

## **Jerome County Rod and Gun Club Bylaws As Amended January 10, 2024**

### **Article I - Name**

The name of this Club shall be: Jerome County Rod and Gun Club AKA as the Jerome Gun Club. Within this document, the term “Club” will mean the same as the Jerome Gun Club.

### **Article II - Purpose**

The purpose of the Club will be to bring together sportsmen and shooting enthusiasts to establish a program aimed at promoting the shooting sports. It is also the purpose of the Club to uphold the rights of the citizens of the United States of America to “KEEP AND BEAR ARMS” and to defend this Country and the Constitution of the United States. To promote fellowship, team spirit, honesty, self-discipline, self-reliance and the basis for good sportsmanship.

### **Article III – Membership Requirements:**

Any person may become a member of the Club if the following requirements are met:

1. Individual Memberships - Must be 18 years of age.
2. Immediate Family Membership would be a Couple or Head of Household and children under 18 years of age living in the same household.
3. Cannot be a member of any organization or group pledged to, or working for, a program aimed at the destruction of our present system of government established by the Constitution of the United States of America and its Amendments.
4. Have paid the current required dues for the type of membership seeking.
5. To vote at a Club Meeting, you must be a paid member one month prior to the meeting.
6. All memberships are for a single calendar year only.
7. New members paying between October 1 and December 31 of the current year include the next year also. For example, paying dues for a new membership on or after October 1, 2023 will also include 2024.
8. The Executive Committee has the authority to give a person a Lifetime Membership. The requirements are that the person has shown by their actions to provide the club with significant contributions over a long period.
9. The Executive Committee has the authority to revoke a membership for a given time period and/or prohibit permanently, any use of the Club property or ranges pursuant to the member’s or non-member’s actions in accordance with the Article II, Article III and the Club Rules of Conduct and Safety as posted on the Ranges.

#### **Article IV – Annual Membership Dues**

The annual calendar year membership dues for the Club are divided into two (2) categories:

\$35.00 INDIVIDUAL

\$50.00 IMMEDIATE FAMILY

The Executive Committee will evaluate the needs of the Club each year to make sure the needs of the Club are met. This evaluation should take place in or around August of each year.

The Executive Committee has the authority to make changes to membership dues without prior notice as needed to meet the Club financial requirements. The Executive Committee shall notify members of the change by Facebook and Email. The change will take effect on January 1 of the following year.

#### **Article V – Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of the Club shall be made up of no less than 6 and no more than 9 Directors, the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. All members of the Executive Committee are to be elected by the general membership except the Secretary-Treasurer who is appointed by the President.

The Executive Committee functions as the Board of Directors and is directly responsible for the managing of the Club affairs and appointing of committee chairpersons for the different programs. The Executive Committee shall have authority to act for and bind the Club subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Executive Committee has the authority to amend and enforce the Club Shooting Rules of Conduct and Safety as concerns dictate.

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a simple majority of the Committee. If a quorum is not met, a time and place shall be set, all members of the Committee notified in accordance with law, and those in attendance at the rescheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum even if a majority of the Committee is not present.

If the Secretary-Treasurer office is divided between 2 members, that office is entitled to only 1 vote and will be counted as one Committee member for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum. The Secretary shall cast all Committee votes except if the Secretary is not present, the Treasurer shall cast the votes, if present.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent the Secretary and/or Treasurer from being elected as a Director, independent of his/her position as Secretary or Treasurer, in which case, the Director/Treasurer would also cast Committee votes and be counted in the quorum, but the Director/Secretary would have only one vote and be counted as one person in determining a quorum.

The directors serve a three-year appointment and approximately 1/3 are up for elections each year to maintain continuity of the Executive Committee.

## **Article VI – Club Meetings**

The Club shall have a regular monthly meeting on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The location of the meeting shall be by Facebook and email occasionally to remind members so that each member will have the opportunity to attend. The Executive Committee has the authority to change meeting times and locations as long as the members are made aware by Facebook and email.

The annual Corporation meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in January of each year. The election of Officers and Directors shall take place at this meeting. The annual financial report shall also be given at this meeting. All current paid members attending the meeting, either Individual or Immediate Family memberships, get one vote on matters brought before the annual Corporation meeting and at any Club meeting. To vote at a Club Meeting, you must be a paid member one month prior to the meeting date. Proxy votes are not permitted.

To ensure continuity, a quorum of the Executive Committee must be present for any changes concerning the Bylaws and setting programs of the Club.

## **Article VII – Affiliations**

The Club shall support the National Rifle Association (NRA) and will pay any annual Club membership fee. It will encourage its members to join the NRA. However, this is not a requirement for membership in the Club.

## **Article VIII - Insurance**

The Club shall maintain insurance covering at least general liability, property, and, directors and officers liability for its activities and operations.

