

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be Springfield Township Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

Article II

Object

The object of this association shall be the conservation of wildlife and promotion of sportsmanship; to foster friendly understanding between sportsmen; to promote an appreciation on the part of the sportsmen that hunting on the property of others is a privilege which must be sought and then not abused; that for the granting of this privilege the sportsmen assume certain obligations such as meticulous carefulness, not to be wantonly destructive of wildlife and exercise such care as not to harm human life, property, or livestock; nor to molest anyone, but rather enjoy the sport so that it will promote lasting friendships; to live accordingly to good sportsmanship; to participate in sports with full deference to the rights of others and practice courteous relations with everybody.

Further object of this association is to promote various social activities from time to time, which will tend to mold our members, rural and urban, into one harmonious group.

Article III

Membership

American citizens and their children shall be eligible for membership and shall be divided as follows: Active, Honorary and Junior.

Article IV

Officers

The officers of this association shall be a President; a Vice-President; a Recording Secretary; a Membership Secretary; a Treasurer; eight (8) Directors; four (4) to be elected annually; and the latter along with the other officers shall constitute the thirteen members Board of Directors.

Article V

Meetings

The regular meetings of the association shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Special Meetings may be called by the President, at the request of the Board of Directors, or at the written request of fifty (50) members of the association. Fifteen (15) members of the association, of who at least three (3) must be elective officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

Article VI

Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting, notice in writing of the proposed amendment or amendments having first been given at a previous meeting and a copy thereof approved by the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Membership and Dues (Active)

Sec. 1. (a) American citizens eighteen (18) years of age or over may apply for membership and must be proposed by two (2) members in good standing in the association. These two (2) members shall have known the applicant for a long enough period of time to be able to vouch for honesty and character of the applicant.

(b) A membership screening committee shall be appointed to interview all applicants before approval by the Board of Directors. They shall also be sure that the applicant understands the Constitution, all By-Laws and Ground Rules.

(c) After the applicant has been approved by the Board of Directors at a regular Directors meeting, the applicant(s) will be announced at the regular meeting of their intent to join the association. After a period of at least 30 days, the application accompanied by the regular fee, shall be presented to the association at any regular meeting. A majority vote of the members present shall be required to elect the applicant into membership.

Sec. 2. The application fee for membership in the association shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars and this, together with one (1) years dues must accompany the application at the time it is filed. These fees shall be returned to the applicant in the event that the applicant is not approved.

Sec. 3. (a) The annual membership dues for each member type shall be determined and approved by the Officers and BOD by the September BOD meeting. This allows dues to be adjusted based on operational expenses as needed to run the organization. Membership dues will be published on a dues schedule each year which will be provided with the

October newsletter. Membership dues shall be due and payable on or before the January open meeting.

All applications received shall have their membership dues owed prorated as per the schedule below based on date of application:

<u>100%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>100%*</u>
January	April	July	October
February	May	August	November
March	June	September	December

* All applications received between October 1 and December 31, if approved, shall be given the following year's membership card.

A membership card shall be given to each member. This card shall be of a different color each year and bear the current year and the membership secretary's signature, or a unique organization logo. This card shall be carried on your person at all times while on club, and must be produced on demand from members or officers. In the event a membership card is lost or mutilated it will be replaced free.

(b) Any member in good standing with the association upon reaching the age of sixty-five (65) years by the start of the calendar year and having completed ten (10) consecutive years of membership shall become a senior member, with full privileges of the association. Senior members shall be assessed a dues amount at approximately 25% of the regular member dues (approximation due to rounding to whole dollars).

(c) Any member who has become physically unable to take an active part in the association after having been a member for five (5) consecutive years shall upon written request to the Board of Directors, accompanied by a Medical Doctors Certification of said disability, receive an inactive members card. Inactive members shall not be liable for assessments or dues and shall be placed on an inactive basis until member shall make written application to the Board of Directors to become active and pay dues for the year he desires to become active. Any member who leaves the area

for a period of time to attend college or to serve in the armed forces shall have the option to submit a written request to the board of directors to be placed on the inactive membership list for as long as necessary and regardless how many years they have been an active member. Any Voluntary inactive member can re-instate their active status by making a written request to the board of directors.

Sec. 4. Life membership shall be available to any member in good standing for five consecutive years, upon payment of the amount of 20 time's annual regular member dues, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. If dues are not paid by January 31, member shall be made inactive.

