

2009

NIMROD LEAGUE OF HOLDEN INC.  
CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Organization

SECTION I

This association shall be known as the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc. The Nimrod League of Holden Inc. is organized to promote, protect and perpetuate hunting, fishing and trapping with equal rights for all, special privileges for none, and strict observance of the fish and game laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECTION II

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Secretary's Report
  2. Treasurers Report
  3. Communications
  4. \*Report of Auditing Committee
  5. \*Report of Board of Trustees
  6. Report of Committees
    - A. Bar
    - B. Kitchen
    - C. Bird
    - D. Fish
    - E. Trap
    - F. House
    - G. Grounds
    - H. Rifle Range
    - I. League Delegates
    - J. Game
    - K. Archery
    - L. Land Use
    - M. Membership
    - N. Revenue
    - O. Special Appointed Committees
  7. Welcome New Members
  8. Applications For New Members
  9. Vote On New Members
  10. Old And Unfinished Business
  11. New Business
  12. Good And Welfare Of Club
  13. Motion For Adjournment
- \* Quarterly Meeting Only

ARTICLE: II

MEETINGS

SECTION I

Membership meetings of the Nimrod League of Holden Inc. shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The Annual meeting shall be the December meeting. Fifteen (15) Senior Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II

Special meetings of the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc. may be called by the President, when in his opinion the interest of the club demands it. No action involving the expenditure of money shall be in order, unless written or printed notices shall have been sent to each member at least seventy-two (72) hours previous to said meeting. Fifteen (15) Senior Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION III

The Executive Committee shall hold their meeting on the last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the President. Nine members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III

Officers

SECTION I

The officers of the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc. shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Trustees (consisting of five members).

SECTION II

The Board of Trustees as mentioned in SECTION I of ARTICLE III shall be elected for a term of three consecutive years beginning with the following terms.

Two for three years

Two for two years

One for one year

As their terms expire it will be necessary to fill the vacancies according to SECTION I of ARTICLE IV. The President, as chairman of the Trustees, has no vote, except to break a tie.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS and Appointment of Officer Vacancies

SECTION I

The officers of the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc. shall be elected by a majority of written ballots at the annual meeting in December, and shall assume their respective duties at the next monthly Membership meeting.

SECTION II

When any officer of the club resigns their position, their office shall at once be declared vacant by the President, and the vacancy filled according to SECTION III of ARTICLE IV.

SECTION III

The Board of Trustees shall fill any vacancy that may occur among the officers until the next Annual meeting.

SECTION IV

Only a Senior Member in good standing shall have the right to vote, be elected or hold office, or be appointed to serve on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

SECTION I

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and act as chairman of the board of the Trustees and chairman of the Executive committees. He shall appoint and replace all committee chairmen, unless otherwise ordered by the membership. He shall see that officers and committees perform their duties in a proper manner. He shall hold responsible all chairmen for the composition and submission of an annual budget for their committee. He may spend a sum of money not to exceed \$100.00 without Executive Committee or membership approval for any expenditure that he deems necessary prior to the next monthly Membership meeting. He shall report such expenditure to the Nimrod League of Holden, Inc. at its next monthly Membership meeting.

SECTION II

The Vice President, in the absence of the President or requested by the President, shall perform the duties of that office.

### SECTION III

The Recording Secretary shall keep a full and accurate account of the proceedings of each meeting of the club, and shall act as clerk of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. He shall preserve and file all reports affirmed and accepted by the club, post notices of meetings and perform such other duties as may be required of him. He shall also keep a record of the post office address of all members. He shall report to the President all suspended members and report to the club at each monthly Membership meeting the names of all members dropped from the rolls since the last previous monthly Membership meeting. He shall turn over all monies received by him to the Treasurer. He shall maintain a record of all member work and participation hours as reported by the committee chairmen.

