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Important Notice: Due to an oversight the DGSC Board of Directors failed to include the September General Membership Meeting on the calendar. As per our bylaws a September meeting is required. The 2024 September Membership meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, immediately following the Board Meeting.

Main Topic: DGSC Bylaw Review Proposal and vote.

The focus of the September meeting will be on the current Bylaw Review. Our current Bylaws were last reviewed in 2014. Much has changed in the last ten (10) years. With input from our Senior Members and shooters over the last three (3) years, our Bylaw Review Committee, with Board approval proposes several changes in the following areas:

1. All references to "Land Bonds" or "equity" have been removed. Land Bonds are no longer issued, previously issued bonds have all been redeemed.
2. In order to create more accountability, additional responsibilities have been required of the Officers and Directors.
3. To encourage shooting members to become Senior Members, the application requirements have been adjusted.
4. Club communication methods have been redefined to current technologies.
5. Several ambiguous terms have been enhanced.
6. A Bylaw Review will be required every five (5) years.

A complete summary of the proposed changes as approved by the Board and presented to the General Membership at the July 14 meeting is as follows:

Bylaw Review Summary

Article I

"Nonprofit" corrected to "**not for profit**" (legal description for 501C7 Corporation))

Article V

Section 3. Treasurer

added

"The Treasurer **or his designate, shall** have the obligation....."



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Section 4. Secretary

added

(f) maintain and publish a club calendar of all club - related events that have been approved by the Board of directors.

(g) perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

(h) receive all "Special Event & Club usage forms", for processing, distribution, and presentation to the board, prior to being added to the calendar.

Section 6. Term of office

Changed

All officers shall assist the incoming officers in making an orderly transition for a minimum of thirty (30) days following the expiration of their office.

Article VI. Board of Directors

Section 2. Duties

Added:

The Board of Directors shall establish policies, direct the affairs of the Club and have sole control of the management of the Club. The Board shall review all special events or club usage applications provided by the Secretary and approve or deny those events. The Board shall establish and publish written rules regulating the affairs and activities of the Club and make them a permanent part of the record of the Club. All rules shall be binding on all members,

- Each Director shall prepare an annual budget request for the Treasurer and Board. The request shall detail anticipated expenditures and revenues for their committee's activities.
- The activities and events of each committee shall be reported to the Board on a routine basis.
- Each Director shall be accountable and subject to review for said expenditures and revenues on a quarterly basis.



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Article VIII. Elections of Officers and Directors

Section 2.

added:

Elections shall be held at the December Senior Members meeting, with all nominations having been previously **determined** at the November meeting. Election to office shall be by majority vote of the Senior Members present in good standing, and eligible to vote, providing a quorum is present as established in these Bylaws. Voting shall be by written ballot **only**. **"Write in" candidates will not be considered.**

Article X. Membership and Dues

(General: All references to "Initiation fees" have been changed to "processing fees")

Section 2. Classes of Membership

added

b. Junior Membership

Junior Member has the same privileges as a Senior Member except they are not entitled to vote or hold office. **However, when hunting, a Junior Member must be accompanied by their sponsoring Senior Member.**

d. Shooting Membership

added

Members in this classification are limited to the use of trap, skeet, **5 Stand** and Sporting Clay facilities only. They must be approved by the Board of Directors and **presented at a Senior Membership meeting for their approval by** a majority vote.

Section 3. Application Requirements for Senior Membership. *Several changes*

A candidate for Senior Membership must have been a Shooting Member of the Club for a period of not less than seven **(7) months** and must be sponsored by a Senior Member in good standing who has been a senior member for a least one year. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President, **or their designate**, acting as chairman of the Membership Committee, along with the committee, to interview each candidate and properly investigate and process their application. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, acceptance by a majority vote of the senior membership and the payment of all necessary fees pertaining to membership, the applicant shall then be accorded all the rights and privileges of Senior Membership.



