



# Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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## President's Column

Hello Everyone...

I hope your summer activities are going well, and that you have had a chance to use our club over the last few weeks. The grounds look great, and the facilities continue to improve. I had a chance to shoot skeet and trap the last few Tuesday nights, and what a joy it is to have such great facilities right at our club. We have voice activated trap machines, and two brand new skeet machines, and the clays just keep flying. If you have never done these shotgun sports, come out and give it a try...and if you have and maybe it has been a while, now is the time to start again. If you need assistance, there are always members there willing to help teach, or give a helping hand. But a word of warning...it is very addictive!!!

**ATTENTION...this is a very important newsletter.** We have had a committee of members working on the bylaws of our club for over a year now. **Our current bylaws are essentially the original from 1947, and with the increase in the club membership, and the evolution of our club, it is necessary to change how the club runs to allow it to continue to grow and flourish.** These bylaw revisions basically split the club offices into two groups or branches. The board of directors will oversee everything financial, and the executive

board will concentrate on the running of the club, and organization of activities and events for the members. The president will oversee the executive board and meeting. He will also sit on the board of directors, but the chairman of the board will run the board meetings. Our committee reviewed many large non for profit organization bylaws and tried to assimilate their structure. We feel this small change, along with some others will allow our club to prosper even further in the future. **Please take a minute and read the proposed bylaws, and let us know what you think, as it is ultimately you the members that will vote these new bylaws in or out.** You can contact me or anyone of the committee. This committee consisted of: Gary Brumbelow, Karen Brumbelow, Jim Harner, Jim Hausman, Sheryl Hausman, Jim Howley, and Jim Walker. Thank you all for your hard work.

And as always, if you ever have any questions or comments...ideas, praises, or complaints, please let me or one of the executive board know...we want you to feel comfortable and proud to be a member at BCSC.

Talk to you all soon,

Dr. Chad A. Sharkey DC  
President BCSC

**Discussion of these proposed bylaws will be at Aug. membership meeting and voting at the September meeting**

**SUNDAY SHOTGUN** is looking for a person go take over operating the fields. Paul Haman has done an excellent job for many years. We owe Paul many thanks. Now it is time Paul and his family to have some Sunday's choices. Please call Manny Stoes at 269-429-4449 or Paul Haman at 269-471-3808.

*Manny Stoes.*

A big **THANK YOU** to Caretaker Frank for assisting Connie and me in rescuing our dog. Our oldest female Golden Retriever was with us when we were at the Club taking care of the plants. As we were about to relax by the river, Abby wandered too near to the bank and toppled head over heels down to the river.

The bank is vertical and a long way down. She's crippled and was desperately struggling in the swift current, we were afraid she'd drown right there. I found a latter by the clubhouse to get down to where the dog had managed to reach firmer footing. Trouble was, the ladder would slip and sink on the mud. But Frank came over just in time and with his able assistance we saved our dog. ThankYou, Frank !

*John and Connie Castle*

### **THIS AND THAT**

- The Club's old woods mower will be available for sale on September 1. \$550 or best offer.
- Membership total is 424. (as of end of June)
- MSU Alumni gave the club an appreciation gift of \$200 for the pavilion kitchen. They are so pleased with the new kitchen.
- **IDPA** June 26 shooters and July 16 shooters. Need some new props and old ones repaired \$780 income, \$587.81 Expense with net of \$192.19 (Nice job and thanks Kevin)
- August 2 is next **CMP** shoot
- September 6 is next **Rattle Battle**.
- The middle rifle range will be closed until the range wall can be repaired. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### **2008 SWAP MEET**

Unless people call Jason Grimm at 927-1793 soon indicating an interest in the September 27 Swap Meet, he will have to cancel this event. Please refer to last two newsletters for details.

### **FAMILY PICNIC**

For August 23 has been cancelled due to a lack of people responding by the r.s.v.p. due date. Money will be allotted for the Christmas Dinner Party.

