## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### MORRISTOWN GUN CLUB, INC.

#### **CONSTITUTION**

### ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTIVE

This club shall be named, "Morristown Gun Club, Inc." The club's objectives are to organize and to promote the hobby and art of trap and other shotgun related activities. These objectives will be accomplished by the following:

- A. By promoting proficiency in shotgun related sports;
- B. By the fostering of good fellowship among sportsmen;
- C. By the teaching and promotion of gun safety; and
- D. By defending the right of the individual to own and bear arms.

#### ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

The membership in this club is open to the public and shall consist of such persons as may care to associate themselves together for the above objectives.

### ARTICLE III OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and five (5) Directors. These officers shall be elected by secret ballot at a meeting of the corporation by those members eligible to vote. This election will be held at the regular meeting in September of each calendar year. The terms of these offices shall commence on January 1 of the following year. The terms of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one (1) year. The President and Vice-President may not hold his/her office for more than two (2) consecutive years. Directors' terms shall be three (3) years, with two (2) directors elected every year except every third ( $3^{rd}$ ) year where one (1) is elected.

# ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The <u>President</u> shall be responsible for the following duties: to preside at *all* club meetings; appoint all committees as deemed necessary for the successful operation of the club and insure that an annual financial audit is conducted by a qualified individual(s) and report the findings to the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The <u>Vice-President</u> shall be responsible for the following duties: that in the absence of the President, assume and exercise all the duties of the President.

The Secretary shall be responsible for the following duties: minutes of the meetings, mailings, newsletters, membership rosters and other duties assigned by the President. Further, the Secretary shall maintain the administrative records for the club in accordance with generally accepted administrative procedures. Minutes of the meetings shall be sent out via normal email communication and made available to all members in good standing.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the following duties: the collections of dues, payment of routine operating expenses and other duties as assigned by the President. Further, the Treasurer shall maintain the financial records for the club in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. These accounts and results of all audits, shall be made available to all members in good standing for their review at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The <u>Directors</u> shall be responsible for the following duties: the oversight of operations/administrative procedures, the maintenance of equipment, range safety, facilities maintenance, appointment of a team of investigators and the promotion of membership.

## ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Regular meetings will be held at the clubhouse, or other designated location, at a time and day determined by a majority vote of the officers, held monthly and announced via normal club communication. The officers may elect to suspend for one month the normal meeting, provided there is no business to conduct. Special meeting(s) may be held upon the call of the President, or when eight (8) members call for such a meeting by presenting their request in writing to the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary. Meetings, which are requested by the members in this manner, must be held within ten (10) days of the officers' receipt of the request.

Meetings shall be conducted under the universally recognized parliamentary procedure known as "Roberts Rules of Order."

# ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

The President as deemed necessary for the successful operation of the club shall appoint all committees.

## ARTICLE VII BY-LAWS

- 1. To conduct business at *all* meetings a quorum of seven (7) members is required.
- 2. A vacancy during a term of an officer or director shall be appointed by the remaining officers and directors.
- 3. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended or altered by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of members in attendance at any meeting. An absentee ballot will be accepted in lieu of attendance. Such absentee ballot may be tendered in person, by mail or email to any officer. Written notice of proposed changes shall have been given to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting, via email.
- 4. The Range Officer of the Day will set target angles and distance in accordance ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association) rules. Exceptions shall be made in the case of a special event where odd and unusual target angles and speeds are required.
- 5. The club members' price for targets, as well as the price of targets for non-members and tournaments, shall be fixed by the majority vote of the officers of the club.
- 6. The use of the grounds and facilities for non-club objectives by members or non-members is prohibited.
- 7. Membership fees and dues shall be reviewed at the first regular meeting of the calendar year and any changes become effective immediately. A majority vote of the members present at the meeting is required to change any membership fee.
- 8. Shooting days and hours shall be within the limits set by the County Zoning Board in the event that any restrictions apply.
- 9. Life Member: Any person wishing to be associated with this club for his/her term on earth may become a life member. Life members have full membership privileges which allow such persons to vote, hold office, and hold any position to which he/she may be appointed within the club. A once-in-a-lifetime fee is required for such a membership and is payable in advance before said person can or will be considered a Life Member.

- 10. Annual Member: Any person wishing to be associated with this club for the term of one (1) calendar year may become an annual member. Annual members have membership privileges which allow such persons to vote, hold office and hold any position to which he/she may be appointed within the club. A once-a-year fee is required for such a membership and is payable in advance before said person can or will be considered an Annual Member in good standing.
- 11. The spouse and minor children of members in good standing may shoot for members' target prices.
- 12. Reprimand, Suspension, and Expulsion of Members: This is a very serious matter and should not be taken lightly or indiscriminately. Therefore, the following safe guards must be taken:
  - A. If a member of the club acts in such a way as to cause harm or disgrace to the club, a team of investigators shall be appointed by the directors of this club. This team will consist of five (5) members at large. This team will investigate all charges brought before it to the best of its ability without prejudice nor bias, and report to the membership at the next regular meeting following completion of its investigation.
  - B. Upon receipt of the investigative team's report by the membership, the member(s) in question will be notified in writing as to the time, date, and location at which to appear to present his/her defense.
  - C. Upon hearing all the evidence, the membership will then vote by secret ballot. The vote will be counted by three (3) members at large and the results reported immediately. If the vote is "no", all charges will be dropped, and an apology will be given by the members of the investigating team on behalf of the club. If the vote is "yes", by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at the meeting, one of the following actions must be taken:
    - 1. Reprimand: May be given privately or at a regular meeting.
    - 2. Suspension: May be limited or indefinite.
    - 3. Expulsion: Expulsion terminates the membership of said person and severs all ties and connections of said person with the Morristown Gun Club, Inc. Such person cannot be reinstated at a later date. If expulsion takes place, all fees and dues are forfeited by said person and will not be returned.
  - D. The action to be taken will be determined and levied by the officers and directors.
- 13. Members who have not paid their dues by July first of the calendar year will be stricken from the roster and mailing list.
- 14. All cash on hand in excess of two hundred (200) dollars will be deposited immediately after closing by the Range Officer of the Day.
- 15. The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay all routine operating expenses in a timely manner. Major Expenditures other than emergency repairs and those stated above will require the approval of a majority vote of members at a meeting.
- 16. An action or purchase, not emergency, but deemed necessary by the officers and directors, that must be acted upon or purchased before the next regularly scheduled meeting may be presented to the membership via email correspondence. The request shall be deemed approved if a two-thirds (2/3) majority of responses are positive with ten (10) percent of the membership responding or nine (9) ballots, whichever is smaller. Such results shall be entered in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

# ARTICLE VIII STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

We, the undersigned, have been duly notified in writing as to time, date, and location of this meeting, and having read and understood the above document, hereby called the "Constitution and By-Laws of the Morristown Gun Club, Inc. ", are the majority of the membership present at this meeting and o hereby approve and accept its use for the Morristown Gun Club, Inc.

Dated: June 8, 2015

Signed: