



Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Note

Here we are in a new year. At the January membership meeting elections were held and updates in the by-laws were voted on,. It was great to see so many members there Can we have that many and more at each membership meeting?

Last year many improvements happened and are going to continue on the ranges. As projects are started help from all our friends at COSC will be needed. I know we can count on you!

Please remember to clean up the range after you use it. Used targets should be taken down and put into the blue trash barrels. I have found unfired, live cartridges on the ranges. Please put the unusable, live ammunition in the posted red boxes for safe disposal.

HAVE A SAFE YEAR. Sharon Whaley

January Elections!



Here are the results from the elections held January 9, 2017. See the list of names at the end of the newsletters for the years in which all of the board members' terms are up.

President – Sharon Whaley
First Vice President – Dan Reid
Second Vice President – Bill Shepard
Treasurer – Jane Kandler

Secretary – Jody LaClear
Board (Full Term) – Penny Batten
Board (Full Term) – Bill Ames
Board (Partial Term) – Dennis Dann
Board (Partial Term) – Stu Miller

Wheezers and Geezers



We are having breakfast every Thursday at 8:00 AM. A four dollar donation is asked to cover the cost of the food. See you there!

COSC Needs Your Help.



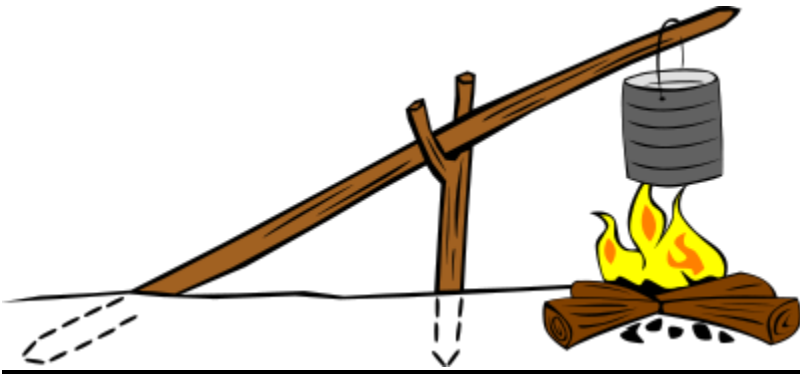
Because of circumstances beyond our control, we have no financial support from the Friends of the NRA for our youth and ladies programs this year. This will effect programs for Youth & Ladies trap, Jr. High Power, Jr Sporter rifle and Ladies, Ladies, Ladies. We are looking for ideas that will help raise funds for these programs. Sharon and I have decided to donate \$350.00 to this program instead of attending the Friends of the NRA banquet this year. Donations of any sort will be appreciated to help fund these programs. If you have any fund raising ideas, please, contact me with your suggestions. Thank you Duane Whaley 517-646-11611