### **ARCHERY**

Well, the dog days of summer are upon us and so are the mosquitoes. If you have tried to shoot the outdoor course and wondered what those large black flying things are, they are mosquitoes. Just think of it as more targets to shoot at and if you get good at it you can just shoot the wings off of them and watch them run on the ground. Seriously though, if you go out when there is a breeze or well before dark and add a little repellent, they are not that bad. Remember to sign in and be in the drawing for the grand prizes to be given away in September. The next full outdoor shoot is August 23rd, so come out and shoot.

### **IDPA**

July's match was part of the 2008 IDPA Postal Match. We had 16 shooters show up from several area clubs to participate in spite of the inclement weather. We suffered about an hour rain-delay...but the rain passed, and we had a good match anyway.

We had several people from our club and other clubs in the area come out and help setup, tear down, and perform Safety Officer duties. I would like to thank everyone who helped out. Without your help, these matches would not be possible.

Match results are posted on our web site. Our next match is scheduled for Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will also be holding an IDPA classifier on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder, the rifle range will be

closed at 7:00 p.m. the Friday before the match for setup. Sorry for the inconvenience.

*Kevin Pounders*

#### **Upcoming IDPA Matches**

8/3 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI

**8/9 Berrien County Sportsman's Club**

8/10 Michigan City Rifle Club - Michigan City, IN

8/10 South Kent Sportsman's Club - Dorr, MI

8/17 North Porter County CC - Chesterton, IN

8/23 New Buffalo Rod & Gun - New Buffalo, MI

**8/30 Berrien County Sportsman's Club**

9/7 Bend of the River CC - Buchanan, MI

**9/13 Berrien County Sportsman's Club**

#### **Hunter Safety Classes**

Two series of classes are scheduled in the next two months. August 4,5,6,and 9 and then again September 29,30, Oct. 1 and 4. These are very popular and fill up quickly. Call Dan or Bev Jennings at 429-4656 to register.

**Somewhere in this newsletter is a purposely misspelled word. The first two people who locate it and call the editor 468-3837 will have their names added to the box at clubhouse where in December a name is drawn for a free membership.**

Ignorance is the absence of knowledge, but stupidity is the possession of knowledge and the refusal to use it intelligently.

On September 14 the Therapeutic Equestrian Center is renting the pavilion and grounds for a fun and educational fund raiser for their center. This organization helps handicapped children through horseback riding. They will have horses onsite and maybe even the sheriff's posse. Let's get out and see what they do.

**BERRIEN COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, Inc.**  
**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

As Amended XX/XX/2008

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this organization shall be "Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc.", here after, also referred to as "The Club", "Organization" or "BCSC".

**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Organization shall be to further and advance the cause of conservation of our natural resources and recreation (in all its phases) so that this generation and posterity will receive the maximum benefit from the same. The Organization fully supports the principles of the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

**ARTICLE III**

**Incorporation**

This Organization shall be incorporated under the laws for non-profit organizations of the State of Michigan and subjected to the provisions thereof.

In the event of dissolution of the Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Inc., any assets remaining after satisfaction of all liabilities against the Organization shall be turned over to any organization having similar objectives, as referenced in Article II. This shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Elections**

**SECTION 1. Qualifications** A member of this Organization shall be eligible to hold an office as a Director or Officer for two consecutive terms whereupon said member shall become ineligible to hold that office for a period of one year. Directors and Officers may not hold any of the following key positions in the Executive Committee: Archery Chairperson, Rifle and/or Pistol Chairperson, Trap and/or Skeet Chairperson or Muzzleloader Chairperson. If one of these positions is being held by someone seeking election of a Director or Officer, the Chair position shall be vacated prior to accepting the duties of the newly elected position.

**SECTION 2. Eligibility** A member shall be eligible to hold any office if they maintain the following criteria throughout the term of office at the time of nomination and election.

