CONSTITUTION / BY-LAWS

2025

**West Branch Sportsmen’s Club**

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**Article 1 Club Identification**

1. The name of this organization, a nonprofit corporation, 501 (C) (4), of the State of Michigan, shall be the West Branch Sportsmen’s Club Inc., Corporation #848218, Dept. of Treasury, and Employer # 38-3226925.

**Article II Purpose**

1. The purpose and intent of this Club is to promote conservation, education*,* the shooting sports and sportsmanship.

**Article III Membership**

1. Membership shall be open to all races, color, creed, and gender.
2. New applicants must have attained the age of eighteen (18) years old on or before summiting the application for membership to the WBSC.
3. Total membership will be limited to one hundred twenty five (125) memberswith additions applications being placed on a waiting list until an opening occurs.
4. To become acquainted with the facilities and club members, a candidate applies in person at one (1) meeting for membership. The application will be considered the following month, being approved by the general membership, they will be given full membership upon paying an initiation fee equal to one year’s dues, and paying the prorated dues for the remainder of the year. The prospective member must pay these fees within sixty (60) days to become a member in good standing.
5. Membership annual dues will be fifty dollars ($50). New members joining the clubduring the year will pay prorated dues of four ($4.00) per month.
6. Members in good standings
7. To be a member in good standing, all dues, fines, assessments or other monies owed to the corporation from the previous year, and dues for the current year are to be paid the first meeting of the membership in January. Members not paying by the January meeting will be notified by mail, email or phone that they must pay no later than the first meeting in March or their membership will not be renewed. To become a member again refer to Article III paragraph 5.
8. All members in good standing of the Club, as carried on the official records of the Club, shall each have one vote for all club business, submitted to the membership vote pursuant to current by-laws of the Club, duly enacted on January 8, 2001. There shall be no other classes of membership, each member having one share
9. A quorum of two (2) executive board members and twenty (20)members must be present to hold aregularly scheduled monthlymeeting. Additional meetings involving the club may be scheduled with notification to the executive board members.

**Article IV Meetings**

1. Regular monthly membership meetings of the Club willconsist of a 5:30-6:15 social hour followed by 6:15-7:00 dinner with the general meeting beginningat 7:00 at the club house on the second (2nd) Monday of each month, except the month of November, when the meeting shall be held on the first (1ST) Monday of the month. Members will be notified of meeting changes or special meetings by mail, email or telephone. Members who do not attend regular membership meetings will be assessed one ($1) dollar fine for each meeting missed. No exception will be made to the fines assessed.
2. Committee meetings may be made with the notification of the executive board

**Article V Club Officers/Trustees**

1. (A) Each year members will elect a president, vice president, treasurer, and a secretary. Officers will be nominated at the November meeting, voted on at the December meeting, and take office in January.

(B) resignation or the death of an executive board member or additional committee chair persons may be elected/appointed by the executive board with a 75% approval of the members present at the next monthly meeting.

(C) Each office must be voted on separately.

1. Five (5) trustees will be nominated in November and elected in December (the year their term is up), to serve the following terms; three (3) trustees for three (3) years and two (2) for two (2) years. The trustees are an advisory board for the club and executive board
2. An Assistant Treasurer and Chief Range Officer may be appointed by the executive board at the January meeting for a one (1) year term with the approval of the membership.
3. The club officers are the executive board

**Article VI By-Laws**

1. By-laws will be reviewed each September by the By-laws Committee*.* Presented to the membership in October, voted on in November and take effect in January.
2. Any additional articles and by-laws, except By-Law number nineteen (#19 (B & C), of the corporation may be amended by presentation of that change in writing at a meeting to be voted on at the next meeting. Members not attending the meeting will be notified by mailing or email ten days after the meeting, Articles and by-laws presented by the by-law committee at October’s meeting may be amended at the November meeting by the membership, at which a quorum is present, by vote of at least seventy five percent (75%) of those members present.
3. Members may submit their opinion to potential changes by written letter or email to the officers. Their opinion must be received 7 days before the next meet.

**Article VII Range/Grounds**

(14) (A) Use of the range forrifle, pistol, and archery/crossbow is free to the members, their spouses, family members, and guests, when accompanied by a member in good standing.

(B) Use of the trap range is limited to members, in good standings, their spouses, family members and guests, when accompanied by a member. Fees for the use of the trap range will be determined by the range committee each year. The operation of trap equipment will be by only qualified individuals authorized by the officers.

(C) Members using the trap range are responsible for collecting fees and turning the fees in to the treasurer monthly.

(D) Entrance gate and clubhouse combination will be changed annually on or around February 20th and given to those members in good standing as defined in Section seven (7) (A) and (B).

(E) Membership cards will be distributed at the regularly scheduled meetings. Additional access to membership cards may be obtained by request. Combinations will be on the back of membership cards. You should carry your membership card when on the range/grounds.

(F) Range safety standard operating procedures as approved by the Range Committee, will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and at all firing locations, all members and their guests must follow safety procedures.

1. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited by anyone at the range while any shooting is occurring.
2. Members must turn in reports and monies with respect to all club activities to the treasurer in a timely manner.

**Article VIII Committees**

1. An audit committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the executive board each year in January. The audit will be conducted and reported at the February meeting.
2. Other committees will be established by the executive Board and voted on by the membership as needed.

**Article IX Facilities/Equipment**

1. A) All personal use of the Club facilities must be approved by the President or Vice- President except as stated in Article VII (Range/Grounds) Section fourteen.
2. All personal use of club property or equipment must be approved and recorded by “any club officer”.

**Article X Conduct**

1. Any member charged with conduct harmful to the purpose or interest of the Club, or who causes or intends to cause injury of embarrassment to the Club, or is in violation of its by-laws or rules, shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days to respond to such a complaint. The Club may revoke the individual’s membership by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those present. If a member is voted out or resigns from the club their dues will not be refunded.

**Article XI Dissolution of the Corporation**

1. **(A) Use of Revenue:** All funds and assets of the Club shall be used only for purposes that are consistent with the purposes of the Club and for actual administrative expenses in conducting the affairs of the Club. If a membership meeting is not possible at that time of purchase the executive board can make those decisions. The executive board may purchase land, building, equipment for the operation and maintain as required to further the purpose of the Club.

**(B) Dissolution:** Upon dissolution of the club and after paying for payment of all liabilities of the Club, all remaining assets of the Club shall be transferred to (another non-profit or local unit of government per Michigan State Rules for nonprofit corporations.

1. **Use of Revenue for lawful purpose**: Revenues of the Club shall not be used for the benefit of any individual, member or shareholders of the qualified organization except to further the lawful purpose of the Club and in accordance with the regulations concerning Michigan nonprofit corporations.

**Article X11** Indemnification and Hold Harmless

**By using the property and facilities owned by the West Branch Sportsmen’s Club all members and their guests (including family members and others) indemnify and hold the West Branch Sportsmen’s Club harmless from and negligent actions or inactions of the members and his/her guests, to the fullest extent of the law. By using the property and facilities owned by the West Branch Sportsmen’s Club, all members and their guests (including their family members and others) consent and agree to waive liability of the West Branch Sportsmen’s Club for common negligence, but not for gross negligence.**

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