From Your Membership Committee



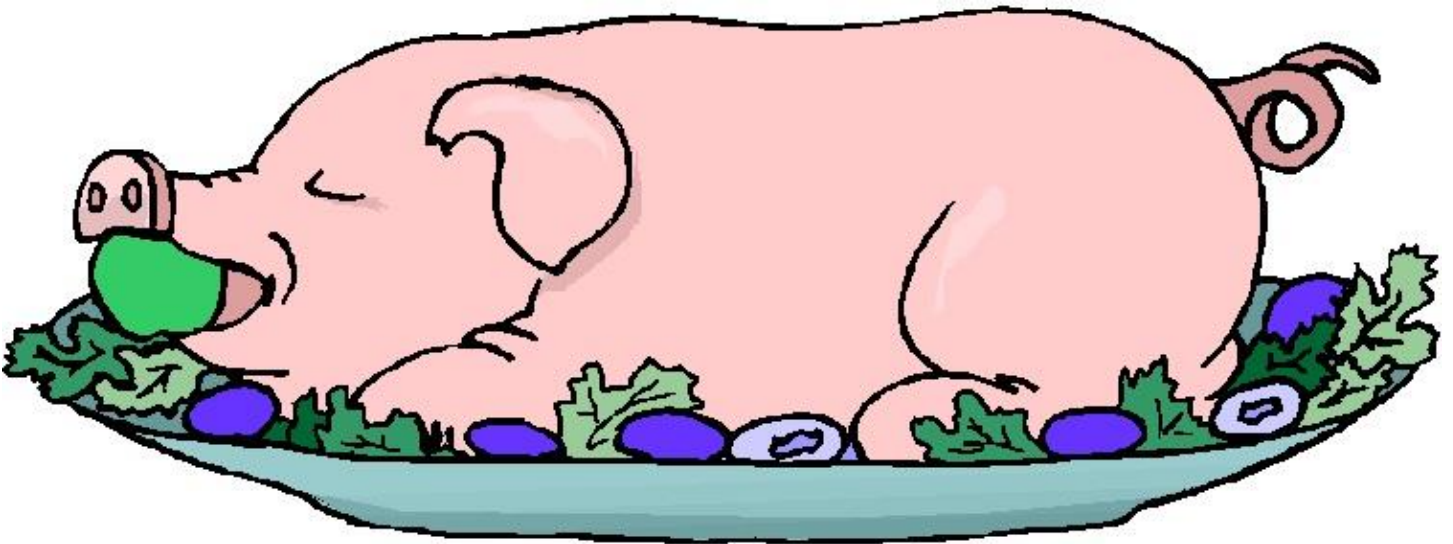
It is that time of the year again; time to send in your renewals. The new and updated Application form is attached to this newsletter and can be found online. New and renewal applications should now be sent to **COSC Membership, P. O. Box 375 Dimondale, MI 48821.**

Camp Dinner



I hope you will mark your calendar for Saturday, March 25th, 2017 for the Wild Game Dinner and raffle event. We will start the early evening with a social hour of Meridorf meats, cheese & crackers beginning at 4 pm (BYOB). A delicious dinner will follow at 5:30 pm. There will be rifle raffles, a 50/50 raffle, and \$1 and \$5 raffles as well.

Tickets for this event are still only \$15 per person, children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time by mailing your check to COSC PO Box 375, Dimondale, MI 48821, or at our Monday night meetings.



Wild game donations are needed, and very much appreciated. Please contact me by phone (517-974-6178) or e-mail cathylfinn@comcast.net to set up a time to drop off your donation, or simply show up at our Monday night meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

New or "gently used-but in good/great condition" items are needed for the \$1 and \$5 raffle tables. Donations from our club members help to offset the cost of the dinner. Contact method will be the same as it is for the wild game donations.

Volunteers will be needed again this year to serve the dinner, and to help clean up on Sunday morning at 11 am.

I am asking club members to donate baked goods for the dinner as well. We have some fantastic baker's within our membership, and I am hoping to get enough goods donated to avoid purchasing the dessert part of the meal.(517-974-6178 or cathylfinn@comcast.net)

We have purchased the guns that will be raffled off at this year's dinner. We have the ever popular "Henry Golden Boy .22 caliber Rifle", a "Savage .17 caliber Bolt Action Rifle", a "TC Compass 308 Winchester Bolt Action Rifle" and a "JW 2000 Coach 12 Gauge Double Barrel Shotgun."

I hope to see you at the dinner!

Cathy Finn

2017 Turkey Shoot Begins



Come to the monthly turkey shoot and not only will you have fun, you will keep up with your skills. Plus, you may win a prize. Sign up is at 11 AM. Dates 2-4, 3-4, 4-1.

Instructor and RSO Meeting



We have scheduled meetings for NRA instructors and RSO's for Feb 25 and March 18. We would like to start planning for this year and set-up a new schedule. We need everyone to attend if you plan on helping this year. Also I'm stepping down as chairman and Dan Reid will be Instructor Chairman. Please plan on attending these meetings we have a very large need for RSO's and Instructors. Duane Whaley.

Junior .22 Rifle

Boys and girls, members and non-members, ages 8 to 12 (parent attending) and ages 13 to 17 (parents invited), are welcome to participate in the 2017 Junior .22 Rifle program for beginning and intermediate shooters beginning in May of 2017. There is no cost to the young shooters for this program. NRA basic rifle and safety instructions are provided by COSC instructors for all students.