- A. A member in good standing for at least one full year.
- B. At least 21 years of age.
- C. Dues paying member.
- D. Ability to hold an elected public office.
- E. Disclosure of affiliation with another club or organization.
- F. Not a member of the Sportsman's Club Foundation.

**SECTION 3. Nominating Committee** The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President prior to the July Membership Meeting. The Chairperson shall appoint at least two (2) members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The members or Chairperson of the Nominating Committee may not appear on the ballot.

A slate of candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and open Board positions shall be presented by the Nominating Committee during the September Membership Meeting. Nominations may be presented from the floor during the September meeting. Ballots shall be presented at the October Membership Meeting at which time the nominations will be closed.

#### **SECTION 4. Election Procedures**

**4a. Ballots** The Secretary of the Organization shall issue ballots at the December Membership meeting. In the event that the Secretary can not perform this duty, it will be performed by another elected official not on the ballot. The most current record of the membership shall be used to keep account of the ballots being issued. Ballots shall be counted by the Nominating Committee. Ties will be voted on immediately, by anonymous paper ballots. Ballots will be finalized at the conclusion of the December Membership meeting.

**4b. Absentee Ballot** The Secretary of The Organization shall provide an absentee ballot to a member of the Organization upon request; said absentee ballot shall be returned to the Secretary a minimum of five (5) days prior to the regular December meeting, may be hand delivered at the December Membership meeting or the ballot shall be invalid. Absentee ballots must be requested no later than Thanksgiving Day.

**4c. Write-In Ballots** Write-In votes will not be accepted. Positions will be filled by voting from the list of candidates provided on the ballot. If there is no candidate for a vacant position on the ballot, refer to Article V Section 11 or Article VI Section 4.

### **ARTICLE V Directors**

**SECTION 1. Directors.** The Board of Directors of the Organization shall be composed of nine Directors. The term of office for a Director shall be three years.

**SECTION 2. General Powers and Responsibilities.** The property and business of this Organization shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which may exercise all such powers of this Organization, to *finalize* and enforce all Policies of this Organization. The Board has the authority to spend those monies approved by the current year's budget. Any expenditure other than those necessary to prevent loss of use of the facility or activity must be approved by the general membership. The Board shall do all things as required to be exercised, subject to the restrictions imposed by law, by the certificate of Incorporation, and by these By-laws.

**SECTION 2.a. Budget.** The Board of Directors shall have the financial viability of this Organization as one of its primary responsibilities. It shall require budgetary input from the Executive Committee by September for inclusion in the following year's budget. Said budget shall be complete and presented to the membership at the December Membership meeting before the election of Officers.

**SECTION 2.b. Nonbudgeted Expenses.** Non Budgeted expenses must be presented to the Board of Directors in the form of a financial proposal which includes the itemized estimated expense and potential return on the investment. This proposal will be reviewed by the Business Manager and a recommendation made to the Board for their consideration and vote. Non budgeted expenses will not be presented and voted on at the same meeting. Once approved, the Board of Directors will determine the timeline for disbursement of the expense. Pursuant to Article VII Section 2, a special meeting of the membership may be called to address a more urgent expense. Expenditures exceeding \$10,000 must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a special meeting called for the express reason of the vote, Pursuant to Article VII Section 2. In the event of an emergency resulting in the loss of use of facility or the creation of a liability situation, the President shall have the power to expense monies necessary to address the issue.

**SECTION 3. Chairman of the Board.** The Chairman of the Board shall be a Director, having served at least one year as a Director prior to becoming eligible. The Chairman shall be elected by a majority vote of the Directors then in office at the January meeting of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board presides over the meetings of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. In the absence of the Chairman, the President will preside over the board meetings. The term of the Chairman shall be limited to two consecutive years.

**SECTION 4. Secretary of the Board.** The Secretary of the Board shall be an elected Board member. The duty of the Secretary of the Board shall be to keep a record of all meetings and attendance of the Board of Directors and shall conduct

the correspondence thereof as directed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Board shall notify each Board Member of the regular monthly meetings at least 48 hours in advance.

