

# By-Laws of the Roe Jan Creek Boat Club

## **Article 1 Purpose and name**

Section 1. The purpose for which the club formed: (amended 19/19/1998)

- A. To promote interest in traditional activities of : hunting, fishing, trapping, camping and boating in the Hudson River Valley.
- B. To protect, preserve and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the Hudson River Valley.
- C. To provide a meeting place to discuss and study problems and concerns pertaining to the above mentioned activities.
- D. To promote a social and fraternal feeling among its members and friends.
- E. To provide, through its corporation, all the advantages available to sportsman and boat clubs as to the instruction in the proper and safe handling of hunting, fishing, trapping, camping and boating equipment and their use thereof.

Section 2. The name of the association shall be The Roe-Jan Creek Boat Club inc.

## **Article 2 Government**

Section 1. The officers to be elected shall be the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Dock Master and four Trustees.

Section 2. The board of directors shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) Trustees.

Section 3. The general management of the affairs of the association shall be vested in the Board of directors.

Section 4. The order of Business shall be:

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Pledge to the flag
- 3. Reading of the minutes of the prior meetings for information and approval
- 4. Treasurer's Report and it's approval
- 5. Communications
- 6. Report of committees
- 7. Election of new members
- 8. Old business
- 9. New business
- 10. Adjournment

Section 5. The Associations By-Laws may be amended only by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose of such an amendment, provided that motion to amend and tabled at the previous meeting and that notice of such proposed amendment has been given in the call for the meeting. A copy of the bylaws, up to date, shall be posted in the clubhouse for reference of all members.

### **Article 3 elections of officers**

Section 1. (Amended 5/3/2005) The officers and one trustee (outgoing director) shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year. The elected officers will serve all one year term and the elected trustee or director will serve a four year term.

Section 2. If a vacancy occurs among the officers, the same shall be filled for the unexpired term by the board of directors.

Section 3. (Amended 5/2/2005), the commodore shall not serve more than four consecutive terms in office.

### **Article 4 duties and powers of the board**

Section 1. The board of directors shall have full and general charge and management of the affairs, funds and property of the association. They may employ whatever personnel they deem necessary to aid in the functions of the association. Any expenditure by the board in excess of \$2500 (Amended 5/14/2012) must be approved by a meeting of the membership except that the chairman of any special event shall have authority to purchase food and other materials, for such event, for such amounts as shall be deemed proper and advisable by the chairman.

Section 2. (Amended February 5, 2005) the Board of Directors shall have the books and accounts of the association audited at least once a year and at such times as they shall deem necessary.

### **Article 5 memberships**

Section 1. (Amended October 19, 1998)

1 Persons applying for adult membership must be 21 years of age or older and shall use the application form provided by the association.

2 All applications for membership shall be read at a meeting of the membership (and the new applicant must accompany the sponsor and be presented to the club at that time (Amended 20, June 2016). After the initial introduction of the new applicant, the application shall be referred to the membership committee.

3 The membership committee shall report on the applications at the next regular meeting. After such report is received, the application shall be submitted to the members for their vote.

4. The membership shall vote by secret ballot. Each member will be given a piece of paper and write yes or no on the paper for each applicant announced in the order the name was announced.

5. If a majority of members present approve, the applicant shall be duly declared elected and shall become a member.

Section 2. Any member may be suspended for a period or expelled for violation of any of the rules or By-Laws of the association or for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the association by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

Section 3 Junior Members (amendment added October 19, 1998)

1. Persons at least 12 years of age, but less than 21 for not part of an existing family membership.
2. Dues 10% of adult dues.
3. Initiation fee: waived until reaching adult member age.
4. Junior member does not receive a key (Key card) to the clubhouse.
5. Junior member does not have voting privileges at meetings.
6. (Amended May 2 at 2005) any person at least 12 years old, but less than 21 applying for a junior membership, must apply for a junior membership with the application blank approved by the association. All applications for membership shall be read at the meeting of the membership and shall then be referred to the membership committee. The membership committee shall report on the application at the next regular meeting of the members and after such report is received, the application shall be submitted to the members present for their vote. If a majority of the members present approve, the applicant shall be duly declared elected and shall become a junior member.
7. Members who enter military service will be carried on a good standing until they leave the service.
8. Dock space: adult members will have priority over junior members.

#### Article 6 Dues and initiation fees.

Section1. (Amended May 2, 2005) an initiation fee must accompany all applications for membership periods the amount of the fee will be determined by the membership.

Section2. (Amended May 2, 2005) annual dues of the association will be due at the first regular meeting of the new year excepting in the case of newly elected whose first dues must accompany his application for membership.(Amended May 14 2012) dues are due before any member can launch his boat from the club dock.

Section3. Members who fail to pay their dues by the first meeting of the May (Amended May 14, 2012) shall be notified by the secretary. The default shall be reported to the Board of Directors and the directors may thereupon order such member to be dropped from the membership. The members shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership from the date of the decision of the board of directors to that effect.

#### Article 7 meetings

Section 1. Eight member in good standing shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the membership. If a quorum is not present the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to a date and time fixed by him.

Section 2. (Amended May 2 2005) election of officers and trustee or directors will be held in the last regular meeting of the year.

Section3. (Amended May 6 2005) regular meetings of the membership shall be scheduled by members at the last regular meeting of the previous year.

Section 4. A special meetings may be called by the commodore at any time or upon the request of 10 members of the club to such officer. A notice of meeting shall be mailed to each member 10 days prior to such meeting. Only such business as specified in the notice is to be acted upon at this meeting.

Section 5.(Amended May 2, 2005) meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the commodore whenever deemed necessary by him.

### **Article 8 standing committees**

Section 1. The commodore shall have the power to appoint, from time to time, chairman and members of all committees as may be necessary or desirable.

Section 2. The membership committee shall consist of the Board of Directors. They shall report on all applications referred to it at the next regular meeting.

Section 3. The property and grounds committee shall consist of at least two members and be appointed by the commodore. This committee shall make an inventory of the property of the association and file it with the secretary at least once a year. No property of the association shall be loaned or removed from the premises without the consent of at least one member of this committee, who shall see to it that such property is promptly returned to the association.

### **Article 9 Ground Rules**

Section 1. Members only may launch a boat, with the exception that guests can launch a boat when accompanied by a member. In those circumstances, the member is held responsible.

Section 2, The New York state boating laws shall be enforced by the Roe-Jan Creek Boat Club Inc. Especially those sections pertaining to the speed limit in Creek waters and distance from land and docks when water skiing.