Sec. 6. Any member who has been made inactive due to late dues payment may be reinstated by payment of a fee of \$30.00. Said applicant for reinstatement shall also pay dues and assessments owed at the time the member was placed inactive and said applicant for reinstatement must have the approval of the Board of Directors. Any member made inactive shall be on inactive for 30 days after which they shall be dropped from the association.

Sec. 7. Honorary membership will be granted upon approval of the Board of Directors. This membership will be reviewed annually.

Sec. 8. All applicants under the age of eighteen (18) years shall become members of the Junior Sportsmen's Organization, which is sponsored by the association, and shall be governed by that organization. They may, upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years and having two (2) years membership in the junior organization and having qualified, become members of the association in good standing by paying the yearly dues.

Sec. 9. Any member for reasonable cause may be suspended from membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Such suspended

member shall have the right to appeal to the directors at the next regular Board of Directors meeting, of the association following suspension.

Sec. 10. Spouse Membership will be available to members (in good standing) spouses. Spouse members shall be assessed a dues amount at approximately 25% of the regular member dues (approximation due to rounding to whole dollars).

Article II

Annual Election

Sec. 1. The elective officers of the association shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting to be held the second Wednesday in December, the voting hours to be from 6:30P.M. to 8:30P.M. They shall serve for one (1) year, except four (4) Directors to serve two (2) years with placement on ballot being done by random drawing. Candidates for the various offices shall be nominated by the Board of Directors for the October meeting. They shall nominate at least one (1) candidate each for the offices of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer, and eight (8) for the office of Director. The members shall make additional nominations at the November meeting. No member shall be nominated for more than one (1) office. There shall be least two (2) nominees each for the offices of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer, and seven (7) or more for the office of Director.

Sec. 2. (a) All elective officers shall be elected by ballot and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

(b) In case of a tie of an elective officer or officers, numbers shall be drawn and the highest number shall be elected officer.

Sec. 3. Each elective officer shall serve until his successor is elected and installed.

Sec. 4. Any elective officer failing to attend three (3) consecutive regular monthly or regular Board of Directors meetings with a maximum six (6) total meetings of the association in one year, except in case of sickness, or appeal, shall be removed from office by the Board of Directors who shall fill the vacancy.

Sec. 5. All nominees and/or appointees for an elective position must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) consecutive years with the association. Current tenants of the rental properties owned by the association are prohibited from holding an elective position.

Article III

Officers

Sec. 1. *President*— It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the association, as well as Board of Directors; call special meetings when requested to do so as necessary; appoint and be a member of all committees; give the deciding vote on matters in case of a tie, except (in the election of officers); sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer; have general supervision over all matters pertaining to the association; and see that harmony is preserved, and the Constitution, by-laws and Rules of the association are enforced. And perform such other duties as may be required of them. They shall be allowed for their service the sum of one hundred Fifty (\$150) dollars annually.

Sec. 2. *Vice President*--- It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to render such assistance as will be required of them and perform duties of President in their absence; their responsibilities shall also include; directors report to the regular month's meeting, take care of licenses and permits; insurance. They shall be allowed for their services the sum of One hundred fifty (\$150) dollars annually.

Sec. 3. *Recording Secretary*--- It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the association and of the Board of Directors, and call the roll of elective officers and note the

absentees in the books provided for that purpose. He shall answer all communications addressed to the association and file the same together with copies of his answers. He shall preserve all books, papers and other property belonging to the association which may be committed to his charge and on retiring from office shall deliver same to their successor. They shall be allowed for their service the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars annually.

Sec. 4. *Membership Secretary*--- It shall be the duty of the Membership Secretary to keep a correct record of all members of the association, in suitable books provided to him, showing the name, date of membership, date of birth and address of each member. He shall keep records of withdrawal, death, suspension or expulsion, probation, as the case may be. They or someone designated by the President shall receive dues on regularly scheduled meeting nights of October, November, December and January from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. or after the adjournment of those meetings. He shall not accept any members dues who have not satisfied their assessment for the current fiscal year. He shall be responsible for processing all membership applications and fees. He shall preserve all books, records, and other property belonging to the association, which may to the association, which may be committed to his charge, and on retiring from office shall deliver them to their successor. All monies received by them shall be turned over to the Treasurer monthly. They shall furnish a bond to the association in the sum of \$1000.00 and cost of such bond to be paid by the association. They shall be allowed for their service the sum of One hundred fifty (\$150) dollars annually.