**SECTION 5. Business Manager and Duties.** The Business Manager shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board after receiving approval by the Board of Directors. Approval shall be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Business Manager shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors, and as such will not have the power to vote. The Business Manager can not simultaneously hold an elected position. They may, at their discretion, form a committee to fulfill these duties.

The Business Manager shall review and present recommendations to the Board of Directors for budgeted and non-budgeted projects.

The Business Manager shall continuously and aggressively endeavor to locate and obtain any available financial assistance that can be applied to Club projects and/or the general upgrading of the Club as authorized by the Board of Directors.

The Business Manager shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 6. Meetings.** Meetings of the Board shall be held monthly. Such meetings shall be open to the membership with dates and times posted in the newsletter.

**SECTION 7 Special Meetings** The President, or Chairman of the Board of Directors shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. In addition, a special meeting may be called by written request of at least five members of the Board of Directors. At special meetings, no business shall be transacted except that business for which the meeting has been called. Notice of such special meetings **must** be communicated to all Directors by mail, telephone and/or E-mail by the Secretary of the Board at least 24 hours in advance. Such meetings may or may not be open to the general membership.

**SECTION 8. Quorum.** The presence at any meeting of the Board of Directors of a simple majority of the Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Club business.

**SECTION 9. Resignations.** Any Director or member of a committee of the Board of Directors may resign at any time. Such resignations shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or at the time of its receipt by the Chairman or Secretary of the Board of Directors. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**SECTION 10. Removal of Directors.**

**Subsection A.** Any Director may be removed with cause by a vote of the general membership. A special meeting must be called for the purpose pursuant to Article VII Section 2.

**Subsection B.** The removal of a Director may also be determined by the Board of Directors pursuant to the absence of that Director, without just cause, for three consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 11. Filling of Vacancies.** If the office of any Director or member of any Committee appointed by the Board of Directors becomes vacant, then any Board member may nominate any member in good standing as defined in Article IV Section 2 to fill such vacancy. Filling such vacancy is subject to the approval of a majority of the Directors then in office, to serve until the next regular December membership meeting. The balance of the term vacated shall be filled pursuant to ARTICLE IV of this document.

## ARTICLE VI

### Officers

**SECTION 1. Officers.** The Officers of the Organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**SECTION 2. Responsibilities.** The wishes and interest of the members of this Organization shall be represented and supported by its Officers at all Board of Director's meetings.

**SECTION 3. Terms of office.** The term of office for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be one year. A member of this Organization shall be eligible to hold the same office, as described in ARTICLE VI, Section 1 for two consecutive terms whereupon said member shall become ineligible to hold that office, as described in ARTICLE VI, Section 1 for a period of one year. In the event no one is willing to run for an office, the Nominating Committee can recommend that this be overridden by 2/3 vote of the voting membership present at the September Membership meeting.

**SECTION 4. Filling of Vacancies.** The President shall have the power to fill the vacancy of an officer position with the majority approval of the other Officers in office at the time of the vacancy. In the event the President position must be filled, the Vice President shall step up and recommend a new Vice President pursuant to the rules of this Section. The President shall have the authority to fill committee and chairmanship positions as needed throughout their term.

**SECTION 5. President and Presidential Duties.** The President shall have general charge, control and supervision over the administration and activities of the Organization. The President shall keep the Chairman of the Board fully informed concerning the activities of the Organization. The President shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Directors with the power to vote only in the event of a tie. In general, the President shall have all powers and perform all duties incident to the office of the President of this Organization and such powers and duties as from time to time may be asked of him by the Board of Directors or Chairman of The Board. The President presides over the Membership meeting in accordance with Article VII, Section 1. The President shall be the liaison between the membership and the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 6. Vice-President and Duties.** At the request of the President, or in his absence or disability or failure to act, the Vice-President shall have and perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions of the Office of the President. In the case of the death or the resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties and title of the President. The Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors, without the power to vote, except when performing the duties of the President pursuant to the provisions of this document. The Vice-President shall have such powers and shall perform such other duties as may be asked of him by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or by the President.