Clubhouse Rentals

The COSC Clubhouse is available to members at the rate of \$300 with an additional \$50 deposit. You must be a current member in good standing and have been a member for at least a year to be able to rent the Clubhouse.

Rentals start at noon on Friday and go through noon on Sunday. Kitchen facilities include a six-burner gas stove and oven, a refrigerator, 100-cup coffee pot, and a microwave. There are approximately 80 tables and 340 chairs for your use as well. WIFI is available, too!

For questions, more information or a rental booking, please call Cathy Finn at 517.616.0093.

Reloading Class is going forward

We have five students with room for five more. Please call Dennis Dann at 517-775-1965. XtremeDD@comcast.net

COSC Pledge

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil, and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

Petri Firearms

Petri Firearms LLC (also on Facebook) is offering special discounts to members of COSC on:
210 Reedy Ct. Dimondale, MI 48821 (517) 235-6060

1. Gunsmithing, Barrel Threading, Broken Weapon Repair, Replace Parts (customer pays for parts), Upgrades (no gunsmithing required)
2. Transfers - \$20.00 on Pistols and Long Guns
3. Sights - Repair or Replace, Install
4. New guns sold at our cost - plus \$30.00. No transfer fee

COSC members can show proof of membership by presenting their membership card.

Upcoming Dates



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- 02/04/2017 – Turkey Shoot
 - 02/11/2017 – Reloading Class
 - 02/25/2017 – NRA Instructors and RSO Meeting
 - 03/04/2017 – Turkey Shoot
 - 03/18/2017 – NRA Instructors and RSO Meeting

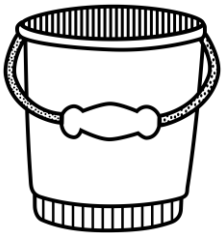
03/25/2017 – Wild Game Dinner
04/07/2017 – Turkey Shoot
04/15/2017 – Junior Trap Begins
04/29/2017 – Black Powder Shoot
07/15/2017 – Open House

Range Rule #1 – Posted Shooting Hours



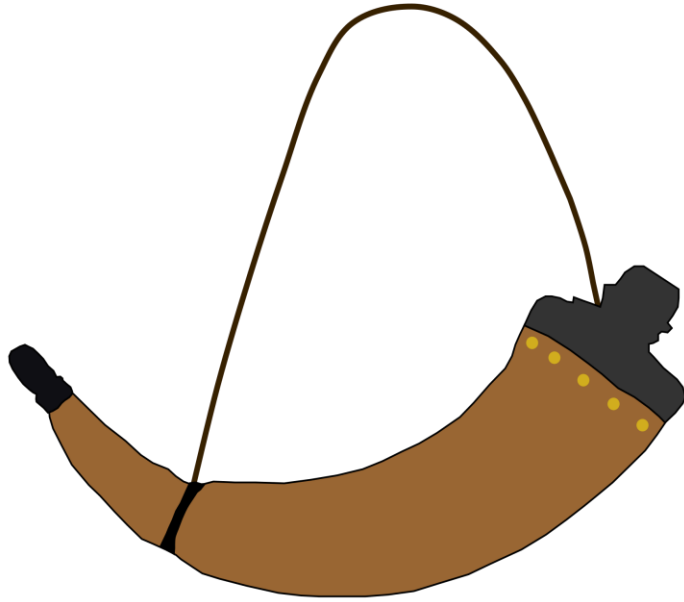
Please remember Range Rule #1: “Hours Open for use – 9:00am to ½ hour before sunset [see posted times at the range, gate and in the clubhouse] but not past 9:00pm”. Please be respectful of our neighbors and keep track of time when shooting in the evening.

Spent/Empty casings go into the white plastic buckets at each range



Please remember to police the range after shooting. Take your empties with you when you leave, or deposit them in the white plastic buckets at each range. Shotgun hulls go into barrels marked “shotgun”. Also, please dispose of your targets when you complete your visit to the range.