## **Article IX – Election of Officers and Directors:**

Each year, the members of the Club shall elect a President, Vice President, and Directors at its annual Corporation meeting in January. A nominating committee consisting of at least one (1) Director and one (1) or more other Club members shall be appointed by the President at the Club meeting in October to identify individuals from the membership of the Club for open positions on the Executive Committee. Club members are encouraged to contact the nominating committee with suggestions on candidates for office. Nominations will be closed at the end of the Club meeting in December.

The President and Vice President shall be elected for one (1) year term and Directors for three (3) year terms. Elected positions shall be by majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. If a position is contested, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected. If a position is not contested, an acclamation majority vote of members present is acceptable for election.

If a director cannot finish his or her term, or resigns the position, it is the duty of the nominating committee to find candidates to finish the term, said candidates to be approved or rejected by a simple majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

## **Article X – Duties of Officers and Directors**

**PRESIDENT:** The President will preside over all meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee. Will appoint the Secretary-Treasurer of the Club. Will be active at Club functions. Will appoint committee chairperson as needed to keep programs functioning. Will appoint a nominating committee each year. Will make sure the Club members are informed of Club activities on a regular basis.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President will assume the duties of the President in his absence. Will assist the Secretary-Treasurer with membership needs and correspondence. Will be active at Club functions. Will serve on the range committee.

**DIRECTORS:** The Directors will serve on various committee as needed by the Club. Will be active at Club functions. Shall provide general supervision for the Club's well-being. Will maintain continuity in Club programs. Will maintain and review the Bylaws as needed for the benefit of the Club.

If the Secretary-Treasurer office is held by one person:

**SECRETARY-TREASURER:** The Secretary-Treasurer will maintain the membership records of the Club. Will maintain and review the checking and savings accounts for the Club. Will give monthly financial report to the Club. Will give an annual financial report at January's meeting. Will notify the President of any correspondence. Will be active at Club functions. Will take and maintain minutes of Club meetings. Other officers or directors may assist this position in collecting and recording memberships and collecting and depositing monies for the Club or taking and recording meeting minutes.

If the Secretary-Treasurer office is split and held separately by two persons:

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary will maintain the membership records of the Club. Will be active at Club functions. Will notify the President of any correspondence. Will take and maintain minutes of Club meetings. Other directors or officers may assist this position in collecting and recording memberships or taking and recording meeting minutes.

**TREASURER:** Will maintain and review the checking and savings accounts for the Club. Will be active at Club functions. Will give monthly financial report to the Club. Will give an annual financial report at January's meeting. Other directors or officers may assist this position and collecting and depositing monies for the Club.

## **Article XI – Committees**

The Club may setup any committee needed to make a program run better. The chairperson will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. With the approval of the Executive Committee, these committees may develop guidelines to make a program run smoother. These guidelines may include rules, regulations, and classifications in that program.

## **Article XII – Range Complex**

The Club shall build and maintain a range complex for the use of its members and this range complex shall be open to both members and nonmembers. Nonmembers shall be required to pay a fee of \$5.00 per day for the use of the range. This fee may be changed after a review by the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee determines the funds are no longer adequate to maintain the Range Complex, they have the authority to amend them. Within the range complex, the Club shall have the following ranges: Rifle, Handgun and Shotgun Sports. Other ranges of interest may be tested to see the feasibility of a new program, but it must not jeopardize the safety of any of the other ranges and the people using them. These new ranges must be well planned and in writing and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval before it is started and open to the Club.

The Club may lease part of the range complex to others for the purpose of promoting a shooting sport. The lease must be in the form of a contract and approved by the Executive Committee. The lease may be for no less than one (1) year and no more than three (3) years. The terms of the lease must be met to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee to be renewed. The Executive Committee will work with the lessee to ensure continuity with the terms of the lease.

At no time is the range complex to be developed for anything other than for the promoting of shooting sports.

## **Article XIII – Allocation of Funds**

The Club shall set aside funds to ensure that obligations are met. If the Executive Committee determines the funds are no longer adequate, they have the authority to amend or expand them and to add other programs as needed. These annual allocations shall be at least:

1. \$6,000.00 in savings account in case of well failure
2. \$6,000.00 for insurance paid annually
3. \$4,000.00 for range maintenance

The Club may elect to allocate other funds for projects and programs as needed to provide the growth and financial well-being of the Club.

## **Article XIV - Amendments**

Each year, the Executive Committee of the Club shall review the By-laws and recommend amendments thereto if appropriate. Current paid members may also propose amendments to the Executive Committee in advance of the vote with adequate time to review. The Executive Committee shall endeavor to notify members by Facebook and email of the date, time and place of the meeting to discuss and vote on proposed amendments. The notification shall provide at least 10 days advance notice of the meeting. The notice must also state that the purpose, or that one (1) of the purposes of the meeting is to consider proposed amendments to the By-laws. The notice must contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the proposed amendments. In order to be adopted, amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds vote of all current paid members of the Club present in person at the meeting. Those actions listed above that are at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee are exempt from this voting requirement. In addition, a quorum of the Executive Committee must be present and be currently paid members.