**SECTION 7. Secretary and Duties.** The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept in books provided for that purpose, the minutes of all meetings of the general membership of the Organization, the Executive Committee and shall conduct the correspondence thereof. In general, the Secretary shall have all powers and perform all duties incident to the Office of the Secretary and such powers and duties which may be asked of them from time to time by the President or the Vice-President. The Secretary shall perform duties of the election process as described in Article IV, Section 4.

**SECTION 8. Treasurer and Duties.** The Treasurer shall maintain adequate records of all the Organizations assets, liabilities and transactions, shall see that adequate audits are current and regularly made annually and shall be in charge of its records, books of account and its accounting and financial statements, operating reports and budgets. The Treasurer shall enter or cause to be entered in books of the organization, to be kept for that purpose full and accurate accounts of all monies received and paid out on account of the Organization. The Treasurer shall render a financial statement to the Board of Directors at monthly meetings. The Treasurer shall be responsible for paying bills. The Treasurer shall be responsible for communication with the accounting firm then in use by the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring all matters pertaining to filing of tax returns and supervision of all matters relating to taxes. The Treasurer of this Organization shall be a bonded officer, whose bond shall be an amount as designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors without the power to vote. In general, the Treasurer shall have all powers and perform all duties as may be asked of him by the Board of Directors, The Chairman of the Board or The President.

**SECTION 9. Removal of Officers.** Any Officer may be removed with cause by the vote of a majority of the membership present at a special meeting called for the purpose pursuant to **ARTICLE VII Section 2** of this document, or at any regular meeting of the general membership provided the notice for such meeting shall specify that the matter of any such proposed removal will be considered at the meeting. Removal of an Officer may be determined by the Officers, pursuant to the absence of that Officer, without just cause, for three consecutive meetings.

**SECTION 10. Resignations.** Any Officer or member of a committee may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Meetings**

**SECTION 1. Meetings of the Membership.** The meetings of this Organization shall be held each month at such time as may be mutually agreed upon by the membership and shall be presided over by the President. At this meeting, the President reports to the membership, issues being addressed by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. In his roll as liaison, the President will solicit issues of concern and recommendations from the membership and report them back to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, whichever is appropriate.

**SECTION 2. Special Meetings.** The President shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Organization at any time the President shall deem it necessary, or at the request in writing signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the declared voting members. Notice of such special meetings must be communicated to the membership by mail or published in two

major daily newspapers or publications in Berrien County at the discretion of the Secretary at least 5 days in advance of the meeting and for three consecutive days. At special meetings no business may be transacted except that business for which the meeting has been called.

**SECTION 3. Quorum.** The presence at any meeting of the general membership of five percent of the total declared voting members shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Committees**

**SECTION 1. Appointment; Powers.** The President may designate a committee as needed. The President shall designate a member in good standing as Chairman of that committee. Committees shall not have less than two members and may exercise such powers as the President may determine and specify in the respective resolutions appointing them. The Chairman shall fix the times and places of its meeting.

**SECTION 2. Procedures; Meetings** The Chairman of a committee shall choose a Secretary if needed and shall fix its own rules of procedure. At every meeting of the committee, the presence of a majority of all of the members thereof shall be necessary to conduct its business.

