

GABRIOLA ROD, GUN AND CONSERVATION CLUB

BYLAWS

1. The annual subscription for Junior, Single, and Family memberships shall be a sum decided on by the Association in general meeting and payable on or before January 30th for the current year. A member shall receive a membership card which must be presented on demand by a member and he may use all properties of the Association which are reserved for members in good standing only.
2. Junior members will be members under 18 years old.
3. The Chairman of any Committee shall be fully responsible for the completion of all activities under his jurisdiction and shall turn in a complete itemized statement, plus all bills and receipts, together with all net funds to the Treasurer.
4. The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four directors. The Past President to be automatically included. Each registered member shall assist the Executive or any committee upon request.
5. The Annual General Meeting for the nomination and election of officers shall be held the 1st Thursday of March. All other general meetings to be held no less than once per quarter and executive meetings shall be held as required.
6. In the event of any member desiring to make a motion at any annual General Meeting, he shall give notice thereof to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. All such notices shall be in writing and shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder.
7. The President and in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Association.
8. If neither the President, Vice-President, or Past President are present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time for the meeting to commence, the members shall choose someone of their own number to be Chairman of the meeting.
9. At any General Meeting of the Association all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by the members present. All voting shall be open by a show of hands, except for the election of President, Vice-President, Officers and members of the Executive, which shall be taken by ballot or in such other method as the members in General Meeting may prescribe. If in the opinion of the members in the General Meeting there arises an extraordinary issue, the membership will be notified and a secret ballot conducted. In the case of an equality of vote at any General Meeting, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second and or casting vote.
10. The members of Executive shall hold office for one year and shall retire at each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. The members of the Executive shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Nominations for officers and members of Executive must be members in good standing of the Gabriola Rod and Gun Club.

11. The Executive may act, notwithstanding any vacancy in their body. If a member of the Executive shall resign or if a vacancy shall occur by death or otherwise, the Executive shall have power to choose a member in good standing, to act in his place, until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.
12. Any member of the Executive shall "Ipso Facto Vacate" office;
 - 12.1. If by notice in writing he resigns office.
 - 12.2. If he be absent for three (3) Executive meetings in succession without assigning a reason satisfactory to the other members of the Association.
 - 12.3. Or if he is removed from office by a resolution of the members of the Association.
13. Any member failing to pay his dues by January 30th shall be suspended and so notified. To become an active member again he must re-register.
14. In case any member shall in the opinion of the Executive, be guilty of any conduct liable to endanger the welfare, good name or good order of the association, it shall be the duty of the Association Executive to take cognizance of such an offense, and in the event of their being of opinion that the offense has been committed, to call a special meeting as provided in Article #16 hereof to deal with the matter. Any complaint against a member or members shall be in writing and signed by the complainant to the Secretary and in the event of the Executive deciding to lay the matter before a special meeting, they shall send a copy of the complaint to the member or members complained of, together with a notice to attend the meeting. A majority of the members of the Association present at such a meeting shall have the power to expel the offending member or members or take such action as they see fit.
15. Notices shall be mailed 7 days prior to the meeting to the members against whom the complaint has been made.
16. The management and administration of the affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Executive, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these by-laws or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, may exercise all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Association and not hereby or by statute required to be done by the Association in General Meeting.
17. The Executive shall not borrow money whether by overdraft or in any other form without the consent of a General Meeting or spend Association funds to the excess of Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars.
18. All documents in connection with the formation, promotion or administration of the Association shall be executed by such persons and in such manner as the Executive may from time to time determine. No document under seal shall be executed by or on behalf of the Association except by authority of the Executive. Until otherwise determined, by the executive, every document under seal shall be signed by any two (2) of the following, President, Vice-President or Treasurer but the latter may endorse cheques for deposit and give receipts for vouchers and monies.
19. The Executive shall meet at the call of the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President. Six members personally present at the time the meeting proceeds to business shall form a quorum and

all questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

20. Nine members present at a general meeting of the Association will form a quorum. The order of business at general meetings shall be as follows:

Membership report and introduction of new members.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes.

Business arising from minutes.

Communications and correspondence.

Treasurer's report

Reports of committees and sub-committees.

Old/Unfinished business.

New business.

Any other business.

21. Seventy two (72) hours notice of all extraordinary Executive meetings shall be given to each member of the Executive by the recording Secretary. Unless otherwise determined by the Executive, this notice may be given verbally or by mail, at the recording Secretary's option.
22. Receipts signed by the treasurer shall be sufficient discharge for all monies due and paid to the Association. All monies received on account of the Association shall be paid into an account in a Chartered Bank of Canada and all payments on behalf of the Association shall be made by cheque or from the petty cash fund.
23. The accounts and books of the Association shall be examined once each year, and their correctness ascertained by one or more auditor or auditors. The auditors shall then make a report to the Association at the Annual General Meeting about the books and accounts and the general state of the Association's finances.
24. No alteration or amendment of these by-laws shall be made, unless by resolution at a General Meeting of the Association, duly convened. Fourteen (14) days written notice of any proposed alteration signed by the proposer and seconder shall be given to the Secretary. Any alteration or amendment of these by-laws will be read at a General Meeting, duly convened and voted on by the following meeting needing a 2/3rd majority to carry.
25. Voting privileges are given to Members in Good Standing aged 18 and over.
26. "Family Membership" is a primary applicant plus spouse/partner plus dependent children less than 18 years of age.
27. All persons under the age of 18 must be supervised by a PAL holding GRGCC member while using the range facilities.

28. Members Not in Good Standing lose range facility privileges.
29. There is a category of GRGCC membership called "Youth Group".
30. Primary applicants applying for membership in order to use firearms must have a valid Firearms License and must produce it for verification. Applicants applying for archery only club access are exempted from this requirement.
31. Acceptance of an application for membership is subject to the approval of the Membership Committee. Membership in the GRGCC will be granted membership upon completion of the range orientation (conducted by the Chief Range Officer or his/her delegate), receipt of membership dues and viewing of the applicant's valid Firearms License. Archery Members are exempt from the requirement to show a Firearms License; archery only applicants who, at a later date, obtain their Firearms License and wish to use the Pistol or Rifle Ranges are required to show their License to the Chief Range Officer or his/her delegate and must successfully complete another range orientation before using these facilities.
32. An individual may voluntarily terminate membership at any time. Notification of termination should be given in writing to the President, GRGCC. Any member who terminates membership automatically forfeits any paid Club dues and fees; any member voluntarily terminating membership (and any member not renewing their membership at the end of a membership year) will: 1. Be required to return any possessed GRGCC property (including main gate key); 2. Be denied access to the GRGCC website "Members Only" area; 3. Be removed from the GRGCC email and other mail out lists; 4. Cannot use club facilities other than as a guest."
33. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on on Gabriola Island, B.C.