



# ALBION FISH AND GAME CLUB, INC.

ALTMAR, NEW YORK 13302

BY LAWS OF  
THE ALBION FISH & GAME CLUB, INC.

## ARTICLE ONE

### Organization

1.) The name of this organization shall be:

"The Albion Fish & Game Club, Inc."

2.) The organization shall have a seal which shall be in the following form:

The Albion Fish & Game Club, Inc.  
1955  
New York

3.) The organization may at its pleasure by a two-thirds vote of the membership body change its name.

## ARTICLE TWO

### Purposes

The following are the purposes for which this organization has been organized and incorporated.

To conduct, operate and maintain a hunting and fishing club; to promote interest in hunting, fishing, trapping, recreational shooting, and other lawful sports; to aid in the protection and preservation of fish and game; to acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or devise the necessary lands for such necessary buildings, facilities and equipment for the sport, recreation, entertainment and enjoyment of its members; for the protection and preservation of fish and game, and for the improvement of hunting and fishing on said premises; to provide for the mutual enjoyment, entertainment and improvement of its members socially and physically by encouraging them to participate in physical recreation and social gatherings; and to do any and all other lawful acts which shall be necessary or desirable for carrying out the aforesaid purposes or any of them.

## ARTICLE THREE

### By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Albion Fish & Game Club may be altered, amended, added to or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of members in good standing present from the townships of Albion, Richland, Sandy Creek, Orwell, Williamstown, Amboy, Parish, and Mexico.

*This revised set of By-Laws supersedes all other previous By-Laws and amendments.*

## ARTICLE FOUR

### Membership

Membership will be open to any person in good standing in their community who resides or owns property in the townships of Albion, Richland, Sandy Creek, Orwell, Williamstown, Amboy, Parish, or Mexico. A prospective new member must be presented to the club by a member in good standing, with the prospective member present at the meeting.

At the following regular monthly meeting, new members will be voted in by a majority vote of members in good standing present.

A member in good standing is defined as one who has paid his or her annual dues and attends at least one club function or meeting in the business year for which those dues are paid and who resides or owns property in the towns of Albion, Richland, Sandy Creek, Orwell, Williamstown, Amboy, Parish, or Mexico.

"The business year of this organization shall be October 1 to September 30 of the following year. The annual membership dues are due October 1. Any member who's dues are not paid by the following September 30 will have his or her name dropped from the membership rolls. Anyone who was a previous member can be reinstated upon payment of annual dues without having to go through the introductory process."

Membership fees shall be agreed upon at the annual meeting each fiscal year. In order to change (raise or lower) the membership fee it will take a two-thirds majority of the members in good standing present. Associate members dues shall be assessed and voted on at the annual meeting.

Honorary Member is a title bestowed upon a member by a two-thirds majority vote by all members in good standing present at a regular meeting. This title gives a life membership with no dues to the Honorary Member and allows the member all the privileges of a regular member.

An Associate Member must be recommended by a member in good standing at a regular meeting, be voted in by a two-thirds majority of members in good standing present, and have paid the annual dues in full. Associate Members shall have privileges limited to the use of the shooting range and attendance at Club functions. Associate Members will not be allowed to vote or hold office.

Associate Members shall be entitled to invite ONE immediate family member as a guest on Club property.

Associate Members must follow all rules directed by the Club and their membership can be terminated by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Continuation of Associate Memberships will be put to a general membership vote at each September meeting. The fee for Associate Memberships will be determined at the September meeting. Payment of the Associate Membership fee will cover one year beginning on October 1 and ending on the next September 30. The fee will not be prorated, refunded, or applied to any other period.

The Associate Member program will be on a two year trial period beginning October 1, 2000 and ending on October 1, 2002. A two-thirds majority vote by all members in good standing will be needed to continue the program after the trial period has ended. The Associate Members program will be evaluated and voted upon on a yearly basis thereafter.

## ARTICLE FIVE

### Meetings

All Albion Fish & Game Club regular meetings will be held at the Albion Fish & Game Club Clubhouse, Route 13, Pineville, N.Y.

In the months of December, January, February and March in the interest of cost (heat, snow plowing, etc.) the regular meetings may be held at another facility within the Albion township.

