

# Greenway-Verona Mills Fish and Game Club Inc.

History Gathered from Club Meeting Minutes

4/10/63: Newspaper clipping advertising the formation of a fish and game club. Organizational meeting to be held tonight at the home of Elwin Waterman, Verona Mills. James Jones appointed temporary secretary until officers are elected and the club is started.

Reported in newspaper that the meeting was held and Elwin Waterman was elected President, Harold Thayer Sr., Vice-President, and James Jones, secretary/treasurer. Membership was limited to 150 for the present time.

4/17/63: Treasury has \$46 balance on hand. Meeting night was voted on, will be the second Tuesday every month.

5/14/63: After much discussion and revision, **By Laws were accepted. (No copy was included in min.)**

7/9/63: All checks will be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the President.

8/27/63: **By Laws:** Added - (It shall also be noted that all club members traveling on club posted property shall do so at their own risk.) Shall be added to the By Laws of the Greenway-Verona Mills Fish and Game Club. CARRIED

10/8/63: Motion to close membership for the remainder of the year. CARRIED

2/11/64: **Motion to accept the Constitution and By Laws as edited and revised by the secretary. CARRIED. No copy of these is included in with the minutes.**

11/10/64: **Amendment to By Laws:** Article II shall be amended to read (200) two hundred paid members  
Article III shall be amended to read "New membership dues shall be (\$3.00) three dollars the first year and (\$2.00) two dollars each year thereafter. In the event that there is not enough money in the treasury to pay for insurance or other expenses, an extra prorated assessment will be made on all members."

Article IV shall be amended to read "All members of the club shall be notified by mail on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> each year by the secretary of the club for payment of yearly dues. If dues are not paid on or before the date of the annual meeting, or unless arrangements to pay are made with the secretary, the member will be considered withdrawn from the club and new membership fee of \$3.00 will be required to renew. No memberships will be accepted after June 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of the total membership enrolled at that time. This may be waived in extenuating circumstances by a majority vote of members present at a regular monthly meeting, but only within the 200 member maximum limit of Article II. Also all new members must be passed by two-thirds of the members voting at a regular monthly meeting.

2/9/65: **By Laws:** Remove from Article IV provision for the acceptance of new members only upon a two-thirds vote in favor by members present at a monthly meeting. CARRIED

4/13/65: Authorized a committee to finalize arrangements for a lease of Ignacio property for taxes for at least five years with option to renew and first option to buy if owner decides to sell. CARRIED

5/11/65: Accepted lease as finalized for Ignacio property.

6/8/65: Authorized buying two packs of playing cards! CARRIED

12/14/65: Authorized buying a set of reloading tools and a clay pigeon trap for the club. CARRIED

2/14/66: Motion that all persons entering the armed services be carried as honorary members with full club privileges. CARRIED

2/14/67: **By Law change:** Motion to change expiration date from Dec. 31 to March 1 as per Article 4 of the By Laws. CARRIED

2/1/68: Motion to change meeting night to second Wednesday of each month. CARRIED

## 3/68 thru 1/69 Minutes are missing.

2/12/69: **By Law change:** Motion to amend Article III of the By Laws to read “four dollars (\$4) for the first year and three dollars (\$3) thereafter. CARRIED

8/13/69: **Members looked at land the club is considering buying. The land is owned by Jack Thayer and is being offered at \$400 firm plus closing costs. Vote to buy is held. CARRIED**

11/12/69: Land purchase is progressing. All papers are at lawyer, deed is being drawn up, search is being conducted.

1/9/70: **Special meeting held to discuss By Law amendments. Steering committee recommends changes to the By Laws for approval by members. No copy of the changes is included in the minutes of this meeting.**

1/14/70: **By Laws were voted on and passed.** Added part about having to attend 6 meetings a year in order to run for an office. (Sec. 6)

Checking on incorporating.

Land is purchased for club.

Planning to build a clubhouse.

2/11/70: Motion made and passed to keep money in a bank account.

4/8/70: Formed building committee.

Larry Duprey - chair

Ray Smith

Jim Jones

John Skibitski

John Domnic

Perrell Klein

Frank Seaman

Ken Millson

Willee Johnson

Voted to incorporate.

5/13/70: Have building permit.

9/9/70: Building is progressing. NEED MORE HELP!

11/11/70: FIRST MEETING IN NEW BUILDING.