### SECTION IV

The Treasurer shall record all monies received and paid as club funds. The Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate record between the club and its members. The Treasurer shall keep a correct record of all receipts and expenditures and shall pay out money only by order of the Membership. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds in his possession belonging to the club in a commercial bank to be selected by the Board of Trustees. All monies paid out in the name of the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc., shall be by check, said check to be signed by the Treasurer and counter signed by the President. The Treasurer shall have all monies deposited in the bank recorded in the club books and have all interest recorded for the inspection and review by the Board of Trustees.

### SECTION V

The Board of Trustees, as named in SECTION II of ARTICLE III shall hold and oversee in the name of the club all its funds. They shall deposit, exchange or transfer these holdings or any part thereof in some reliable trust or banking or investment company when required so to do by a two-thirds vote of the Senior Members in good standing at a monthly or special Membership meeting. They shall report in writing the deposit or withdrawal of such funds whenever required by the Senior Membership and to furnish the Recording Secretary with all items as pertaining to their duties. They shall submit a detailed report of all funds in their custody and the condition thereof at the close of each fiscal quarter at Membership and Executive Committee meetings. The Board of Trustees shall act as the Auditing Committee.

### ARTICLE VI

#### FUNDS AND PROPERTY

SECTION I

The real and personal property of this club shall be held in the name of the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc.

SECTION II

The funds, properties and incomes of this club have been raised for the purpose of promoting, protecting and perpetuating public hunting, fishing and trapping, with equal rights for all, special privileges for none. The fish and game laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be observed. The real and personal property of the Nimrod League of Holden, Inc. shall not be divided in any manner among the members but shall remain for its legitimate purpose the property of the club so long as there are fifteen Senior members in good standing who are willing to continue.

SECTION III

In the event of dissolution, the real and personal property shall be donated to the Commonwealth Of Massachusetts Division Of Fisheries And Wildlife on the condition that this property can never be sold and must remain open to hunting, fishing and trapping forever and a day.

SECTION IV

In the event the funds in the treasury are not in excess of one hundred thousand dollars \$100,000.00, no appropriations shall be made except payment of current expenses.

ARTICLE VII

CHAIRMEN APPOINTMENTS

SECTION I

The chairman of the following committees must be appointed by the president according to ARTICLE V SECTION I at the monthly membership meeting in January.

- 1: Bar
- 2: Kitchen
- 3: Bird
- 4: Fish
- 5: Trap
- 6: House
- 7: Grounds
- 8: Rifle Range
- 9: League Delegates
- 10: Game
- 11: Archery
- 12: Land Use

13. Membership

14. Revenue

15. Special Appointed Committees

## SECTION II

Committees may be formed as needed and shall be outlined by the President and chairman of said committee for the remainder of the calendar year.

## ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

### SECTION I

The committees outlined in Article VII Section I shall report to the membership and executive board at each respective monthly membership meeting and conform to the following:

The committee shall have charge of purchasing items and supervising affairs committee related.

When needed and with the approval of the executive board, a "cash box" shall be kept with the committee for the purpose of making change.

They shall be responsible for the inventory, maintenance, upkeep and appearance of all structures, equipment or material committee related.

They shall secure any and all permits for legal operation.

They shall turn over all monies and receipts from any and every source of revenue to the Treasurer. They shall make a written report at the next Membership meeting after such revenue is made.

They shall make a written report to the club annually on or by the first quarterly meeting after the annual meeting.

### SECTION II

The Auditing Committee (Trustees) shall audit all bills after being signed by the President and passed on to the Treasurer. They shall satisfy themselves of the correctness of all reports and accounts of the officers quarterly. They shall make a written report quarterly beginning in February.

### SECTION III

The Nominating Committee shall consist of twelve Senior members in good standing. The Nominating Committee shall be formed at the

monthly membership meeting in October as follows: each eligible member present shall place their membership card in a suitable container. The President shall appoint a member that is present to draw twelve names from this container, one name at a time. After each name is drawn the Secretary shall announce and record the name of the member, and they shall be considered a member of the Nominating Committee. This procedure shall continue until twelve members have been appointed for said committee. The President will appoint the chairman from one of the names drawn. This Nominating Committee shall then meet and submit to the club at its Membership meeting in November, a slate of officers whom they nominate for the following year. This article is not to be construed as to prevent further nomination for election of officers from being made by any Senior member in good standing from the floor.

