

Spinney - Request for Admission of Supplemental Evidence  
Exhibit A

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Golden Ridge Sportsman's club  
126 Golden Ridge Rd.  
Alna, Me 04535

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of the Association shall be the Golden Ridge Sportsman's Club and may also be referred to as GRSC in documentation..

**Article II:**

**DESCRIPTION**

The organization shall be a private, nonprofit, mutual benefit corporation under State of Maine Law.

**Article III:**

**MEETINGS**

- A. There shall be a regular meeting of the club on the first Thursday of each month.
- B. A special meeting may be called by any three (3) officers or members provided that all members are notified in advance by the normal means.
- C. The President shall hold an annual Board of Directors Meeting in January and others as necessary.

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## **ARTICLE IV**

### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

A. The officers of the club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, elected annually; and three directors. These officers shall constitute a Board of Directors who shall have charge of the affairs of the club between meetings.

1. Three (3) directors, one of whom shall be the immediate past-president, shall be elected to a two (2) year term.
2. Three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

B. Duties of the officers shall be as follows:

1. The President shall preside at all regularly scheduled Board and Business meetings of the club and shall perform such other duties as usually pertains to that office. The Board of Directors may accept, or authorize the President to accept, licenses, leases or other permissions for the Club to make use of recreational properties or facilities.
  2. The Vice-president shall assist the President in the charge of his duties, and in the absence of the President of the vice- President shall perform the duties of that office.
  3. The secretary/treasurer shall, as Secretary, keep the official records of all regularly scheduled Board and Business meetings, attend to all correspondence of the club, send out notices as required, and maintain necessary records. As treasurer, they will receive all moneys due the Club, make all disbursements, and shall maintain adequate records of receipts and expenditures as appropriate.
  5. The Directors shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors and shall participate in the transactions of all business brought before the meeting.
- C. A vacancy in any office, excepting that of president, shall be filled by the Board of Directors, suitable notice having been given to all members of the Board.
- D. The Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote may recommend to the club the dismissal of any Officer for not performing his/her duties as described in Article IV, Section B.

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## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

A membership application is available to any person who gains the respect and sponsorship of one of our existing members in good standing and exhibits & upholds the traditional Maine values for hunting, fishing, and wildlife management and protection for which our club stands.

A. The classifications of Membership are as follows:

1. An adult membership is anyone 18 years or older.
2. A family membership which will include a husband, wife and all dependent children less than 18 years of age.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **FINANCES**

A. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to prepare an Annual Budget for the club by the end of the calendar year prior to the Annual Meeting and to present the Budget to the General Membership for approval thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Annual Budget requires a majority vote of the attending membership at the annual meeting.

B. Any funds of the club shall be deposited and accounted for by the Treasurer.

C. The Treasurer shall be authorized to make payments for all Budgeted contingent or current expenses and unbudgeted emergency expenditures will require the recommendation of the Board of Directors and present it to the members at the monthly business meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

A. The election of officers and directors shall take place at the annual meeting of the club. Nominations shall be accepted from any member in good standing at the annual meeting of the club. Nominees must be present for consideration and vote.

B. At the annual meeting upon elections of new officers they will be sworn in.

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## ARTICLE VIII

### COMMITTEES

A. The following committees shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting. These committees shall remain active until new committees are appointed.

1. Education
2. Entertainment

B. The President may appoint (or disband as necessary) any such other committees, with the approval of the Board of Directors or by vote of the club as he/she deems necessary to transact business of the club.

1. The Education Committee shall educate the members in the existing projects for which the club is established and shall encourage the dissemination of game and conservation in other venues as deemed appropriate.
2. The Entertainment Committee shall provide programs of interest to the members.

C. The authority of any committee named in the above Article (Article VIII) shall not infringe upon any by any officer or member of the club.

## ARTICLE IX

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. The Board of Directors shall elect a Board of Trustees composed of three adult members. The Board of Trustees will hold for the club all properties owned by the club.

B. The properties that the Trustees shall hold for the club shall be the following:

1. Deeds / agreements
2. Maps
3. By-Laws
6. A list of any Club Bank Accounts
7. Any other documents as deemed necessary.



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## ARTICLE X

### SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- A. By reason of misconduct not limited to violation of membership oath, violations of rules, or fish and game law convictions, a member may be recommended for expulsion by the Board of Directors.
1. Upon being made aware of a violation, any Board of Director or officer may suspend a membership until:
- A.) He is notified in writing by certified mail, receipt requested, of pending action, and requests the member's presence within thirty (30) days for a hearing and/or clarification at a Board of Directors fact finding meeting.
  - B.) After review of all available information, the Board of Directors will make its ruling.
  - C.) If expulsion is recommended, all current club members will be notified in writing by the Board of Directors that their recommendation is expulsion.
  - D.) Expulsion will occur by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of current members present at the next regular club meeting.

## ARTICLE XI

### MEMBER USE OF ANY CLUB OWNED OR LICENSED FACILITIES:

1. All State & Federal hunting & fishing laws are to be followed on all properties at all times.
2. Use of the access road, boat ramp, and dock facility at the Golden Ridge Rd. property: All state laws regarding invasive species must be followed as posted on site. State and Federal boating laws must also be followed.

## ARTICLE XII

### QUORUM

- A. Five (5) adult members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting one of which shall be either the President or Vice-President and one other officer.

## ARTICLE XIII

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**AMENDMENTS**

A. These By-Laws may be amended by bringing it before the Board of Directors for their recommendation and then having two (2) consecutive readings at regular club meeting and by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the adult members, where a quorum is present, provided that all adult members shall have been given suitable notice of the proposed Article and number to be amended seven (7) days in advance of the first meeting.

**ARTICLE XIV**

**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

A. The rules contained in "Robert's Rule of Order, Revised" shall govern the club in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws and Bylaws of the club.

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Signature/Approval

I acknowledge that the above bylaws were reviewed and adopted by unanimous consent at the meeting held on May 10, 2020. *SW*

*Linda Worney*

Secretary, Golden Ridge Sportsman's Club.

Date: 5/12/2020