Black Powder Shoot and Woods Walk



The Annual Black Powder Shoot and Woods Walk will be held this year on Saturday, April 29, 2017 with an 8:30 AM sign-up. Shooting starts at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be provided with Trap afterwards; Black Powder Cartridge shotgun. For further information please call 927-7276.

Attention Members Who Cannot Attend Meetings

If you have suggestions, problems or concerns involving COSC I would like to represent you at the Board Meetings. You can contact me at:

Stuart Miller COSC

PO Box 375

Dimondale, MI 48821

--OR—email Stuart_Miller2015@comcast.net

Pistol/CPL Training

Pistol and CPL Training taught by Dan Reid for February 2017. This program will include the classes, Basic Pistol Shooters Course and NRA Basic Personal Protection Inside the Home, which is the training requirement to apply for the Michigan Concealed Pistol License at a reduced price.

What you get are two firearms classes taught by experienced, NRA certified, insured instructors. This is offered at a package price of \$125. COSC members will be offered a \$25 discount. There will be four days of training on February 4, 5, 18 and 19 at the club. All four days are required and run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Water and coffee will be provided, you will need to bring your own lunch and snacks. There are a total of 16 seats

available. A completed course application and deposit are required to hold your spot. Please contact Dan Reid at 719-0416 for further information. Email at reid.danielw@yahoo.com.

Capital Area Sportsmen's Conservation League Gun Show

On Sunday, March 12, 2017 The Delta Gun Show will be held at their club located at 7534 W Old River Trail, Lansing, MI 48917. The show starts at 9:00 AM and closes at 3:00 PM. There is a \$3.00 Admission fee with children under 12 free. There will be food available. For more information, please call Don Knisely at 517-321-5843.

THE NEW BYLAWS FOLLOW – PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR REFERENCE

CHIEF OKEMOS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, INC.

Constitution and By-Laws

Effective January 9, 2017 per approval of January 9, 2017 General Membership Meeting

ARTICLE I – Name, Purpose and Mission Statement

Section 1 – Name

This non-profit Corporation shall be known as, and named, the **Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, Inc.**

Section 2 – Purpose

To create better sportsmanship among its members and their friends, and to promote and maintain friendly relations with landowners and sportsmen, and to co-operate to the fullest extent of its power with the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Michigan in obtaining proper respect for, and observation of, Fish and Game Laws of the State, to own and construct a Club House and other incidental buildings on land to be acquired by the Corporation, and to do all other things incidental to accomplishing the above.

Section 3 – Mission Statement

To promote programs designed to educate citizens in environmental education and natural resource conservation;

To promote the safe and responsible use of firearms;

To protect, preserve and promote the shooting sports and our American Heritage of citizen firearm ownership and

To promote archery, shooting and fishing activities for children, youth, women, individuals with physical disabilities, gun collectors, hunters and competitive shooters.

It shall be our further purpose to promote good sportsmanship and fellowship, honesty, responsibility, self reliance and team play.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1 – Term of Membership

The term of Class A membership begins on the date of a member's approval by the Board of Directors and terminates on December 31st of the same or next calendar year as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Qualifications

Any individual, regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, marital status, national origin, handicaps, number of dependents, height, weight or sexual orientation, expressing interest in furthering the purpose of this Corporation and complying with the provisions of this Constitution, shall be eligible for membership. Any person who has been convicted of a felony is not eligible for membership in this Corporation.

Section 3 – Classifications

There shall be the following classes of membership:

1. **Class A** – A membership for Member and Spouse (18 years of age or older). Full Corporation responsibilities and privileges including voting, holding office, participating in all Club activities, and serving on any committee to which they may be appointed.
2. **Class B** – Minor dependents of Class A Members are allowed participation in designated Club activities only.
3. **Class C** – A membership for Junior Members (under the age of 18 and/or a student), whose parents or legal guardians are not members, may participate in Corporation sponsored activities.
4. **Class D** – Honorary Membership. A non-voting non-office holding membership with terms, responsibilities and privileges as determined and bestowed upon a person by the Board of Directors.
5. **Life** – A Membership awarded by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership shall have the same rights as a Class A membership.