2/10/71: **Change By Laws**

1. Change heading to read Greenway-Verona Mills Fish and Game Club Inc.
2. There will be 4 officers and 3 members elected from the floor to serve as the Board Of Directors. The 3 members will serve terms of one, two, and three years.
3. No member will be elected if his dues are not paid.
4. The President will declare an office vacant if the officer does not perform his duties to the satisfaction of the club.
5. Members must attend at least 6 meetings a year in order to be elected.
6. The Secretary will notify all members that dues are due March 1. If not paid by March 1, the member will be dropped from the club.
7. No new members will be accepted into the club from Aug. 1-Dec. 31 every year. No exceptions or waivers!
8. Club members traveling on club posted land by motor vehicle or foot do so at their own risk.

Motion made and carried to accept these changes into the By Laws.

4/14/71: Decision to have a club patch or emblem.

5/12/71: Emblem drawing passed around and accepted by vote.

38/72: Discussion on how to stimulate interest in the club. (SOUND FAMILIAR?)

Suggestions:

1. Trap Shooting
2. Sighting in day.
3. Finish up the clubhouse.
4. Set up the shotgun shell reloader.
5. Set up the pool table.
6. Entertainment at meetings.
7. Complete the incorporation proceedings.

- 4/12/72: Members voted to acquire the pistol backstop from the Rome YMCA.  
Committee:  
Hank Miller  
Bill Cieslewitz  
Frank Seamon  
Ray Joanis  
Hugh Moses  
Tony Baker - supply the torches.
- 5/10/72: Jim Jones to take care of hanging the club sign.
- 6/14/72: Date set of 6/17/72 to pull out the pistol equipment from the YMCA.
- 9/13/72: Well is in!
- 10/11/72: Incorporation is complete.
- 11/8/72: Motion to waive By Laws to accept new members until new By Laws are adopted  
By the Board of Directors. CARRIED.
- 1/8/73: Board of Directors Meeting.  
By Law change- From Aug 1-Dec. 31 Initiation \$10 Dues \$5  
Regular membership Initiation \$6 Dues \$5
- 1/10/73: Motion to have a special meeting to revise the By Laws on 1/17/73 at 8 PM.  
Notice of the meeting has been put in the Rome Sentinel.
- 1/17/73: **SPECIAL MEETING**  
Sec. II : The initiation fee will be \$5 (1 time only) - CARRIED  
Sec. III: Annual dues will be \$5 payable by the regular March meeting with the exception  
of new members (Section 5) - CARRIED  
Sec. IV: Initiation of \$5 and dues of \$5 will be paid with the signing of application for  
membership presented to the Secretary or at the next regular meeting.-CARRIED  
Sec. V: Remove dues for new members shall be paid on or before the second regular  
meeting after the application has been submitted. - CARRIED  
Sec. V: Delete- No new members will be accepted from Aug.1-Dec.31.- CARRIED  
Sec. X: A landowner member is a person who has at least three acres of land posted for  
the club and has signed the roster. He will be issued a membership card, button  
and courtesy cards to be used at his own discretion. -CARRIED  
Sec. XIV: No member shall be elected to an office who has not paid his dues.- CARRIED
- Order of Business: Move Treasurer's report to the third order of business instead of the  
eighth order of business. - CARRIED
- 4/11/73: Committee set up to calculate the cost of installation of the pistol range.
- 2/13/74: **Motion to change By Laws:**  
Section VI: The outgoing President be made a member of the Board of Director's for one  
year to act as consultant for supervision of club. CARRIED  
Section VII: Make the Vice President activities chairman in charge of activities for the  
club. CARRIED  
Section VII: The President at the next meeting following annual meeting would appoint a  
nominating committee. The nominating committee would at our November

meeting present a slate of officers. The slate would be presented at each monthly meeting thereafter until the annual meeting at which time the slate would be voted on. CARRIED

2/12/75: **By Law Change:**

President serving two full consecutive terms be granted life membership and all officers serving be granted the years dues free. CARRIED

4/9/75: Vote taken - build trap range or rifle range first. Trap range wins.

Voted to join the Oneida County Federation of Sportsmen.

6/11/75: Report that the trap building has been started. Work nights are Wednesdays.

Discussion of pistol range. Polebarn type structure?

9/10/75: Two target boards set up for rifle range, need shooting stands. Need to check on zoning for rifle range.

11/12/75: Report that trap range needs landscaping, rifle range needs backstop, archery range okay. Pistol range will be on hold until spring. Auxiliary is defunct.

