

Gardner Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
Gardner, Massachusetts 01440
BYLAWS
As amended October 2, 2018

Article I: NAME

The name of the club shall be the Gardner Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

Article II PREAMBLE

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among legal residents of the United States with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such persons of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be the object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Any legal resident of the U.S.A., 18 years of age, with a valid License to Carry (LTC) or a Firearms Identification Card (FID) may become a member of the Club on a vote of the Executive Committee and upon payment of dues. All members are required to keep their LTC or FID current in order to maintain membership in good standing.

Article IV DUES

Dues are paid on a yearly basis in advance. Dollar amount of the dues shall be set annually. Annual dues commence on January 1st with a provision that a new member coming in after the first of June shall have the dues pro-rated for the remainder of the year. The monies are to accompany the application in either instance.

All delinquent members, as of the first of February, shall be dropped from the Club. Any person wishing to be reinstated may do so by paying the dues for the delinquent year by March 1st. Any person delinquent for more than 60 days will have to be reinstated as a new member.

Article V Meetings

Annual meetings: The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held the 1st Tuesday in October of each year.

Regular Meetings: Monthly meetings to be the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. with the exception of the summer months of July and August.

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Special Meetings: A Special Meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, the Board of Directors or written demand of not less than 20 percent of the members entitled to vote stating the object of the proposed meeting. Notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given to all officers and members in good standing, by the Secretary, in writing, by U.S. mail or email not less than 7 days prior to the date affixed for holding of such meetings.

Quorum: The quorum shall consist of 10 members, entitled to vote, of which not less than 2 are officers.

Article VI

OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Range Officer who, acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by a majority vote, by-ballot, at the annual meeting and hold office for one year or until successors are elected. The Executive Committee, who shall have general supervision of the activities of the club, shall manage the affairs of the club. Meetings of officers shall be held at anytime on the call of the President and two officers, which shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee. He/She shall ex officio serve as a member of all regular and special committees and shall perform all other duties as normally pertain to this office.

Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at his/her request.

President/Vice President: The President and Vice President shall have charge of the ranges of the Club, the printing of the score cards, the arranging of the competitions etc. They shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

Secretary: The secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the organization. He/She shall notify all members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings as required by Article V. He/She shall keep a true record of meetings of the Executive Committee and of the organization and have custody of the books and papers of the Club. He/She shall also submit records of the prior year to the custodian of the records.

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Article XI **AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment to these bylaws may be presented at any meeting of the club. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be required to pass it. Intent to present amendments shall be posted on the club website at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Article XII **GOVERNING MATCHES**

Any officer of the Executive Committee, in good standing, may act as governor of any and all matches held at the Club.

Article XII **REMOVAL OF A BOARD MEMBER**

Any officer of the Executive Committee that has two (2) unexcused absences from the monthly meetings will be removed from office. An unexcused absence is an absence without mitigating circumstances that the Executive Committee was not aware of and /or did not approve.

Article XIII **GUESTS**

All members bringing guests must have them sign the Liability Waiver prior to participating in any Club activities.