Section 4 – Dues

Class A and B Memberships – The initial dues of this Corporation are \$125.00 per year and \$125.00 per year thereafter. Those members having given, during the previous year, 15 hours of work on Club projects as recorded by the Board of Directors, shall be credited \$75.00 on the dues for next year.

Class A members at age 65, or members with proof of a physical disability, with membership in good standing during the previous 5 years, shall be charged one half the applicable dues.

Class C Membership - \$5.00 per year

Class D and Life Memberships – No dues required

Dues are NOT refundable.

Section 5 – Revocation of Membership

The Board of Directors may, by two-thirds vote, cancel the membership of any member for just cause. However, prior to termination by the Board of Directors, the member must be contacted by certified mail (return receipt to the Secretary) which is directed to their last known address, specifying the charges and requesting the member appear before the Board of Directors for a full and just hearing at the time and place therein to be stated and what action will be taken on the charges. The member in question shall be given ten (10) days notice prior to the date of his or her requested appearance. **NOTE:** An appeal from such a decision may be made at the next General Membership meeting of the Corporation.

Section 6 – Termination of Membership

Any member who causes his or her membership to be terminated shall forfeit all Corporation responsibilities and privileges and return all corporate owned keys, property, equipment, funds and records he or she may have to the Corporation.

ARTICLE III – Officers and Duties

Section 1 – Officers

The executive officers of this Corporation shall be:

1. President
2. First (1st) Vice President
3. Second (2nd) Vice President
4. Secretary

5. Treasurer and
6. Immediate Past President

Each shall be a member of the Board of Directors with equal voting power and privileges of other Board members, except as otherwise provided. **NOTE:** The Board of Directors will be comprised of seven (7) Directors in addition to the Executive Officers. All Officers must be members in good standing at all times.

Section 2 – Elections

The election is held at the Annual Membership Meeting in January. Nominations for Officers and the Board of Directors shall be made by:

1. Nomination committee consisting of five (5) members appointed by the President, or
2. Nomination from a member from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting the name of the First (1st) Vice President shall automatically be placed in nomination for President. The name of the Second (2nd) Vice President shall automatically be placed in nomination for the office of First (1st) Vice President. This procedure will not preclude the nomination of any member(s) from the floor.

All Executive Officers, except the Immediate Past President, who are automatically appointed to the Board of Directors and vacancies on the Board of Directors, shall be elected by ballot by the membership at the Annual Meeting in January. The term of office shall be one (1) year for Executive Officers and three (3) years for the Directors. No Officer shall be eligible to hold the same office for more than two (2) terms in succession with the exception of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which shall be unlimited as to succession by the same person.

NO member shall hold two (2) or more offices at the same time.

Section 3 – Qualifications

Class A members shall be eligible for office in the Corporation provided they have been a member in good standing for a minimum of three (3) years.

Section 4 – Duties of Officers

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and has general charge of its affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings of the General Membership and the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The President shall have such powers and duties as are incidental to the office and the Board of Directors may assign any tasks not inconsistent with these By-Laws. The President shall fill vacancies by appointment. Such appointments will only remain in effect until the next election.

The First (1st) Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of duties and succeed to the presidency in case of an absence or vacancy. The First (1st) Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of and report to the President for the Standing Committees: Rules, Finance, Membership, Building Maintenance, Range Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, Programs and Concessions.

The Second (2nd) Vice President shall succeed to the First (1st) Vice Presidency in case of a vacancy and similarly to the Presidency. Under the direction of the President, the Second (2nd) Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of and report to the President for the Special Committees designated by the President.

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all corporate actions, deliberations, correspondence and other duties that usually pertain to said office or as defined by the Board of Directors. In addition, the Secretary is responsible for the Corporation's Newsletter and maintenance of a current membership list. The Secretary may select and delegate the publishing of the Corporation Newsletter to an editor and membership list to a membership chairman.

