

# **SAGTIKOS ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.**

## **BY-LAWS (4/2012)**

### Article I (Name and Object)

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sagtikos Rod and Gun Club, Inc., and shall have its principal office located on Long Island at a location agreed to by the Board of Directors, State of New York.
- Section 2. The object of this organization shall be: the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting, the safe handling and proper care of firearms, improved marksmanship, to recommend from time to time such proposed laws as may be necessary for the propagation and conservation of game, fish, and birds, to help where legally possible in the enforcement of the conservation laws in the State of New York.
- Section 3. To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, and maintain lands and other property, real and personal, as may be desirable for the purpose of the club, subject to the requirements of law. To lease, mortgage, sell or otherwise dispose of same.
- Section 4. The organization shall have a seal which shall be in the following form:

### Article II (Membership)

- Section 1. Associated membership shall be open to any male citizen 18 years of age or over after acceptance of an application by the membership, payment of initiation fee and dues, and subscribing to the NRA pledge.
- Section 2. The number of members shall be determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The current membership level is set at 50 members.
- Section 3. Deleted.
- Section 4. The general membership shall elect five members to a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will pass on all matters pertaining to the policy of, and disposition of club property, both real and personal. Decisions reached by the Board of Directors may be overridden by a 2/3 vote based on a written closed ballot of the entire membership. The right to obtain a written closed ballot will be based on a majority vote of that class of member present at the meeting. Annually, there will be a director election of at least one director.
- Section 5. In the event that a member of the club leaves for the Armed Forces and is in good standing with the club, he is automatically carried as an active club member until the date of discharge from the Armed Forces. He is to notify the club within 90 days after his discharge of his intentions.

Article III (Dues, Initiation Fees and Facilities)

- Section 1. Dues shall be payable semi-annually, \$100 in January and \$100 in June. Members will only have one month's grace period to pay. Members paying dues one month beyond the grace period will incur a \$5.00 late fee and paying two months past the grace period will incur a \$10.00 late fee. Delinquent members will not be entitled to participate in any club activities and face expulsion. Members are expected to belong to the NRA and NRA membership dues paid directly by the member.
- Section 2. A member of the club in arrears more than two months beyond the semi-annual due months of February and September shall be automatically expelled.
- Section 3. The initiation fee for an associate member shall be \$100.00.
- Section 4. Club dues and initiation fees shall be regulated by a majority vote of all members entitled to vote present at meeting. Club assessments shall be regulated by a 2/3 vote of all members based on a written closed ballot.
- Section 5. Only those members whose dues are currently paid shall be entitled to vote and to the use of club facilities.
- Section 6. Members are required to participate in one work party per calendar year or be assessed a fee of \$50.00 or contribute materials or item of that value (must be materials or item desired by club). The annual assessment fee will determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and Facility Chairman. If the Facility Chairman is also a Board of Director, that person will only have one vote.
- Section 7. Members entering club facility must have firearms cased or with actions open at all times.

Article IV (Meetings)

- Section 1. The regular business meeting of the club shall be held the second Wednesday of each month at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. If a holiday falls on that date, the meeting will be held on a alternate date as selected by the Board of Directors. There is no official meeting held in the month of July of each year, but does not exclude member's obligation for July's dues.
- Section 2. The presence of not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct a regular meeting of this club.
- Section 3. Special Meeting. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or upon the call of the Board of Directors, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given to all officers and members in good standing in writing by the US mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for holding the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the President.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may, in its discretion, determine necessary. At least one annual

meeting shall be held. The minutes of this meeting shall be recorded and read to the membership at the next regular meeting and kept on file by the Secretary.

#### Article V ( Officers)

- Section 1. The officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Facility Chairman. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members eligible to vote at the January meeting for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected. Newly-elected officers shall take office at the next regular scheduled meeting.
- Section 2. The President shall appoint a nominating committee, at least one month prior to the meeting the election is to be held. Nominations may also be made by members present at that meeting.
- Section 3. No officer shall be eligible to more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No officer shall for reason of his office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation.

#### Article VI (Duties of Officers)

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all membership meetings. He shall see that all rules, regulations, reports, books and certificates as required are properly kept or filed. He shall appoint all committees. He shall sign all checks pertaining to club business. He shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.
- Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President as required and, in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office, shall become acting President, with all the rights, privileges' and powers of a duly elected President.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the club in appropriate manner. He shall give and serve all notices to the members of the club. He shall present to the membership any communication addressed to him as Secretary. He shall be the custodian of the records and seal of the club. He shall attend to all correspondence of the club and exercise all other duties incidental to this office.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds or securities belonging to the club. He shall deposit in a checking account a sum not exceeding normal operating expenses, and the balance of the funds to be deposited in a savings account, as directed by the Board of Directors and such money shall be withdrawn only as approved by the membership. He shall sign all checks pertaining to club business. He shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a written detailed report with vouchers as required. He shall collect all monies due the club and keep an accurate account of such for each member. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the President and/or Treasurer to sign checks issued upon it. He shall keep a petty cash account not to exceed \$20.00 for payment of incidental expenses. He shall exercise all duties incidental to this office.

Section 5. Club will create and maintain a position called “Facility Chairman”. Position will be for a term of one year and elected in January of each year. All members must contact the Facility Chairman to register what dates they will be using the facility.

Article VII (Suspension or Expulsion)

Section 1. Any officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of members entitled to vote present at a meeting. No vote may be taken unless 5 days notification to the general membership shall have been given prior to meeting.

Section 2. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by a majority of members present at a meeting entitled to vote, providing 5 days notification shall be given to the general membership prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Suspended or expelled members may not be guests of members in good standing.

Article VIII (Parliamentary Authority)

Section 1. This club shall be governed by the Rules contained in “ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER REVISED”.

Article IX (Amendments)

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 of the members entitled to vote present at meeting (except as noted in Article III, Section 4) and at the second meeting after being proposed and being read off at the intervening meeting.