Sec. 5. *Treasurer*--- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a just and accurate account of all monies received by them and to deposit the same immediately after the receipt thereof in the name of the association. The funds of the association shall be deposited in a bank or trust company approved by the Board of Directors. They shall pay out such monies as authorized by the association or Board of Directors meeting, all interest accruing any monies or funds of the association while in the hands of the Treasurer or on deposit in the bank or trust company shall belong to the association. It shall also be the duty of the Treasurer to carefully file and

preserve all vouchers and checks, to attend with their books and records the meetings of the Board of Directors or auditors when required. They shall deliver all monies, books, records and other property in their possession to their successor. They shall furnish in the sum of \$5000.00 and cost of such bond to be paid by the association. Their accounts shall be examined by the Auditing Committee at least once prior to the regular meeting in February. Additional audits or special audits may be requested by the Board of Directors. They shall be allowed for their services the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars annually.

Article IV

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall manage the general affairs of the association and have cognizance of and determine all matters affecting its welfare.

The Board of Directors shall have absolute authority in all matters concerning the association except that as hereinafter set forth, the amendment or change of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be subject to the approval of the membership of the organization as hereinafter set forth. The interpretation of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules shall be vested in the Board of Directors. They shall hold meetings monthly and general report of their meetings shall be given at the regular meeting of the association. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business. They shall, upon notification by the Treasurer of surplus funds on hand, proceed to invest these funds as they may decide. They shall fill any vacancies in the association offices to serve until the next annual election. The Board shall be responsible for the legal distribution of all fish and game received by the association.

Article V

Committees

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President, acting under the advice of the Board of Directors to appoint all of the various committees required from time to time to conduct the affairs of the association.

Sec. 2. All committees shall report at each regular association meeting the preceding month's activities.

Sec. 3. Each committee, when deemed necessary, shall be allowed a given amount of money for operating expenses. The amount of money needed for each committee to operate efficiently for the current year shall be determined by the Board of Directors. A time limit shall be set on the keeping of excess money by their committee, which also shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article VI

Intoxicating Beverages

Sec. 1. The association shall at no time acquire a license for selling intoxicating beverages.

Sec. 2. No member or guest shall be permitted to participate in any activity should he be deemed by the committee in charge of the activity as being under the influence of intoxicants or illegal substances. Violation of this section shall be deemed cause for immediate suspension.

Sec. 3. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times.

Article VII

Field Trial and Dog Training

Sec. 1. Upon every occasion when the association shall sponsor and hold Field Trials said Trials shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations set up by the American Kennel Club. Further, all such trials shall be advertised as being sponsored by the Springfield Township Farmer's and Sportsmen's Association of Jacobus, PA.

Sec. 2. Dog Training—Individual members are permitted to run four (4) dogs or four (4) pups, or any combination of dogs or pups amounting to four (4) at any one time. Two or more members are permitted to run six (6) dogs to a pack at any time. Dogs shall be under the control of handlers at all times.

Sec. 3. A) Only members of the association will be allowed to train his or another member's dogs on the training area and must accompany the dogs at all times.

B) For special events approved by the Board of Directors, participants that are not members of the association shall be asked to provide a donation in an amount recommended by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Members are permitted to train or run dogs after all classes of said trial are completed.

Sec. 5. Any member will be responsible for any damage done by his dog on the club farm and any adjacent farm.

Sec. 6. All members train their dogs at their own risk and the association will not be responsible for any accident to any dog.

Sec. 7. All members' dogs shall have identification tags, and current licenses attached while training on Association ground.

Sec. 8. Rifle range shall be closed while all field trials are in progress.

Article VIII

Deer Hunting Privileges

Sec. 1. Any member (all types) in good standing for two (2) years and with four (4) work participation stamps in the current year, may sign up to hunt deer during all published seasons per the Pennsylvania Game Commission published season and bag limits.

Sec. 2. Deer hunting privilege signup will occur during the September open meeting. Any member, who wishes to sign up for the deer hunting privileges, must be present at the September meeting to sign up. Exceptions to this rule must be in writing to be considered by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. All Pennsylvania Game Commission laws apply to hunting on the club property.

Sec. 4. Center-fire rifles are not permitted on club grounds for deer hunting. Shotguns, Bows, Crossbows or Muzzleloaders only.

Sec. 5. Permanent tree stands are not permitted. Trees on club grounds are not to be damaged by any climbing devices.

Sec. 6. Junior members are also required to have four (4) work participation stamps in the current year. Junior members are not required to be member for two years. This requirement is waived as long as they are hunting with a regular member with all requirements as specified above.