**SECTION 3. Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the following Chairpersons: Archery, Building and Grounds, Rifle and /or Pistol, Trap and /or Skeet, Muzzle Loader, Gun Collector, Public Relations, Advertising, Camping and Training/Education/NRA. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and shall report the business of the Committee at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall represent the Organization membership in the formulation, promotion, and execution of the affairs of the Organization such as activities, facility alterations, positions on issues of legislation and conservation and other such matters of the Organization that do not conflict with the powers of the Board of Directors, said affairs to be approved by the membership. The Committee shall represent the authority of the membership of the Organization between the regular meetings of the Organization. Meetings of the Committee shall be held prior to the regular monthly Board of Directors meetings and at such a time as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Committee.

**SECTION 4. Standing Committees.** The President may appoint a Chairperson for any or all of the following standing committees and other committees as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Archery	Membership
Advertising	MUCC/Legislative/MCRGO
Building & Ground	Muzzle Loaders
Boosters	Training/Education/NRA
Camping	Fishing
Event	Rental
Newsletter	Rifle
Gun Collectors	Pistol
Trap & Skeet	Public Relations
Youth Programs	

The President shall request reports from the above committees from time to time and report the progress of the committee at the membership and/or Board of Director's meetings.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Membership and Dues**

**SECTION 1. General Requirements.** Any person of good moral character who has attained the legal age of 18 and who is in sympathy with the purpose of this Organization shall be eligible for membership herein. All persons submitting application for membership shall be subject to acceptance or rejection by a majority vote, if a quorum is present, of the Board of Directors. It shall be the right of any Board Member to request a secret ballot.

**SECTION 2. Life Membership.** A Life Membership may be granted at a subscription fee of twenty (20) times current annual dues upon approval of the Board of Directors, except as revised by the Board of Directors for special fund raising campaigns. At no time shall it be less than ten (10) times the current annual dues rate. Life Membership shall be subject to the provisions of ARTICLE IX, Section 1. A widow or widower of a Life Member shall retain a Life Membership. A Life Member is responsible for any special assessments determined by the vote of the general membership. Five (5) years of consecutive membership in good standing is required prior to application for a Life Membership.

**SECTION 3. Regular Membership Privileges.** Full membership privileges including voting, shall be extended to the member and spouse (as defined by Michigan Law.) For further reference in these by-laws, this defines “declared voting member”. Each member or spouse is responsible for casting their own vote either in person, or through an absentee ballot. Membership privileges except for voting, shall be extended to all children under eighteen (18) years of age within a family. Underage members must be accompanied by an adult member when using any shooting ranges, including Archery Ranges except during Club Sanctioned events. Any person within such a family who is (18) eighteen years of age shall be required to make application to and pay a current annual dues fee, said initiation fee being waived. Any member who enters college as a full time student, or active duty in the Armed Forces shall receive a free membership, if they notify the Club Secretary in writing. These memberships shall be reviewed and approved annually.

**SECTION 4. Payment of Dues; Non-payment.** A regular membership may be granted at a subscription fee to be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a quorum of the membership. The fee being the current year’s dues and/or an initiation fee approved by the membership, subject to the provisions of ARTICLE IX, Section 1. All members of this Organization wishing to continue their membership, excluding honorary members and life members, shall pay annually to the Treasurer the current years dues set by the membership, which is payable January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. All members owing dues on or after February 15<sup>th</sup> the current year shall be deemed delinquent with membership privileges terminated and dropped from the membership.

**SECTION 5. Reinstatement.** Any delinquent member of the Organization desiring reinstatement shall make application and pay to the Treasurer the current year’s dues, plus a reinstatement fee set by the Board of Directors, subject to ARTICLE IX, Section 1. If payment of dues has been delinquent beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, the delinquent member shall be required to seek a new membership as provided by ARTICLE IX, Section 3.

**SECTION 6. Revocation of Membership.** Any member or member’s family found guilty of violating the policies of the Organization as laid down by the Board of Directors, or any conservation law or any sufficiently just cause, shall have their membership revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

**SECTION 7. Appeal of Revocation.** An appeal of any decision as a result of the provisions of ARTICLE IX, Section 6 may be made at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Board shall be required to notify said revoked member of the meeting at least 48 hours in advance, by mail.