#### SECTION IV

The Executive Committee shall consist of all past presidents in good standing, present elected officers and chairmen of all Committees. The Executive Committee shall plan and direct the work of the club. The Executive Committee shall act as the Investigating Committee and accept or reject all applications for membership subject to the vote of the Senior members in good standing at any monthly Membership meeting. The approval of the recommendation of the Executive Committee at any monthly Membership or special meeting of the club shall be considered the legal vote of the club. Objections to any one or more of the recommendations shall be voted on separately. The chairman of any committee shall have the right to delegate a Senior member of his committee to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee in his absence, having the right to vote at the meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Dues and Membership

#### SECTION I

Each application for membership must be accompanied by one year's dues according to SECTION II of this Article and an application fee of \$40.00 for Associate **Or Family** membership (There will be no application fee for Junior membership). This amount shall pay for the first year's membership dues. Each application for membership into the Nimrod League of Holden Inc. shall be presented to the Investigating Committee. Upon receiving the report from the Investigating Committee, the Senior Members in good standing shall take a yea or nay vote. If an application is received and read at the Executive Committee meeting in October and voted on favorably at the Membership meeting in November, the applicant will receive Membership privileges through the following calendar year. In case of rejection of any candidate, the amount thus paid shall be refunded. A majority of those voting shall be necessary for

election to membership. During their first year of membership, each new member shall be assigned a specific committee by the President on which to fulfill club related service requirements according to Section V of this Article.

## SECTION II

The yearly dues to the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc. shall be \$80.00 for Senior Members, \$80.00 for Associate Members, **\$120.00 for Family Membership**, \$40.00 for Junior Members which shall pay for membership from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. After a member's first year of membership, a \$20.00 annual administration fee will be assessed. The annual administration fee will be waived upon fulfillment of Section V of this Article.

## SECTION III

All dues must be paid to the Secretary as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A grace period will be extended to March 31<sup>st</sup> for payment of dues. Any member failing to pay his dues on or before this date shall be instantly dropped from the rolls.

## SECTION IV

Any person having been dropped from the rolls for non payment of dues and desiring to be reinstated may be again admitted to membership according to SECTION I of this ARTICLE.

## SECTION V

A minimum of 8 hours of club related service is required of each member annually. "8 hours of club related service" is defined as a minimum of 8 hours of work related service of which 4 hours ~~of~~ may be attendance at monthly Membership meetings or other participation. Service may be assigned and approved by any club officer or committee chairman. Such service shall be reported to the Recording Secretary. Life members are exempt from this requirement. Individual exemptions must be approved by the Executive Committee. Hours acquired during the previous year will apply to the current year for fulfillment of this requirement. Hours acquired in the first year by a new member will apply to their first and second year requirements.

## SECTION VI

A "Member in Good Standing" shall be defined as a member that has paid annual dues in full as defined in Section XI of this Article or Section II and Section III of this Article.

## SECTION VII

Associate Members shall be elected into the membership according to SECTION I of this Article. An Associate Member shall be a

minimum of 21 years of age. An Associate Member has no voting privileges. An Associate Member has the same house and club privileges granted to a Senior Member.

#### SECTION VIII

Senior Members are Associate Members who have been recommended by a senior member and the Executive Committee for Senior membership. He or she must have been a Member in good standing for a minimum of two (2) years. The club shall take action on the recommendation by a yea or nay vote at the end of a regular club meeting. Two thirds of those voting shall be necessary for election to Senior membership. All Senior Members prior to the institution of Associate membership will remain Senior Members.