The meetings of this organization shall be held the second Friday of each month. The Election of Officers meeting shall be held on the regular meeting in September.

The presence of not less than seven (7) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization; but a lesser number may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than three weeks from the date scheduled by these By-Laws and the secretary shall cause a notice of this scheduled meeting to be sent to all those members who were not present at the meeting originally called. A quorum as hereinbefore set forth shall be required at any adjourned meeting.

## Meetings - continued

Special meetings of this organization may be called by the president when he deems it for the best interest of the organization. Notices of such meetings shall be mailed to all members in good standing at their addresses as they appear in the membership roll book at least ten, but not more than twenty days before the scheduled date set for such special meetings. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom the meeting was called.

## ARTICLE SIX

### Voting

"Only members in good standing shall be allowed to vote."

At all meetings, except for the election of members, officers, and directors, all votes shall be viva voice, except that for election of members and officers ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot any mark that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

At any regular or special meeting if a majority so requires any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors.

At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall immediately prior to the commencement of balloting appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall at the conclusion of such balloting certify in writing to the Chairman the results and certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting.

No "Inspector of Election" shall be a Candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

### Order of Business

- 1.) Roll Call
- 2.) Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting
- 3.) Treasurer's Report
- 4.) Federation Report
- 5.) Reports of Committees
- 6.) Reports of Officers
- 7.) Old and Unfinished Business
- 8.) New Business
- 9.) Good and Welfare
- 10.) Adjournments

## ARTICLE EIGHT

### Board of Directors

The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven members along with the annual elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall be elected by majority vote which shall be conducted by ballot.

The directors shall be divided into classes as hereafter indicated and these to be chosen for ensuing year shall be chosen at the annual meeting of this organization and they shall serve for a term of three years, except that at first meeting three shall be elected for three years, two for two years, and two for one year.

Board of Directors - continued

Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

Vacancies in the said Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the year.

A Director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A Director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the organization, for this hearing.

"The Board of Directors will be responsible for an audit of the Club's financial records by a person or group of their choice, at the time of their choice at least once, but not limited to one time, during each business year."

"Only members in good standing shall be allowed to be a Director of this Club."

ARTICLE NINE

Officers

The officers of the organization shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER

"Only members in good standing shall be allowed to be an officer of this Club."

The President shall preside at all membership meetings.

The President shall by virtue of his office be Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The President shall present at each annual meeting of the organization an annual report of the work of the organization.

The President shall see all books, reports and certificates as required by law are properly kept or filed.

The President shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

The Vice-President shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office become acting President of the organization with all the rights, privileges and powers as if he had been duly elected President.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the organization in appropriate books.

It shall be the Secretary's duty to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state.

The Secretary shall give and serve all notices to members of this organization.

The Secretary shall be the official custodian of the records and seal of this organization.

The Secretary may be one of the officers required to sign the checks and drafts of the organization.

The Secretary shall present to the membership at any meeting any communication addressed to him as Secretary of the organization.

The Secretary shall submit to the Board of Directors any communication which shall be addressed to him as Secretary of the organization.

The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence of the organization and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

Officers - continued

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organization. "He shall cause the funds of the Club, other than an amount of cash he deems reasonably required to retain on-hand to meet current operating expenses, to be deposited in an institution covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or in a manner approved by a majority of members in good standing present in a meeting held in accordance with the organization's By-Laws."

The Treasurer must be one of the officers who sign checks or drafts of the organization. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the check issued upon it.

The Treasurer shall render at stated periods as the Board of Directors shall determine a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting.

The Treasurer shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer.

Officers shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Directors.

No Officer shall for reason of his office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an Officer or Director for receiving any compensation from the organization for duties other than as a Director or Officer.

ARTICLE TEN

Committees

All Committees of this organization shall be appointed by the President and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the President.

Nominating and Dues committee will be appointed at the August regular meeting.

We, the undersigned, President and Secretary of The Albion Fish and Game Club, Inc., do certify that the foregoing By-Laws were adopted at the monthly meeting of the members of said corporation which was duly held on February 9, 2001, at which a quorum was present.

Stanley P. Ryan 2/9/01  
President

Stanley R. Miller 2/9/01

Secretary