The Treasurer shall:

Keep full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements,

Deposit, within the next two business days, all monies, checks and other obligations to the credit of the Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, Inc.,

Not disburse funds except by authority of the Board of Directors or as the By-Laws prescribe

and make and provide a complete and written monthly financial statement (to include total assets, liabilities, expenses, income, savings, Grants and Grant expenditures) at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

Immediate Past President shall serve with the same responsibilities as Board members with equal voting power.

Board of Directors shall approve an annual budget, manage the property and lawful business of the Corporation. The Board shall possess such authority as may be necessary to complete the purpose of the Corporation, limited only by the Articles of Incorporation and these By- Laws. The

Board of Directors shall appoint three (3) persons, any one (1) of which must sign for any monetary disbursement. All actions by the Board of Directors shall be subject to review and comment by the General Membership. All actions employing new programs, Corporation commitments, and/or non-budgeted items must be reviewed by the General Membership and approved by the Board of Directors. **NOTE:** Upon leaving office, all Officers **MUST** turn over to the Corporation all Corporation funds, equipment and materials pertinent to their office.

Section 5 – Meetings

The Board of Directors shall hold monthly meetings at such times and places as they determine. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President whenever necessary. The purpose of a special meeting shall be contained in the notice of the meeting. Only Board members may vote at Board meetings.

All members in good standing must be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time on any vote taken by the Board of Directors.

All Board of Director Meetings must be open to any member in good standing.

All Board of Director meetings (including special meetings) must be announced during at least one regularly scheduled membership meeting.

Section 6 – Quorum

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a simple majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 7 - Removal of Officers

Any Officer or Director absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings without valid reason shall be dropped from the Board of Directors.

The resignation of any Officer or Director may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Section 8 – Report to the General Membership

The Board of Directors shall, through the Secretary or other Officer designated by the Board of Directors, make complete and concise report of its activities and actions during the past month. This will include any recommendations for future actions at the monthly meeting of the Corporation.

Section 9 – Proxy Votes

There shall be **NO** votes by proxy.

Section 10 – Employees

The Corporation shall not have any paid member-employees except those allowed by these By-Laws in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Michigan Employment Security Commission and the Bureau of State Lottery of the State of Michigan in fulfilling the above purposes.

ARTICLE IV – Meetings

Section 1 – Membership Meetings

The Corporation shall convene in regular meetings on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at the Corporation's property or other designated location subject to change by the Board of Directors. Due notice shall be mailed at least seven (7) days in advance of said meetings or published in the newsletter in the month prior to the membership meeting. **NOTE:** The **ANNUAL** Membership Meeting shall be held in **January** of each calendar year. At that time, members of the Corporation shall, by majority vote of the members present, elect Officers for the Corporation.

Section 2 – Special Membership Meetings

The President or the Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the membership provided that seven (7) days notice is given to all members as to the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Nothing shall take place at any Special Meetings that has not had prior approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Quorum

At any monthly or Special Meeting of this Corporation, the membership present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4 – Voting

Only Class A members may vote at meetings of the Corporation. Voting shall be by voice vote, unless a roll call or secret ballot is prescribed by these By-Laws or called for by the President. A majority vote by members present is sufficient for the adoption of any motion that is in order except as these By-Laws and parliamentary law as contained in the current edition of **Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised** shall otherwise prescribe.

Only Board members may vote at Board meetings.

ARTICLE V – Committees

Section 1 – Appointment of Committees

The President shall, within thirty (30) days or prior to the first Board meeting, or following the Annual Meeting, whichever is later, appoint all standing committees as the President or the Board of Directors deem advisable. Standing committees shall be: Rules, Finance, Membership, Building Maintenance, Range Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, Programs and Concessions. Members of committees may be removed by vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Duties of Standing Committees

Nothing in these By-Laws shall be construed as preventing the President from appointing as many Special Committees as the President may deem necessary to assist in carrying out the objectives of this Corporation.

The Rules Committee shall investigate questions that may arise relative to the interpretation of these By-Laws and any rules procedure. The Rules Committee shall also consider all proposed amendments to these By-Laws.

