

# **Saginaw Field and Stream Club**

## **Policies pertaining to the Club membership.**

### **Use of Club Property/Equipment for non-Club Activities**

The Club discourages use of its property/equipment for non-Club activities. All use of the Club property/equipment for non-Club activities or by outside organizations or individuals must be approved by the Board of Directors. Generally, a written agreement must accompany such use and a fee, to be determined by the Board of Directors, may be levied. Members may use the Club property as described in the By-Laws.

### **Facility Usage/Rental**

The Club house, indoor archery building, picnic pavilion or other Club facilities may be rented from time-to-time to members only for their holding of private parties or events. Rental fees shall be determined by the Rental Manager and should be at least sufficient to cover the cost of cleaning/restocking. The various facilities may also be made available to various organizations/activities such as Conservation Education, Firearms Safety, Specialized Conservation Groups, Scouting, Civic affairs, Municipal activities, etc., which aid the Club's non-profit status.

### **Property Locks, Electronic Access**

The Club has installed an electronic gate at the main entrance. Each member and associate member are allowed to purchase only one (1) gate access card. This card may also be used to access various indoor facilities with approval of the Board and payment of the appropriate fee. If an access card is lost or damaged, the member must pay a replacement fee. If a gate card fails to work and exhibits no apparent damage or detrimental wear, the card will be replaced at no charge. Any access card holder who lends his card to anyone faces a penalty up to and including expulsion as determined by the Board. The Membership Secretary shall be the administrator of access cards.

The south gate is controlled by a padlock for which Club members can obtain a key at cost of \$5.00 they can be purchased at the clubhouse at any time. There are various locks throughout the property securing buildings and protecting equipment. Various Club members are assigned individual keys to these locations because they chair or assist in running events. Master keys, which open all locks, can only be assigned to members of the Board of Directors. A list of these keys and where their assignment is maintained by the Board of Directors. All individuals are required to turn in all keys when their need is no longer needed including Board members whose terms have expired or who have left the Board for other reasons.

### **Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) Affiliation**

The Club is affiliated with MUCC and periodically hosts various MUCC meetings. The Club sponsors children to the MUCC youth camp in the form of merchandise or money. The Club has participated in the Tracks magazine program.

## **Conservation, Firearms Laws, Hunting and Fishing**

Conservation, as defined by this Club, is "The wise use of our Natural Resources", which includes Fish and Wildlife. Shooting of animals, birds or fish are not allowed on Club property.

The Club is on record as opposing any restrictions on the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. Further, the Club agrees with stringent, enforced penalties for the commission of a crime with a firearm. The Club supports, requires when applicable, adherence to existing firearms laws. This position is based on the fact that firearm laws, although enacted to protect the citizenry, do allow a greater amount of criminal activity, therefore actually endangering the citizenry. The presence of firearms in the general public does not endanger the citizenry. The use of firearms by those of criminal intent does. Some firearms may require a special permitting process; however, the position of the Club is that firearms laws, which require registration or limit access to certain makes or models are not effective in preventing crime, but are a violation of the constitutional rights of the people.

## **Members and Memberships**

For various reasons, the Board of Directors may bestow a complementary newsletter, granted or honorary membership on individuals or organizations. A Complementary Newsletter status gives the individual or organization a copy of the monthly newsletter on an ongoing basis, until rescinded. A Granted or Honorary Membership gives all the benefits of a regular membership.

The Club no longer offers purchased life memberships but will maintain the existing life memberships for the life of the member. Past presidents and members achieving 45 years of continuous membership are honored with a life membership. The Board of Directors has, from time-to-time honored certain members with honorary life memberships.

Membership in MUCC is offered through the Club to General members at the current MUCC dues level at no extra cost. Life members shall have their MUCC dues paid for by the Club.

The Club will assure accessibility to its facilities for the physically challenged.

## **Meeting Door Prize Drawing**

The Club holds a door prize drawing for Members who attend the membership meetings. The amount is determined by the Board of Directors. The Membership Secretary places the names and addresses of each General Member in good standing in a barrel from which the winner is drawn. The Member must be at the meeting or on assignment to win. On assignment is defined as doing the bidding of the President or the Board.

### **Dogs on the property**

Members are allowed to enjoy the property with their dogs. Dogs must always be under the owner's control and not allowed to run loose when around other members without their approval, otherwise they must be on a leash. All dogs in the archery outdoor range and firearm ranges must be always on a leashed and not disturbing members using the ranges. During the time period of April thru June, while waterfowl may be nesting on or near the lake shore, all dogs must be on a leash. Members are expected to properly dispose of their dogs' waste. Service dogs only are allowed inside club buildings. (Amended 08-24-2021)

### **Use of Handguns on the Rifle Range**

Members are allowed to use handguns on the rifle range provided they have passed a proficiency test administered by certain Directors. Those Directors authorized to administer the test are appointed by the President. The proficiency test consists of the requesting Member being able to keep 10 shots within the scoring rings of an 8-inch bullseye target posted at 50 yards. No more than three attempts are allowed at one time, and then, only if previous attempts have been close. If the test is passed, the Director administering the test will write "pistol" on the person's membership card. This indicates that the holder of such a card is qualified to use a pistol on the rifle range. As new cards are issued, the Member will be required to have this endorsement transferred to their current membership card. This should be done, if possible, by the approving Director. If not, then by one of the test administrators appointed by the President. Members may be asked to requalify.

### **Lake Safety**

Swimming in the lake is not permitted. The water safety requirements for the lake are the same as for any body of water in Michigan. Watercrafts on the lake are required to have personal flotation devices for each person of sufficient size to keep the person afloat. The Club does not provide watercraft or watercraft safety equipment. Motorized watercrafts are not permitted on the lake except by special permission of the Board of Directors. The south, east and west sides of the lake are considered lake recreational areas. The North shore of the lake is considered to be part of an active shooting range during periods of trap and/or skeet shooting and should be avoided during these times. Trash barrels are provided to keep the lake clean. Adults are responsible for themselves and the children in their care.

### **Grievance Policy**

For the purposes of this policy, a grievance is defined as any alleged misconduct or violation of Club Rules and Regulations against the good of the Club by a member, or a person in the member's immediate family or a guest of a member. Any grievance presented against any member or Director of the Saginaw Field & Stream Club originating from a Club member, Board member, or outside interest must be presented to the Board of Directors in writing. The entire Board of Directors will then review the grievance and determine the merit of the grievance. If the grievance holds merit, the situation will be rectified by a vote of the Board of Directors, and the grieving party will be notified in writing of the actions taken to rectify the situation. Additionally, the person presenting the grievance may be asked to present further evidence of the situation publicly/verbally to the Board of Directors. If the grievance can be rectified by policy or personnel change, it will be decided on by a Board of Directors vote. If the grievance holds little or no merit, a written communication will be returned to the grieving party acknowledging the dismissal of the grievance with no action taken.

### **Other policies**

Other standard operating procedures and policies including those pertaining to, but not limited to kitchen, first aid, safety and shooting range use, are all considered part of these operating policies.