

BYLAWS
FORT ATKINSON MUZZLELOADERS, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this club shall be the Fort Atkinson Muzzleloaders, Inc.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of this club shall be to promote the use of muzzleloading firearms in competitive and recreational events; to encourage the understanding and preservation of our American heritage as exemplified in the settlement of the West; to promote safe handling and proper care of muzzleloading firearms; and to foster good fellowship, self-discipline, and true sportsmanship.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Eligibility. Any citizen of the United States, 17 years of age or older, is eligible to become a full member of this club upon meeting the following requirements:
1. Subscribe to the NRA pledge: “I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.”
 2. Be sponsored by two (2) current members in good standing.
 3. Be recommended as a probationary member by the membership committee and a majority vote of the members present at the regular monthly meeting following the meeting at which the prospective member requests membership.
 4. Pay the required dues.
 5. Regularly support club activities.
 6. Be admitted to full membership by majority vote of the members present at the first regular meeting following the end of a two-year probationary period with a review of attendance at the end of the first year of probationary status..
 7. The member shall maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association while maintaining membership within the club.
- (b) Classes of Membership. There shall be four (4) classes of membership.
1. Probationary Membership. Individuals admitted to probationary membership shall have all privileges of membership except office holding and voting for a period of two years from date of admittance. Spouses of probationary members and all children under the age of 21 living in the household shall be considered associate probationary members.
 2. Full Membership. Individuals who are members of this club at the adoption of these bylaws or who have completed a two year probationary period and met all other

- requirements set forth in section (a) above shall be full members with all privileges including office holding and voting.
3. Associate Membership. Spouses of full members and all children under the age of 21 living in the member's household shall be associate members. Associate members shall have all membership privileges without additional dues payment. Voting shall be limited to full members and the member's spouse. There shall be a maximum of two (2) votes per family. Votes must be cast in person and proxy voting is prohibited.
 4. Honorary Membership. Individuals who have been members for 10 consecutive years upon reaching the age of 65 will become Honorary Members. The honorary member shall be a full member with all privileges including office holding and voting.
- (c) Membership Privileges. Membership privileges include office holding, voting and participation in all club activities. Members may use the range and clubhouse facilities for muzzleloading shooting and hunting, camping, fishing, canoeing and other related activities. Guests are welcome at the invitation of, and when accompanied by, a member on an occasional basis. Hunting on club property is restricted to members only.
- (d) Termination of Membership. Any member may terminate membership voluntarily in this club at any time. Any member in arrears on payment of dues shall be prohibited from exercising membership privileges. Any member in arrears on payment of dues for a period of three (3) months shall be considered to have terminated membership in the club voluntarily. Members terminated for non-payment of dues may be required to serve a probationary membership before being readmitted to full membership. If a member chooses to terminate their NRA membership, they have also terminated their club membership as well.
- (e) Membership Limit. Full membership in the Fort Atkinson Muzzleloaders Inc. shall be limited to fifty-three (53). Prospective members in excess of this number shall have their names recorded on a waiting list in order of application and shall be considered for membership as vacancies occur. The number of full memberships in this club shall be subject to revision by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Dues shall be payable in full on an annual basis as of January 1st of each year and delinquent as of March 31. Probationary members will be required to pay a minimum of \$50.00 at time of membership acceptance with the remainder due 3 months later... Annual dues for each probationary and full member shall be recommended by the executive committee and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- (a) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in December, the time, place and date to be fixed by the executive committee.

- (b) Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on a monthly basis, the time, place and date to be fixed by the executive committee.
- (c) Special Meetings. Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the president or the executive committee or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in writing by U.S. Mail not less than seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. The executive committee shall designate the place of such meeting.
- (d) Quorum. One-third of the number of full family memberships shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, range safety officer, and club activities officer who, acting together, shall constitute the executive committee. With the exception of the vice-president who shall be the immediate past president, all officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting. Officers shall hold office for a one-year term or until their successors are elected. No officer shall serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms. This restriction shall not apply to the offices of secretary and treasurer.
- (b) The executive committee shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the club.
- (c) Meetings of the executive committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the president or on demand in writing to the secretary by three (3) members of the committee.
- (d) Four (4) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- (e) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by majority vote of the remaining members of the executive committee.
- (f) A vacancy on the executive committee may be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the committee. If more than one (1) vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers elected to fill the vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (a) President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the executive committee. The president shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all other duties as usually pertain to this office.
- (b) Vice-President. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in the president's absence or at his request.
- (c) Secretary. The secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the NRA.

The secretary shall notify the members of the executive committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings. The secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the executive committee and of the club and have custody of the books and papers of the club except the treasurer's books of account. All applications for membership shall be made to the secretary. The secretary shall be responsible for reaffiliating the club with the National Rifle Association.

- (d) Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the executive committee. Such funds shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the treasurer and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the executive committee. The treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all transactions and render a detailed report at any meeting of the executive committee when requested and an annual report to the club at the annual meeting.
- (e) Range safety officer. The range safety officer shall be responsible for range safety during all competitive and recreational events held at the club range under official club sanction. The safety officer shall enforce the rules of the club as they relate to the safe handling and use of muzzleloading firearms and may appoint assistant range officers to aid in the performance of these duties.
- (f) Club activities officer. The club activities officer shall coordinate arrangements for monthly and invitational shooting matches and other activities scheduled by the club. The duties of this officer shall include acquisition of targets, score sheets, and other supplies; liaison with other clubs and organizations; providing for prizes and awards, etc. The club activities officer may appoint such assistants as necessary to enable him to carry out his duties. The club activities officer shall contract no bills without the authorization of the executive committee.

ARTICLE VIII – SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- (a) Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.
- (b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the executive committee by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the executive committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under the charges will be given a full hearing.
- (c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such

charges shall be filed with the secretary who will immediately notify the president. The president will call a meeting of the executive committee to hear the charges. The secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each member of the executive committee which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

- (d) Any member suspended or expelled by the executive committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the secretary who will notify the president. The president will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the executive committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to reverse the action of the executive committee.
- (e) Any official or member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of the club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.
- (f) The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of this club is suspended or expelled, showing the charges and action taken.
- (g) Article VIII shall not apply to termination of membership during the probationary period or for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose. Such proposed amendments must be submitted to the National Rifle Association for approval. After approval by NRA they must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided a copy of the amendments have been sent to each club member by U.S. Mail at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present is required to pass or reject any amendment.