# BYLAWS OF <br> THE DUBOIS RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC. <br> DUBOIS, PENNSYLVANIA <br> AS AMENDED JUNE 13, 2012 

## ARTICLE I

NAME
The name of this organization shall be "DuBois Rifle \& Pistol Club, Inc." hereafter referred to as "club" or "organization."

## ARTICLE II <br> OBJECT

a) The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States, with a view toward educating these citizens about the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our objective and purpose to develop honesty, fellowship, self-discipline, teamwork and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

a) Any citizen of the United States at least 18 years of age who is not prohibited from possessing firearms may become a member of this organization upon payment of the annual dues and completion of orientation.
a1) Any person satisfying the requirements for membership shall be designated a Senior Member.
a2) Any person satisfying the requirements for membership who is also married to a Senior Member may join the club as a Spouse Member.
a3) Any person who has otherwise satisfied the requirements for membership but who has not yet attained the age of 18 years may join the club as a Junior Member. Junior Members shall have no vote and must be accompanied by a Senior Member.
b1) DUES: Dues shall be paid by each member on a yearly basis, defined as starting on October $1^{\text {st }}$ and ending on September $30^{\text {th }}$ of the following calendar year. The payment of dues shall be for the entire year and will not be prorated. The amount of the dues shall be fixed by majority vote at the regular meeting in September for the year following
that meeting. The amount of the dues for a Spouse Member shall be $50 \%$ of the dues of a Senior Member. The amount of the dues for a Junior Member shall be $25 \%$ of the dues for a Senior Member.
b2) Any member whose dues are not paid by October $31^{\text {st }}$ of the calendar year shall automatically be suspended from membership until such dues are paid. Any member whose dues remain unpaid the following October $31^{\text {st }}$ shall be automatically expelled from membership.
c) LIFE MEMBERS: A Senior Member may be awarded a Life Membership, and the club shall waive his annual dues if he meets at least one of the following conditions:
i) Has retired at or after the age of 62 years, AND has been a member in good standing for at least fifteen (15) years immediately preceding the request for Life Membership. Life Membership will be contingent upon the notification of and majority approval by the Executive Committee.
ii) Has been a member in good standing for 25 consecutive years. Life Membership will be contingent upon the notification of and majority approval by the Executive Committee.
iii) Unanimous approval of the Executive Committee AND majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

## ARTICLE IV <br> MEETINGS

a) ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the organization shall be held on the second Wednesday of December each year. The election of officers shall take place during the annual meeting. If the annual meeting does not take place at the aforementioned time, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected.
b) Regular Meetings: The regular meeting of the organization for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.
c) Special Meeting: A special meeting of the organization may be held at any time upon the call of the President or Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing stating the purpose of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than 10\% of the membership entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting shall be given to all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail, no fewer than seven days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. The place of any special meeting shall be decided by the Executive Committee.
d) Quorum: Ten percent (10\%) of the members of the organization entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
e) The Order of Business shall conform to Robert's Rules of Order for conducting business meetings. Robert's Rules shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the bylaws of this organization.
f) The names of those members in attendance at any regular or special meeting shall be maintained by the Secretary. Any member who does not attend at least one third of the regular meetings in the previous twelve months shall not retain his right to vote on club matters.

## ARTICLE V <br> OFFICERS

a) The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) individual Range Officers. These seven officers, acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. With the exception of the Range Officers, they shall be elected by majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the organization. They shall hold office for one calendar year. The three Range Officers shall be appointed by the President.
b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the organization.
c) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President. Special meetings may also be requested by three members of the Executive Committee by putting their request in writing to the Secretary.
d) Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
e) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
f) A vacancy in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the organization shall be called, and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (a) above.

## ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

a) President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all other duties that usually pertain to his office.
b) Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.
c) Secretary: The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence of the organization. He shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all Executive Committee meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings as required in Article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the organization and have the custody of the books and papers of the club. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt thereof .The secretary may be aided by such assistants as he may designate while remaining responsible for the duties of his office.
d) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the organization and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Two signatures are required on all withdrawals, one of which will be the Treasurer. The other signature shall be either the President, Vice-President, or Secretary. Such money shall only be withdrawn for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transitions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested to do so. He also shall present an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting. The Treasurer may be aided by such assistants as he may designate, while remaining responsible for the duties of his office.
e) Range Officers: Range Officers shall be responsible for the safe operation of the range, including a safety orientation for all new members. They shall be responsible for enforcing the range rules and for stopping any unsafe act or situation that may arise. Range Officers may eject a shooter from the range if they feel that the individual has created an unsafe condition on the range. They may prohibit members from shooting when, in their opinion, they exhibit unsafe firearms handling or shooting practices and/or violate any of the club's rules and regulations for the shooting range. Members may appeal this action by presenting their issues in writing to the Club President, who shall convene a review of the grievance as specified in the bylaws of the Club. The range officers shall be responsible for the condition of the firing range. They shall periodically conduct and maintain an inventory of the club's property and equipment. They shall conduct an annual financial audit of the Club's books and report the results of such audit prior to the preparation of the club's income tax return.
f) If the Executive Committee shall deem it appropriate that the club maintain a bank safety deposit box, the President and Treasurer shall have custody of and jurisdiction over the box.

