active members. Any Junior Member who has attained their 18th birthday, has been a Junior Member of the Sagamore Rifle Club for at least three (3) consecutive years, and has been approved for membership by a vote of the membership of the corporation shall be exempt from paying the current Initiation Fee charged to adult members should they wish to become an Active Adult Member. At that time, their annual dues shall be that of an adult member. Junior members shall receive a membership card clearly stamped **JUNIOR MEMBER**.

Article Eight

Meetings

Section I Annual Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held on or about the second Wednesday of May (plus or minus 30 days) in each year.

Section II Regular Meetings: Shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Changes to the meeting date, time or location shall be sent out by the President or other member of the Executive Board and published on the Sagamore Rifle Club website as soon as possible to give advance notice to the members.

Section III Special Meetings: May be held at any time upon the call of the President, or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon a request in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than (ten) of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of the meeting shall be given to all officers and members forty-eight hours prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting.

Section IV Quorum A quorum of at least ten (10) adult voting members not to include written proxy votes shall constitute a quorum for any vote required by the Corporation bylaws.

Section V Proxy: A written, witnessed proxy may be presented at any meeting to enable an absent member a vote, as directed in the proxy. No proxy dated more than six months before the meeting named therein shall be valid and no proxy shall be valid after the final adjournment of such meeting. A proxy purporting to be executed by or on behalf of a member shall be deemed valid unless challenged at or prior to its exercise and the burden of proving invalidity shall rest on the challenger.

Section VI Robert's Rule of Order: Shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

Section VII Fiscal Year: Of the Corporation shall be from September 1st to August 31st.

Article Nine

Contracts, Checks and Notes

Section I The Executive Committee shall designate which officer or officers shall sign contracts, checks and notes and no officer other than the person or persons so designated shall have the power to bind the Corporation.

Article Ten

Amendments

Section I Amendments: These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a two thirds vote of the active members of the Corporation present and voting, provided that written notice of the substance of the proposed bylaw change has been given to each active member at least 14 days in advance of a scheduled monthly meeting. Such notice may be in the form of letter sent by post, Electronic mail (Email) or by posting on the Corporation website.

In witness wherefore, we have hereto signed our names this _____ day of _____
in the year 2021.

_____, President

_____, Vice President

_____, Clerk/Secretary

_____, Treasurer