



# *Wolverton Mountain Gun Club*

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## Bylaws

Wolverton Mountain Gun Club Bylaws adopted June 1, 1967 and amended: 1) January 18, 1997; 2) February 16, 1998; 3) January 13, 2001; 4) January 11, 2003; 5) January 23, 2016

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Wolverton Mt. Gun Club.

### **ARTICLE II: OBJECT**

The object of this organization shall be, the encouragement of organized rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting among the citizens of the United States and the residents of the community, with a view towards a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to further 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**

- A. Any citizen of the United States of America may become a member of this organization after payment of the first year's dues/maintenance fees and payment of a one-time non-refundable initiation fee of \$400.00.
- B. Payments in full of the initiation fee must be completed within 9 quarters from date of pledge.
- C. The initiation fee is transferable and maybe sold, willed or given away by its owner.
- D. Failure to remain a member in good standing will result in termination of membership.
  - 1) "Good Standing" requires members to be current with Annual Membership Dues/Maintenance Fees
    - (a) Annual Membership Dues/Maintenance Fees must be paid no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

## **ARTICLE IV: DUES/MAINTENANCE FEES**

- A. A member's annual dues/maintenance fees to the club shall be for fiscal year term.
- B. The dollar amount of dues/maintenance fees are set at the annual meeting.
- C. Any change in the dollar amount of dues/maintenance fees shall:
  - 1) Be approved by the Executive Committee.
  - 2) After being approved by the Executive Committee, be approved by the club membership at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that a copy of the proposed change has been sent to each club member by U.S. Postal Service at least ten days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present shall be necessary to change dues.
- D. Annual dues/maintenance fees are not transferable.
- E. Annual dues/maintenance fees must be paid by the new member to complete the transfer of an Initiation fee.
- F. No member in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other privileges or benefits offered by this organization.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

- A. The annual meeting of this club shall be held as soon after the 1st of January as practical. The officers shall hold office until their successors have been elected.
- B. A special meeting of the club may be held at anytime upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of the special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting by U.S. Postal Service. The Executive Committee shall fix the place of such meeting.
- C. One-third (1/3) of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

- A. The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers are elected for a one-year term at the annual meeting. Eight Directors shall be elected for two-year terms in staggered years, four elected each year at the annual meeting. The Officers and Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee. All past references to a Secretary-Treasurer in the standing rules or correspondence shall be now interpreted to mean Secretary or Treasurer as appropriate in the context of said reference.
- B. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of the activities of the club, and shall conduct all business of the club.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, cont'd.**

C. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly (at least once every month) at such time and place as the Committee shall determine.

D. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

E. The resignation of any Officer may be accepted by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

F. A vacancy on the Executive Committee may be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided for in paragraph (A) above.

## **ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

A. President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all other duties as shall pertain to that office.

B. Vice-president - The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in his absence, or at his request.

C. Secretary - The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required. He shall notify members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of all regular and special meetings as required in Article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have custody of the books, Bylaws, standing rules and papers of the club. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary.

D. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues. He shall be responsible for all funds of the club and place such funds in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. He shall keep an account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested, and an annual report to the club at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all duties and filings with the Cities, States and US Government related to the financial assets, responsibilities and liabilities of the organization.

E. Directors - Each Director shall conduct himself as a representative of the membership at large, and shall act accordingly.

## **ARTICLE VIII: SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION**

A. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at a special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing has been given to the officer, stating the reasons for removal and the time and place of the special meeting at which a ballot for removal will be taken. At such a special meeting, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

## **ARTICLE VIII: SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, cont'd.**

B. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing has been given to the member, stating the charges and the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee, where the charges will be heard. At such meeting, the member shall be accorded a full hearing.

C. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts related upon, accompanied with any affidavits and exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and the accused. Such notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

D. Any member expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be in writing to the Secretary who shall notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all members in good standing, stating the date, time and place, and the reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges and supporting affidavits, and will read or display accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by secret ballot by the members in good standing that are present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX: MATCH RULES**

All events, including rifle, revolver and pistol competitions held by the club shall be governed by rules and regulations of Wolverton Mountain Gun Club and/or the sponsoring sanctioning body of any event deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION OF CLUB**

Upon dissolution of this club, the Executive Committee shall designate all assets to be divided equally among their choice of similar non-profit shooting or outdoor clubs or recognized charitable groups.

## **ARTICLE XI: BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any meeting or special meeting. They must be acted upon by the membership at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the proposed amendment must be provided to each club member by U.S. Postal Service prior to the meeting. An affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present will be required to amend the bylaws.

# Standing Rules

## Wolverton Mountain Gun Club Standing Rules

1. All Wolverton Mt. Gun Club members must be National Rifle Association members and the membership year shall follow the calendar year. (Adopted 1/18/1997)
2. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the National Rifle Association and the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. (Adopted 1/18/1997) (Modified 1/11/2003)
3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the re-affiliation of the club annually with the National Rifle Association. (Adopted 1/18/1997) (Modified 1/11/2003)
4. Any officer of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from the club immediately upon receipt of official notice to the Secretary of this club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association. (Adopted 1/18/1997) (Modified 1/11/2003)
5. The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled. Such report shall show the charges and the actions taken. (Adopted 1/18/1997)
6. The membership cap will be set at 350 members. (Adopted 4/9/2014). (Note: Cap temporarily increased from 300 members [as adopted 2/16/1998] until all members in good standing have been identified and all other members [not in good standing] are removed from membership roster).
7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the re-affiliation of the club annually with the Washington State Rifle and Pistol Association. (Adopted 10/5/03)

## Amendments to the Bylaws

### 1) January 18, 1997

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 1997. Bylaws changed to refine the wording of Article XI: Bylaw Amendments by adding the sentence, "They must be acted upon by the membership at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose." Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

### 2) February 16, 1998

Changes voted on at an Emergency Meeting February 16, 1998. Bylaws changed to redefine membership requirements and initiation fee in preparation of purchasing the club property. Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

### 3) January 13, 2001

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting of January 13, 2001. Bylaws changed to increase Executive Committee by (2) two for a total of eight. This amendment added one director on January 13, 2001 and one open position to be appointed by the Executive Committee for a one-year term to coincide with term staggers. Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

### 4) January 11, 2003

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting of January 11, 2003. Bylaws changed to remove the Secretary-Treasurer position and add a Secretary and a Treasurer with corresponding duties and a title change of Trustees to Directors. Article IX: Match Rules was amended to include all events. Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

### 5) January 23, 2016

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting of January 23, 2016. Bylaws changed Article III: Membership by eliminating the "installment payment plan" to pay the initiation fee for new members. Adding a new paragraph as follows further amended this article:

**D. "Failure to remain a member in good standing will result in termination of membership."**

**(1) "Good Standing" requires members to be current with Annual Membership Dues/Maintenance Fees**

**(a) Annual Membership Dues/Maintenance Fees must be paid no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.**

Bylaws change accepted by more than a 2/3 affirmative vote as required by Article XI.