**SECTION 8. Complimentary Membership.** The Board of Directors may grant complimentary memberships for services rendered, or donations made to the club. Complimentary memberships must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Privileges of the Complimentary Membership are limited to the use of the facilities. Voting privileges and holding an elected office would not be included.

**SECTION 9. Member in Good Standing.** A member in good standing is defined as meeting the general requirements outlined in Article IX, Section 1. and has paid current years dues.

## ARTICLE X

### Employees

**SECTION 1. General.** All employees of the Organization shall be responsible to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and/or the President and shall carry out the duties as assigned to him by the Chairman of the Board and/or the President.

**SECTION 2. Employee Membership.** All full-time employees shall be prohibited from obtaining membership, but shall be accorded use of all facilities.

## ARTICLE XI

### Miscellaneous Provisions

**SECTION 1. Parliamentary Guide.** The Robert’s Rules of Order shall be followed in all meetings of the Organization or in all cases to which they are applicable, and in all cases which Robert’s Rules of Order are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

**SECTION 2. Fiscal Year.** The Fiscal Year of this Organization shall be the calendar year.

**SECTION 3. Michigan United Conservation Club.** The Club shall affiliate with Michigan United Conservation Club (MUCC) at a minimum of an associate member.

**SECTION 4. National Rifle Association.** The Club shall maintain an NRA affiliation.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amending the Bylaws

**SECTION 1.** If a quorum is present as defined by ARTICLE 7 SECTION 3, a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular membership meeting, or at a special membership meeting, shall be sufficient to alter, amend or repeal these by-laws or any provision thereof, or to make new by-laws. The proposed alterations, amendments, or new by-laws shall be presented to the membership by mail, e-mail and web site, at special meetings, or at regular meetings, at least 30 days prior to voting on such alterations, amendments or new by-laws. **Latest revision XXXXX 2008. Major rewrite.**

## **Berrien County Sportsman's Club**

**P.O. Box 325**

**St. Joseph, MI 49085**

The next membership meeting is August 20

### **OFFICERS AND BOARD**

All area codes are 269 except Archie

President	Chad Sharkey	429- 5439
Vice Pres	Jim Walker	449 -5022
Secretary	Scott Gane	429- 9269
Treasurer	Gay Story	429- 3514
Director 3 yr.	Gary Brumbelow	465-6736
Director 3 yr.	Les Herrman	429-9963
Director 3 yr.	Delmar Lange	926-8221
Director 2 yr.	Al Foster	465-3069
Director 2 yr.	Bryan Dixon	422-1288
Director 2 yr.	Sherrie Nitz	422-1739
Director 1 yr.	Jim Howley	313-6450
Director 1 yr.	Jack Teuteberg	*428-2957
Director 1 yr.	Oscar Hnanicek	428-9089
Caretaker	Frank Halik	429-3792
Editor	Shirley Moeckel	468-3837
Membership	Sheryl Hausmann	208-1506
Camping Chair	Archie Forman	(219)759-4033
CCW Registrar	Jason Grimm	927-1793
Building/Grounds	Dan Jennings	429-4656

Deadline for next newsletter: August 25  
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### **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **August**

**2- CMP Shoot 8 a.m.**  
**4,5,6,9 – Hunter Safety course**  
**9 – IDPA 8 – 12**  
**11 Exec./Board meeting 6:30 p.m.**  
**13 & 16 CPL class**  
**20 – Membership/Potluck 7:00 p.m.**  
**23 – Outdoor Archery**

#### **September**

**6 – Rattle Battle 8:30 a.m.**  
**8 – Exec./Board meeting**  
**13 – IDPA 8 – noon**  
**14 – Pavilion rental Therapeutic Equestrians**  
**17 – Membership meeting (voting bylaws)**  
**18 and 20 CPL class**  
**20 – Outdoor Archery**  
**27 – Swap Meet if enough interest**