Sec. 7. Dog training is open during all hunting seasons. Deer hunting is a privilege and confrontations will not be tolerated. Hunting safety is the ultimate concern always.

Sec. 8. Any complaints, questions, or issues related to deer hunting should be brought up at an open meeting. Any rule infractions should be

brought to the board of directors for review. Disciplinary actions may result in loss of deer hunting privileges and/or probation or suspension of membership.

Sec. 9. No member has more rights to areas being hunted than any other member, regardless if he/she has a tree stand in the area. All members are considered equal on club grounds, first come first serve.

Article IX

Rifle range

Sec. 1. Members are required to sign the Rifle range Authorization Form before being approved for membership into the association.

Sec. 2. The rifle range is for members only. Guests are not permitted for regular use of the rifle range.

Sec. 3. Rifle range rules are clearly posted at the range and must be followed at all times. Anyone found to be disobeying the rifle range rules may be subject to disciplinary action including suspension from the association.

Article X

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members present at any meeting. Notice in writing of the time and place of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be passed on, shall be given to each member in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of said meeting.

Article XI

The following is the order of business at each regular meeting:

1. Call meeting to order with pledge to the flag.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Posting of minutes of previous or special meetings.
4. Report of Board of Directors.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Action on new members.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Good of Association.
11. Adjournment

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE JUNIOR CLUB

1. All applicants shall be under eighteen (18) years of age.
2. All applicants shall become members only after approval of the Board of directors of the senior club.
3. Dues in the Junior Club shall be approximately 5% of annual dues for regular member per year.
4. All junior members who have met all of the above requirements shall be eligible for membership in the senior organization of their eighteenth (18th) birthday by paying the annual dues of the Senior Club. Such dues shall be paid to the Membership Secretary of the senior Club before the 31st day of January of the year following their eighteenth (18th) birthday.
5. All activities, meetings, ect. shall be under the supervision of the member of the Senior Club.
6. The Junior Club shall come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors of the Senior Club.
7. All monies received by the Junior Club shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Senior Club, when deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
8. Junior members shall have all of the privileges of senior members except as herein stated.
 - A. Junior Dog Training shall be subject to the same restrictions as a senior member.
 - B. Junior members must be under the direct supervision of a responsible senior member over 21 years of age while handling and firearms on the Club rifle range.
 - C. Junior members must be under the direct supervision of a responsible senior member over 21 years of age while camping on the club grounds.
 - D. Junior members 15 years of age or under must be under the direct supervision of a responsible senior member over 21 years of age while on the archery range.
 - E. Junior members 12 years of age and under must be under the direct supervision of a responsible senior member over 21 years of age while fishing in the Club's pond.

**Approved and Adopted by the Board of Directors—November 28, 1961
Springfield Twp. Farmers' and Sportsmen's Association, Inc., Jacobus, PA.**

HOUSE AND GROUND RULES

1. The members shall have the power to enforce all laws, and report all violations to the Board of Directors.
2. Any member, upon request, must show their membership card to any member of the Association.
3. Speed limit on the park driveway shall be 10 miles per hour and no parking on driveway at any time.
4. All automobiles must be parked in the parking areas. No driving in the fields except for Club maintenance and club activities.
5. No member or group of members shall so conduct themselves in such a manner on the premises, so as to discourage the presence of any other member.
6. No member and their family or group of members and their families shall hold outings or picnic lunches in the buildings except in case of emergency.
7. There shall be no activities of any kind during meetings.
8. No fires are allowed anywhere on the Club grounds except in fireplaces in the picnic area and incinerator.
9. All refuse must be placed in containers, provided for same, before leaving Club grounds. Any member in violation shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
10. There are toilets on the Club grounds. Please use them.
11. A member may bring a prospect for membership along one time to use the Club's facilities.
12. Only members of the Association will be allowed to train their, or another member's dogs, on the training area and must accompany dogs at all times.
13. Any member using the dog kennel other than at a trial must clean out the kennel before leaving.
14. All firearms shooting must be confined to range provided for same.
POSITIVELY NO AUTOMATIC WEAPON.
15. Archery Range is for members and their families use only. Please be cautious of any other member walking through the area.
16. Fishing in pond is for members and their families use only.
17. No swimming in the pond.
18. Skating on pond is prohibited.
19. All dog training hour on the Club grounds must conform to State Dog Training hours as specified in the State Game Laws.