

Upper Miramichi Firearms Club Inc.

Constitution

[Amended November 3, 2019]

[Business Corporations Act — Incorporated 12 September 1983 (#021986)]

Terminology: (2017 11 02)

- The Constitution describes the purpose and membership of the Club

By-laws:

- By-laws are the written rules that formalize how Club decisions can be made and business conducted if not set out in the Constitution.
- Provisions in the By-laws always supersede any Standing Rule that may be adopted.
- By-laws govern the Club as a whole and can be enacted or amended only by providing notice and gaining a majority vote at a general meeting of the Club.
- By-laws may also be enacted by the executive and will take immediate effect once published to the membership but must be ratified by the membership at the next general meeting or said By-laws will if not ratified by the membership will thereafter be considered null and void and of no effect.

Standing Rules:

- Standing Rules are rules or resolutions that are of a continuing (or standing) nature dealing with administrative matters and function under the umbrella of club By-laws.
- Standing Rules can be adopted at any meeting of the executive without notice and can pass upon a simple majority vote of those in attendance.
- The Range Rules are Standing Rules of the Club.
- Standing Rules come into effect immediately upon publication to the membership.

Board of Directors:

- Board of Directors means the Executive Officers and appointed Directors of the Club, in good standing, duly elected or appointed in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.

Publication:

- Communications to the membership are published once distributed by electronic mail or posted to the Club web address or by the display of signage at the range.

Notice:

- Notice of general meetings to the membership shall be published at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Honorary Member:

- Means a person appointed as such by reason of distinguished service to the club or standing in the community. An Honorary Member does not have the privileges of an ordinary member.

Life Member:

- Means a person appointed as such to have the privileges of an ordinary member without payment of annual dues.

1. (a) This Club shall be called The Upper Miramichi Firearms Club Inc.

(b) Any reference to the "Club" in this Constitution, means The Upper Miramichi Firearms Club Inc.

(c) Club purpose

- (1) To encourage and promote the safe handling and care of firearms;
- (2) To provide facilities for the testing and sight alignment of firearms and ammunition; and,
- (3) To promote marksmanship, recreational use, self-reliance, discipline and good fellowship.

2. (a) Any person, duly accepted in accordance with the by-laws, may become a member, on the payment of the annual dues.

(b) Memberships issued by the Club are subject to the approval of the executive.
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(b) (1) As of Dec. 1, 2010, membership will be available at the *Spring and Fall* general meetings and via mail. Also, memberships may be purchased by proper completion and submission of the membership form and payment to the Treasurer. To apply via mail — go to club Website — www.umfci.ca. -- download the application form, fill out same and mail to address on the form, with a cheque or money order to the proper amount. Your membership card with Long Gun ATT will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

(c) Any member, whose dues are unpaid at the time of the annual or special general meeting, shall not be entitled to vote or to be elected as an officer of the club.

(d) Honorary members may be appointed at the discretion of the membership at the annual meeting.

- (e) At the discretion of the membership, at the annual general meeting, a life membership may be bestowed upon a senior member of ten (10) years or more in good standing, and one who has worked diligently, in the best interest of the club.
 - (f) The Club executive will include: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
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- (a) The annual meeting of Club members for election of officers and the transaction of business shall be held in November of each year at such time and place as set by the executive.
 - (b) A special meeting may be called at any time, at the discretion of the president and must be called, on the written request of any three (3) members.
 - (c) Eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business, at any annual or special general meeting.
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- (a) Club members shall elect an executive and appoint directors at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
 - (b) There shall be no more than ten or less than eight directors appointed for a term of one year.
 - (c) The executive and directors appointed shall constitute the Board of Directors, with a quorum being established at 5 persons.
 - (d) Efforts will be made to ensure representation from each community in the Upper Miramichi Area.
 - (e) To be eligible for election to the executive; a member at the time of the election must have had at least 12 months prior club membership and be a member in good standing.
5. The executive shall appoint and dissolve committees, as needed.
6. (a) The executive shall conduct and control the business of the club and shall meet at the call of the president.

(b) The executive shall have the power to fill any vacancy which may occur in the board of directors and to enact by-laws, which shall be in full force until the next general meeting.

(c) The executive shall have the power to initiate payments for individual club expenses not exceeding \$2000.

(d) Any expense payment in excess of \$2000 must be sanctioned by the membership at the earliest general meeting.

(e) The Board may by resolution authorize the President to sign any contract or resolution made between the club and other parties thereby binding the club to the terms and conditions therein expressed. (2017-11-02)

7. (a) The secretary shall conduct all correspondence, keep the minutes of club meetings, record club membership and issue membership cards.

(b) The Treasurer shall control club accounts, receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the club for record-keeping and year-end statements.

8. No alterations to the Constitution can be made except at a general meeting of the Club by a majority vote of the membership present provided written notice of the proposed change has been given to the membership with the advance notice of the Meeting. (Amended 2017-11-02)

This document constitutes the Constitution of the Upper Miramichi Firearms Club Inc. as amended at Annual General Meeting held at Boiestown, New Brunswick on November 3, 2019.

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Vice President

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