## ARTICLE VII <br> SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

a) Any officer may be removed by a 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 the officer has been given the reasons for his removal in writing AND has been notified of the time and place of the special meeting. These notifications shall be presented in writing at least fifteen days prior to the special meeting, at which the officer shall be given a full hearing.
b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the organization for a violation of the General Rules or for any other cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee. The suspension or expulsion shall occur by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Executive Committee present at any regular or special Executive Committee meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing has been given to the member preferring the charges against him and informing him of the time and place of the Executive Committee meeting where such charges will be considered. At this 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 of exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to members of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and the accused. Said notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.
d) Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the organization. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the organization for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days notice in writing to all members of the organization in good standing, stating the date, time, place, and reason for the special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read and/or display the original charges, the supporting affidavits, the accompanying exhibits, and the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members of good standing present, and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII <br> MATCH RULES

a) All formal rifle and revolver or pistol competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America, approved by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and the Secretary of Defense, or as published in writing in the match program.

## ARTICLE IX <br> AMENDMENTS

a) Additions to or modifications of the bylaws of this organization must be presented from the floor in writing to the Secretary, reviewed by those members present at three consecutive regular meetings, and voted on by those members in good standing present at the third meeting. This shall not be construed as limiting the review process to three meetings. A two-thirds majority vote of those in attendance shall be necessary to approve such amendments.

## ARTICLE X LEGALITY CLAUSE

a) Any clause in the bylaws found to be in violation of local, state, or federal law shall be null and void without effect on any of the remaining clauses.

## ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

a) GENERAL CONDITIONS: The decision to dissolve this organization for any reason is specifically reserved to Life Members and Annual Members who have been Annual Members in continuous good standing for not fewer than the previous five (5) consecutive years. The decision to dissolve shall be made only by ballots provided for this purpose and not less than a two-thirds majority of those ballots received shall be required to dissolve this organization. The ballots shall be forwarded by certified mail to those eligible to vote, and all ballots received shall be authenticated and counted at a special meeting of the club called for that purpose. Said special meeting shall be scheduled no sooner than thirty (30) days and no fewer than forty five(45) days from the date the ballots are forwarded by certified mail. Proxy ballots for the purpose of dissolution are prohibited.
b) When and if the organization is dissolved for the purpose of ceasing operation, no Member shall individually share in the assets, but the assets shall be placed in an interest bearing organization savings account in such bank or depository as the Executive Committee shall designate for a period of no more than five (5) years and maintained there unless or until an organization with a like purpose and objective may be formed or found to be in existence in Clearfield County. Then the trust fund may be made available to the new or existing organization for the purpose of aiding in the formation or furthering the purpose of that organization. If, upon the expiration of the five-year period, no such organization has been approved as follows, then any and all
assets after payment of legal obligations shall be paid over to the National Rifle Association of America.

1) The organization savings account shall be established so as to require not fewer than two (2) signatures for withdrawal of any funds.
2) Three (3) persons shall be drawn at random from a listing of Life and Annual Members who returned their ballots for voting on dissolution. They will sign the withdrawal authorization form provided by the institution selected by the Executive Committee. If any person drawn at random is unwilling or unable to sign for the withdrawal of funds, additional name(s) will be drawn at random from the listing until three have been selected.
3) In the event two or more qualified organizations should simultaneously apply for the funds within the five-year period stated above, a majority of the persons authorized to withdraw funds from the organization account may at their discretion award the funds to such applicant as they shall determine to be the most worthy or may reject all applicants, and their decision shall be irrevocable.
4) In the event an organization applies for the funds singly, a majority of the persons authorized to withdraw funds from the organization account may either approve or reject the applicant at their discretion without explanation, and their decision shall be irrevocable.
5) If an applicant organization corrects or rectifies such deficiency as deemed it unsuitable in the views of the authorized persons, it may be allowed to reapply at the discretion of any person authorized to withdraw funds from the account.
6) In any case where a person authorized to withdraw funds is determined to be a member or holds a fiduciary interest in any applicant organization, that person shall be replaced by a random drawing from the remaining list of members who returned their ballots, except if the following occurs: If the five-year period elapses without an acceptable applicant, then membership in the National Rifle Association of America shall not bar a person from signing for the withdrawal of funds to be remitted to the National Rifle Association of America.
7) Upon the closing of the organization savings account, whether through disbursement to any applicant organization or, upon completion of the five-year period specified above, to the National Rifle Association of America, any fees required to close out the incorporation or release of tax status with the local, state or federal government shall be paid from the organization account before disbursement of the remaining funds.
8) When or if the purpose of the dissolution is to form a merger with an existing organization with the like purpose and objective as this organization, then all assets shall be transferred to the newly merged organization.

ARTICLE XII
GENDER
Within these Articles, the masculine shall include the feminine, the feminine shall include the masculine, and no article shall be interpreted so as to exclude any person based on gender.

ARTICLE XIII

## GENERAL RULES

The club shall establish a list of General Safety Rules governing the conduct and safety of its members. Such Rules shall be subject to modification by two thirds majority of those eligible to vote at any regular meeting.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE GENERAL RULES TO BE ADDED AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION OF THESE BYLAWS

Members shall exercise restraint in the use of tobacco products, specifically smoking and chewing. During meetings and league activities, members are asked to be courteous by curtailing the use of tobacco or moving to another room when requested to do by any members present.

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Joel Thomas
Lee A. Mitchell
Britt Shaffer
Donald R. Swan

Proposed at regular meeting held on the 11th day of April, 2012
Second reading at regular meeting held on the $9^{\text {th }}$ day of May, 2012
Adopted at regular meeting held on the $13^{\text {th }}$ day of June, 2012

Attest: $\qquad$

