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**NIMROD LEAGUE OF HOLDEN**

**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. Treasurer’s 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 Dinner

K. Archery

L. Land Use

M. Membership

N. Revenue

O. Special appointed committees

P. Good and Welfare

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

13. Motion for adjournment

\* Quarterly Meeting Only

**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 Board. The President shall appoint and replace all committee chairmen, unless otherwise ordered by the Membership. The President shall see that officers and committees perform their duties in a proper manner. The President shall hold responsible all chairmen for the composition and submission of an annual budget for their committee. The President may spend a sum of money not to exceed $500.00 without Executive Board or Membership approval for any expenditure that the President deems necessary prior to the next monthly membership meeting. The President 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 Board. The Recording Secretary 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 them. The Recording Secretary shall also keep a record of the post office address of all members.

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 their 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

As defined by Merriam-Webster:

Trustee

 :A person or organization that has been given responsibility for managing someone else’s property or money through a trust.

 :A member of a group that manages the money of an organization.

 :A natural or legal person to whom property is legally committed to be administered for the benefit of a beneficiary (as a person or a charitable organization)

The Board of Trustees, as named in SECTION II of ARTICLE III, shall act as fiduciaries and asset managers for the Nimrod League of Holden and as such shall hold, manage 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 Board 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 seven hundred fifty thousand dollars $750,000.00, 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 Dinner

11. Archery

12. Land Use

 13. Membership

 14. Revenue

 15. Special Appointed Committees

 16. Good and Welfare

**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 $50.00 for Associate or Familymembership (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 Board 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 on which to fulfill club related service requirements according to Section I(a) of this Article

SECTION I{a}

A minimum of 8 hours of club related service is required by each member annually. 4 hours of club related service may be attendance at monthly meetings, the remainder should be work hours. Work hours may be assigned and approved by any club officer or committee chairman. Life Members are exempt from this requirement at their own discretion. Individual exemptions must be submitted and approved by the Executive Board. All work time is to be tracked by individual members and is based upon an honor system. All members will sign and attest to their minimum work hours on their annual membership renewal form. All those failing to meet the minimum service hours required will be assessed an additional $50 annual fee.

SECTION II

The yearly dues to the Nimrod League Of Holden Inc. shall be

$100.00 for Senior Members, $100.00 for Associate members, $150.00

for Family membership, $40.00 for Junior members which shall pay for membership from January 1st to December 31st.

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

SECTION V

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 VI

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 Board 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.

 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 Board 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 or her dues.

SECTION XII

It is hereby specified that the total paid membership of the Nimrod League of Holden Inc. shall be limited to 300 members comprised of Senior, Associate, Junior and Family memberships. The Senior membership will be limited to 200 members.

Life members, Paid Life members, Military and College Exempt members are excluded from this count, but hold all the rights of membership.

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.

**ARTCLE X**

PENALTIES

SECTION I

Any member having been suspended from the Nimrod League of Holden, Inc. cannot again be admitted to the 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 Nimrod League of Holden with their address, or failing to notify the Club within 30 days of any change of the same, shall be deprived of all benefits of the Club until he does so.

SECTION III

Any member exhibiting gross disregard for the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Club may be called before the Executive Board. Following a majority vote of the Executive Board, the member in question will be referred to the Membership for vote and be subject to suspension from the Nimrod League of Holden.

**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.

SECTION V

The Nimrod League of Holden utilizes a number of Standing Rules and Committee Guidelines as directives for the appropriate use of our clubhouse and grounds. While these regulations are not codified in the Clubs’ Bylaws and are subject to change, they are vital to the safe operation of the Club and are strictly enforced.