#### **SECTION VIII(a)**

**Family memberships shall be made up of three or more family members residing at the same domicile. Husband ,wife ,and child or children or any combination thereof to equal three or more family members. Adults to be associate members, children 15 to 20 years old to be junior members. Family memberships remain active until they no longer meet the criteria. If two or more family members request senior membership, the cost of a family membership shall not exceed the cost of two senior memberships as stated in the bylaws.**

#### SECTION IX

Junior Members shall be elected into the membership according to SECTION I of this Article. A Junior Member shall be age fifteen to twenty-one. A Junior Member is allowed to bring only one guest per visit with them to use any facility. A Junior Member wanting to bring more than one guest must get prior approval from an Executive Committee member. A Junior Member has no house privileges except at a regular club function. A Junior Member has no voting privileges. A Junior Member will automatically become an Associate Member at age 21.

#### SECTION X

A Paid Life Membership program will be limited to a total of 25 Senior members. The cost of a Paid Life Membership will be set at 12.50 times the current yearly dues and shall be made in a single payment. Sale of such memberships will be suspended when all 25 positions are filled and reopened only when such a membership position becomes open. An opening in the program would become available by the death of such a member, by written resignation to the membership or by expulsion from the club. Priority shall be determined by the length of membership. Paid life members are subject to all other club bylaws and standing rules.

SECTION XI

Any member age 65 years or older belonging to the club for 15 years has free life membership. Any member 62 years of age or older belonging to the club for 5 years will pay 1/2 the price of his dues.

SECTION XII

It is hereby specified that the total membership of the Nimrod League of Holden Inc. shall be limited to 300 members. The Senior Membership will be limited to 200 members.

**SECTION XIII**

**Members serving in the active military or in full time college are exempt from dues until completion of duty or graduation.**

**SECTION XIV**

**Upon a vote of the membership, application fees, charges, or dues may be waived for a period up to one year to promote membership objectives.**

ARTICLE X

Penalties

SECTION I

Any member having been suspended from the Nimrod League of Holden, Inc. can not again be admitted to membership except by a written ballot of 90% of the Senior Members in good standing voting in favor of readmission.

SECTION II

Any member refusing to furnish the Secretary with his address, or failing to notify him within 30 days of any change of the same, shall be deprived of all benefits of the club until he does so.

ARTICLE XI

Bylaws and Rules of Order

## SECTION I

Any proposed Bylaw change or addition must be submitted in writing to the Secretary when the motion is made proposing the Bylaw change or addition. Any bylaw change or addition must be read and voted on favorably at 3 consecutive monthly Membership meetings. A majority of votes shall be considered the vote of the membership. Any proposed Bylaw change or addition must be published in the club's newsletter prior to at least 2 of the 3 meetings when such votes are taken.

## SECTION II

A motion for reconsideration must be made by a member who voted with the majority, and at the same meeting at which action to reconsider was taken.

## SECTION III

Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern all questions of parliamentary law not provided in these bylaws. A copy shall be provided for the President. The copy shall remain the property of the club.

## Section IV

All bylaws in force previous to the approval of this code and all votes on resolutions of the club which conflict therein are hereby repealed.

## ARTICLE XII

### Dissolution of Club

#### Section I

This club shall not be dissolved while there are fifteen Senior members in good standing who are willing to continue according to Article I Section I. A motion to dissolve shall be tabled until the next monthly Membership meeting, and a notice of this action taken will be sent to each member prior to such meeting.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Contracts and Major Expenditures

#### Section I

All expenditures over one thousand dollars require 3 bids unless exempted by the executive board. Contracts for work to be performed exceeding one thousand dollars must be in writing, approved by the executive board and funding approved by the membership. Change orders must be documented in writing.

#### Section II

All contracts requiring bids will be submitted via US mail to the Nimrod League of Holden PO Box. All must be plainly marked as bid on the outside of the envelope. All bids will be simultaneously opened at an executive board meeting and recorded in the minutes.

#### Section III

The executive board shall recommend the bid of their choice to the membership. The executive board has the right to reject any and all bids

#### Section IV

All contracts awarded require workmen's compensation, general liability and any other appropriate certificates of insurance. Appropriate licenses, permits and inspections as may be required by law shall be the responsibility of the bidder.