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At this point the applicant shall be considered a Senior Probationary Member. A Senior Probationary member shall serve in a probationary status for **one (1)** full year (4-1 thru 3-31). He / She shall serve on a committee for the entire **one (1) year** probationary period. By doing this, each probationary member shall be required to log a minimum of **40 forty service hours** (approved as performed) **by a Committee Chairman or Officer**. The Probationary Member shall contribute a minimum (twenty-five (25) hours during that year. If a Probationary Member is unable to fulfil the entire 40 hour requirement they may elect to "Buy out" a maximum of **15 (fifteen) unfulfilled hours** at a rate of **\$30.00 (thirty) dollars per hour**. Along with complying with the work hours, each probationary member shall be required to work two (2) Club Functions (picnic, club party, BBQ, **ATA, NSSA, NSCA**, event etc.) and attend a minimum of two (2) Senior Membership meetings. Failure to perform any of the required elements shall constitute grounds for denial of full Senior status by the Membership Committee.

Senior member applicants shall not be eligible for reduced (Senior +72) membership fees until they have fulfilled all the probationary member requirements and have been confirmed by the Board.

Effective January 1, 2025 each newly enrolled Senior Member will commit to contribute five)) Service hours per year on a committee, work party, or club function. Service hours to be recorded once completed. Unfulfilled Service hours will be added to the following years dues statement at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Senior Member may only sponsor two (2) candidates per year for senior membership.

Senior Membership Applications shall be accepted at least once per year. They are to be submitted to the Vice President (Membership Chairman) **or their designate**, prior to **March 1st**.

The Membership Chairman shall appoint a membership committee (consisting of one **(1) member from the Shotgun Sports Committee**, one **(1) member from the Senior Membership** and two **(2) members from the Board of Directors**). This committee shall be approved by the Board of Directors at the February Board meeting.

The membership committee shall meet between the February and March Board of Directors meetings. The committee shall interview all new applicants along with evaluating each prior year's performance of the probationary members. The committee's selections and/or rejections shall be presented to the Board of



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Directors at the March meeting for approval. All applicants approved shall be presented at a Senior Membership meeting for approval or rejection.

Section 4. NRA Membership

added:

All Senior and Shooting Members must be members of the National Rifle Association. **Current membership credentials (FOID & NRA numbers and expiration) must be supplied annually with renewal information as supplied.**

Section 5. Fees

defined

Membership (processing) Fees and annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors with the approval of the Senior Members at any regular membership meeting.

Article XI. Termination of Membership

Changes:

Section 1. Shooting Member.

Annual dues for Shooting Members shall be paid on or before the first **February** each year. **If** this obligation has not been met by the first day of February, delinquency has occurred, and all rights and privileges of membership are suspended. **All rights and privileges will be reinstated once dues are paid.**

Section 2. Senior Member.

The annual dues for Senior Members shall be paid on or before the first day of **February** of each year. When this obligation has not been met by the first day of **February** a delinquency has occurred and a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) **late fee** is automatically assessed. If these obligations are not satisfied by the first day of **March** all rights and privileges of membership will be suspended and the Board shall take the necessary action to fill the vacancy so created. **Senior Member rights and privileges will be restored only after dues and late fees have been paid.** Each member is to be notified in writing **or electronically** only once of their indebtedness to the Club. A list of all delinquent members will be posted in the Club's official publication.

Bona fide requests made in person before the Board, or in writing before the end of the grace period, may be acted upon favorably by the Board.



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Article XII. Committees

Added:

- Section 3. Special Committees may be created by the President to organize and expedite any special activities. **The President may limit duties of any chair if deemed necessary due to illness or unresponsiveness.**
- Section 4. **The Committees shall consist of a Chairperson and sufficient members as necessary to complete their task. The Chairperson shall identify their committee members and be responsible for the activities of their respective committees and shall report their activities at the regular meeting. Chairpersons shall attend regular board meetings in an advisory capacity but shall not have the right to vote. The Chairpersons shall report all Committee events and activities on a routine basis to the Board.** Excessive absences, as determined by the President or **Board of Directors** shall be cause for replacement.
- Section 5. All property, records, and monies in the hands of the standing committees shall remain the property of the Club. **All property of Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club shall be accessible and remain on the club grounds.** All such property shall be surrendered to the successor or to other authorized persons within ten (10) days of termination of office.
- Section 6. **Each committee Chairman shall maintain an inventory list of Club property assigned to or designated for their committee.**
- Section 7. **Each committee chairman shall prepare a budget request with anticipated expenses and revenues. This budget shall be presented to the Officers and Board at the March Board meeting and reviewed throughout the year at board meetings.**

ARTICLE XIII — FINANCES AND FISCAL YEAR

changed

- Section 1.** The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December each year. However, the budget year begins April 1 and ends March 31 of the following year.
- Section 2.** All funds of the Club shall be deposited by the Treasurer **or his designate**, or upon his order **in a timely manner**, in the name of the Club, in such bank or banks approved by the Board of Directors.



