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### Article I

#### Organization

##### Section 1

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 2

#### **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

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- K. Archery
  - L. Land Use
  - M. Membership
  - N. Revenue
  - O. Special Appointed Committees
  - P. Good and Welfare
  - Q. Club Historical
  - R. Business Records
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)

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### **ARTICLE II**

#### Meetings

##### Section 1

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 2

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 3

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

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### Article III

#### Officers

##### Section 1

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 2

The Board of Trustees as mentioned in Section 1 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 1 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 1

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 2

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 3 of **Article IV**.

##### Section 3

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

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### Section 4

Only a Senior member in good standing shall have the right to vote or be elected to office.

## **Article V**

### Duties of the Officers

#### Section 1

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Board. The President shall appoint and replace all committee chairmen, unless 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 2

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

#### Section 3

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 4

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

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monies paid out in the name of 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 of the board of Trustees.

### Section 5

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 2 of **Article III**, shall act as fiduciaries and asset managers for the Nimrod League of Holden, Inc 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 to do so by a two-thirds majority 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.

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### Article VI

#### Funds and Property

##### Section 1

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

##### Section 2

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 willing to continue.

##### Section 3

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 4

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.

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### Article VII

#### Chairmen Appointments

##### Section 1

The chairman of the following committees must be appointed by the President according to **Article V** Section 1 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
17. Club Historical
18. Business Records



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### Article VIII

#### Committees and Their Duties

##### Section 1

The committees outlined in **Article VII** Section 1 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 2

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

##### Section 3

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 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

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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 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 4

The Executive Board shall consist of all past presidents in good standing, present elected officers and chairmen of all committees. The Executive Board shall plan and direct the work of the Club. The Executive Board 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 Board at any monthly membership meeting 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 member of his committee to attend the meeting of the Executive Board in his absence, having the right to vote at the meeting.

## Article IX

### Dues and Membership

#### Section 1

Each application for membership must be accompanied by one year's dues according to Section 2 of this **Article** and an application fee of \$50.00 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 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 1 (a) of this **Article**.

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### Section 1 (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 2

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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Section 3

All dues must be paid to the **NIMROD LEAGUE OF HOLDEN, INC.** as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A grace period will be extended to February 28<sup>th</sup> for payment of dues. Any member failing to pay their dues on or before this date shall be instantly dropped from the rolls.

### Section 4

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 1 of this **ARTICLE**.

### Section 5

A "Member in Good Standing" shall be defined as a member that has paid annual dues in full as defined in Section 11 of this **Article** or Section 2 and Section 3 of this **Article**.

### Section 6

Associate members shall be elected into the membership according to Section 1 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.

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### Section 7

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 8

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 9

Junior members shall be elected into the membership according to Section 1 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 10

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 12.5 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.

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### Section 11

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 ½ the price of his or her dues.

### Section 12

It is hereby specified that the total paid membership of the Nimrod League of Holden, Inc. shall be limited to 400 members comprised of Senior, Associate, Junior and Family memberships. The Senior membership shall be limited to 300 members. Life members, Paid Life members, Military, and College Exempt members are excluded from this count, but hold all the rights of membership.

### Section 13

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

### Section 14

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 1

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 2

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.

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### Section 3

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, Inc.

## Article XI

### Bylaws and Rules of Order

#### Section 1

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 2

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 3

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

#### Section 4

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 5

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 Club's Bylaws and are subject to change, they are vital to the safe operation of the Club and are strictly enforced.