The Finance Committee shall prepare a budget for the current fiscal year and recommend ways and means for financing same to be adopted by the Board of Directors.

The Membership Committee shall study ways and means to increase the membership of this Corporation and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The Building Maintenance Committee shall study ways and means to maintain the club buildings in good repair. They shall also prepare plans for the Board of Directors approval for any new building projects.

The Range Maintenance Committee shall study ways and means to maintain the club ranges in good repair. They shall also prepare plans for the Board of Directors approval for any new range projects.

The Grounds Maintenance Committee shall study ways and means to maintain the club grounds in good repair. They shall also prepare plans for the Board of Directors approval for any new grounds projects.

The Programs Committee shall study ways and means to maintain the club programs in good order. They shall also prepare plans for the Board of Directors approval for any new program projects.

The Concessions Committee shall study ways and means to maintain the club concessions and kitchen in good order. They shall also prepare plans for the Board of Directors approval for any new concession projects.

All Standing Committees shall have such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. All Standing Committees shall make written annual reports to the Corporation, as well as monthly reports at Board of Directors meetings.

ARTICLE VI – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Chief Okemos Sportsman's Club, Inc., nee "Corporation", in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special Rules of Order that the Corporation may adopt.

ARTICLE VII – Amendment of By-Laws

These By-Laws can be amended at the Annual Membership meeting of the Corporation by a two-thirds vote of the membership present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous three (3) General Membership meetings. The Board of Directors may call for changes in the By-Laws at other times by two-thirds vote, if an emergency situation warrants.

ARTICLE VIII – Dissolution

Upon dissolution of this Corporation, all assets, after payment of the debts of the Corporation, shall be turned over to another non-profit organization with similar goals and missions.

NRA Membership

When joining or renewing by mail, please provide:

- Name and address
 - Membership number (if renewing)
 - Magazine you prefer:
 - American Rifleman
 - American Hunter
 - 1st Freedom
- 1 Yr - \$30, 3 Yr - \$85, 5 Yr - \$100
- A check made out to NRA
(Your receipt will be mailed to you.)

Send to Keith Wright, 427 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, MI 48821

This procedure is not just for COSC members. Have your friends, neighbors, co-workers or anyone renew or join through the Club and COSC will get \$5 or \$10 commission.

Executive Officers All terms end 1/8/18

President – Sharon Whaley - 646.1611
1st Vice – Dan Reid – 719.0416
2nd Vice – Bill Shepard – 810-207-3022
Secretary – Jody LaClear - 243.6991
Treasurer – Jane Kandler – 646.7973

Board Members

	Term Ends
Past President – Keith Wright - 646.9179	1/08/18
John Gambill - 646.0681	1/08/18
Stu Miller – 393-3178	1/08/18
Dennis Dann – 775-1965	1/08/18
Jerry Shihady – 282.5097	1/14/19
Duane Whaley – 646.1611	1/14/19
Penny Batten - 482.8169	1/13/20
Bill Ames – 282-8085	1/13/20

Newsletter Bill Shepard – 810.207.3022
COSCMembership@gmail.com

Web Site Sandy Enness - sandraenness@gmail.com
Facebook Aaron Lopez - lopez.aaron.m@gmail.com

Contact Information

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Falling Plates Ron Kaplansky 337.2180

Cowboy Action Duane Whaley 646.1611

Hi-Power Jim Stewart 646.9763

Hunter Education Chairman needed

Junior .22 Rifle TBD

Trap Duane Whaley 646.1611

Junior/Ladies Trap Keith Wright 646.9179

NRA/COSC Membership Recruiting
Keith Wright 646.9179

Range Maintenance Dennis Dann 775.1965

Grounds Maintenance Wayne Walter 627.8247

Clubhouse Rental Mike & Cathy Finn 616.0093

Work Hours Penny Batten 482.8169

Capital Area Friends of the NRA Committee
Tony Piper 614.2663

Jr Archery Tim Hodgman 643.1497

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Andy Powers Don Uramkin Jim Ingison

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies Sharon Whaley 646.1611

Black Powder Lloyd Merchant 927.7264