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- Section 3.** All checks in excess of **two** thousand dollars (**\$2,000.00**) and all withdrawals shall be signed by two officers of the Club, **with the exception of regularly occurring expenses approved by the Board of Directors.**
- Section 4.** **Club financial reports shall be prepared by a professional accountant designated by the Board of Directors. The results shall be reported at a regular senior members' meeting, A committee designated by the Board of Directors shall make a thorough review of the financial records of the Club at least once each year. Review results will be reported to the Board of Directors and Senior membership.**
- Section 5.** No expenditure **exceeding** two thousand dollars (**\$2,000.00**) may be voted upon at a Senior membership meeting unless the Board of Directors has previously approved the expenditure.

ARTICLE XIV — MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

Change:

- Section 1.** **Seven (7)** members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Club business at any regular director's meeting.
- Section 2.** **In the case of an emergency the Board of Directors may use electronic media to conduct a Board meeting provided a quorum is able to attend.**
- Section 3.** Except where specifically set forth by these Bylaws, all meetings shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order.*
- Section 4.** The Board of Directors may call a special Senior Membership Meeting for any purpose. Notice of such a meeting must be sent to each Senior Member **to the last known mailing address or electronically, to the address** shown on the membership rolls. Such notice must be **initiated** ~~at~~ least one week prior to the meeting. The notice will indicate the subject(s) to be considered, and no other business may be transacted.

ARTICLE XVIII — BY LAW REVIEW

Added:

- Section 1:** **A full review of the By Laws shall be mandatory every 5 years by a committee designated by the Secretary and approved by the Board of Directors.**



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Please find the entire document attached. The Bylaw Proposal will be voted on in its entirety at the September 21 meeting.

Save the Date! Sunday, August 18, 2024, DGSC Annual Picnic

Food, fun, family, and friends, Senior Members, Shooting Members, families and guests are invited. There will be food and beverages for all after shooting ends at noon. Don't miss the "bucket raffle" for a variety of treasures as well as the annual Gun Raffle.

Tickets for the Gun Raffle are now available at the Club or from several Senior members at \$10.00 each. 3 chances to win, a Barretta A300 12 ga Sporting Clays

Shotgun, a Smith & Wesson M&P 45 Shield with 2 magazines, or \$500.00 in cash.

A limited number of tickets will be sold! Last year we ran out before the picnic.

Paul Burlington has asked for input and volunteering for the Annual DGSC 2024 Picnic. If you are able to sell tickets, contact Paul Burlington: ntertainment@downersgrovesc.com

August

18 Sunday DGSC Annual Picnic noon until?

24 Saturday IDNR Hunters Safety Class at DGSC (2day class)

25 Sunday IDNR Hunters Safety Class at DGSC (2nd day)

September

7 Saturday DGSC Fall Skeet Tournament

8 Sunday DGSC Fall Skeet Tournament

14 Saturday ATA "Northern Zone" ATA Registered Trap Event (200 singles)

15 Sunday ATA "Northern Zone" ATA Registered Trap Event (50 pr Doubles, 100 Hdcp)

18 Thursday TRMA Sporting Clays Shoot 9:00 a.m.

21 Saturday BSA Rainbow Council Sporting Clays Shoot

21 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board Meeting

21 Saturday 10:00 a.m. DGSC General Membership Meeting (Bylaw Vote)

22 Sunday LaSalle County Pheasants Forever Sporting Clays

October

5 Saturday Vintage Gun Shoot

12 Saturday 9:00 am DGSC Board Meeting

13 Sunday ATA Grundy County Handicap Registered Trap Events (100 Hdcp & 100 Hdcp)

27 Sunday ISSA Fall Meeting

November

10 Sunday 9:00 am DGSC Board & GM Meeting

16 DGSC Annual Turkey Shoot (usage form to follow)???

December

15 Sunday Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

15 Sunday General Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m. (Election of Officers & Board)