

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

**TO: Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Members**

**DATE: July 20, 2022**

**FROM: NRG Board of Directors**

## **BACKGROUND:**

On July 18, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Negaunee Rod and Gun Club voted unanimously to recommend the adoption of certain amendments to the Club's Bylaws. As a result, the proposed amendment(s) are being presented to the membership for its consideration, as required under the Bylaws. More specifically, ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS requires the following:

*“Section 1: Amendment. Any amendment or addition to the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation of this organization must first be referred to the Board of Directors for study. If recommended for approval by the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment must be brought to a vote of the membership at a membership meeting. Members must be notified of the details of the proposed change and the meeting date at least sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present is required to ratify the amendment(s).”*

**Please be advised that two separate Bylaws amendment questions will be included on the ballot for the Annual Election that is scheduled to take place at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 26, 2022 at the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club's Annual Membership Meeting, 335 North Road, Negaunee MI 49866.**

## **AMENDMENT NUMBER 1:**

Should *Section 1: Qualification* (appears on page 3 of the Bylaws) be amended to **add the highlighted text** and **strike the text with the line through it?**

**Section 1: Qualification.** Membership shall be open to all individuals who subscribe to the stated purpose and objectives of this Corporation. ~~When duly sponsored by a member of this Organization, and upon making application for membership,~~ Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older shall become a Regular member. **upon (a) making application for membership, (b) signing the Club's Standard Waiver and Release form, and (c) agreeing to abide by the Club's Board-approved Membership Policy.** Members who are less than eighteen (18) years of age shall become Junior Members and shall have non-voting rights. Members shall be issued individual cards to recognize membership.

**Justification.** Amendment Number 1 creates a better structure for managing the requirements for membership in the NRG. The Application for Membership will assist the Board with managing the Club's Membership Roster and database. The Standard Waiver and Release form is widely recognized by the Shooting Sports industry as being a Risk Management *best practice*. The Membership Policy is something the Board has been discussing for some time. The intent is to establish and define the Club's expectations for all members through the Board-approved Membership Policy.

## **AMENDMENT NUMBER 2:**

Should the text that appears under subparts (A) and (B) of *Section 1: Qualification* (appears on page 3 of the Bylaws) be eliminated from the Bylaws?

~~(A.) Membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA) is a prerequisite to become a member of the Negaunee Rod and Gun Club.~~

~~(B.) Those members who have not maintained their NRA membership will be assessed an additional dues fee to cover the basis NRA membership requirement.~~

**Justification.** Amendment Number 2 would remove the topic of NRA membership from the Club's Bylaws. It is the Board's intent to address NRA Membership in the Board-approved Membership Policy that is noted above.

## **BYLAWS AS WRITTEN TODAY**

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## **REVISED BYLAWS IF BOTH QUESTIONS PASSED**

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