2/11/76: Dues raised to \$7.50 per year. CARRIED

Initiation raised to \$7.50. CARRIED

Motion to use clubhouse for club functions only (new Sec. 20). CARRIED

8/11/76: Trench for pistol range is dug.

## 9/76 through 1/80 Minutes missing

2/13/80: **By Laws changed.** Amendments to Sec. III, Sec. VI, Sec. XV, Sec. XVII, and Sec. XVIII, however there is no description of what these changes are and no copy of By Laws is attached to the minutes.

4/12/80: Adopted rules for indoor range.

1. Did you sign in?

2. Only person accompanied by a club member may enter.

3. Eye glasses and hearing protector must be worn.

4. No center fire or shotgun.

5. No horseplay.

6. Think safety at all times.

7. Door must be closed when range is in use.

8. Leave range neat and clean.

Trap range restarted at a cost of \$10.99. Will be set up weather permitting.

5/14/80: Trap range is set and ready. Use care.

6/11/80: 50 yard rifle is done. Need help to do 100 yard and 200 yard.

Pistol, archery, and rifle ranges closed until insurance is clarified.

2/11/81: **By Laws:** All revisions of the By Laws were approved. No copy of these changes is attached to the minutes. We do have a copy of By Laws dated 1980-1981.

2/10/82: Dues will remain \$10 and initiation \$25. Purchased timer for pistol range. By Laws read and changes made and approved. No copy of By Laws is included with minutes.

7/13/82: Have building permit for pavilion, should cost about \$800 to build.

2/9/83: Dues are raised to \$20 per year at annual meeting.

3/9/83: Report that the key card lock system for door will be here soon.

2/23/84: Special Meeting: It was decided that each member would be assessed 5 hours work for the year in order to keep the work at the club up to date.

3/14/84: **By Laws amendment** passed to require each member's participation in activities, work, improvements, etc.. Each member assessed 5 hours this year. CARRIED

It was decided to publish a monthly newsletter for the club.

11/14/84: Pool table has been purchased. Discussion about jacketed bullets on IDR. NRA specs are

3/8 inch steel for .22's and ½ inch for .44 magnum, lead bullets. Jackets will shorten life of the backstop, but they don't state by how much.

213/85: Work assessment for members was set at 5 hours work or \$10 payment. CARRIED  
5/8 inch steel plate (2600 pounds) to reinforce the backstop has been purchased.  
A revote on the work assessment was taken and it was voted that the assessment would be on a volunteer basis.

5/8/85: Backstop is installed. The range is now okay for up to .44 Magnum.

11/13/85: Voted to buy 40 steel folding chairs @\$6.70 each.

12/11/85: Authorized buying 20 more chairs.

1/15/86: Board of Director's Meeting: Work assessment for members to remain the same, 5 hours work or a \$10 donation, on a voluntary basis.

2/12/86: Scholarships of \$100 each set up for RFA and VVS.

**By Laws change:** Sec. XII-change to require that game club identification such as the club button must be displayed on your person when hunting on club posted property.

Sec. XXV-change to require that current copies of the by laws be provided to land owner members upon request instead of each time changes are made.

2/11/87: **By Law change**-“At any regular meeting of the club, any member present who feels that a proposed motion is of such importance that it should be brought to the attention of the entire membership before being brought to a vote, may ask that it be tabled until the next regular meeting The proposed motion shall then be tabled, published in the next newsletter, and voted on at the next meeting.” - CARRIED

5/13/87: Motion to start each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. CARRIED

10/8/87: Buying 12.6 acres adjacent to the south of the club land. Closing in December.

1/13/88: Reported that the land purchase has closed. Survey showed 13.43 acres and cost was \$6000. Looking into the possibility of life memberships.

7/13/88: **Voted to have a paid life membership for the club. CARRIED No mention of cost.**

**By Law change:** Sec. III - change the word capital to endowment in item 7 CARRIED  
Item 7a be added to read “hat the Board of Directors shall be custodians of the endowment fund.” CARRIED

Item 10 will become item 9c. CARRIED

Motion to amend item 9c to add two words “members written”. CARRIED

3/8/89: An installment plan for life memberships voted for. First payment of \$100 due within 30 days of acceptance. Second payment due 4 months after 1<sup>st</sup> payment, third payment due 4 months later. If payments are not on time, previous payments are forfeited. No indication of how much the second and third payments are. CARRIED

## **Minutes missing from 10/89 through 1992.**

3/90: From club newsletter: There will be no more trap shooting on club property. Decision reached by the Outdoor range committee.

12/14/94: If an application is not approved, then the applicant and sponsor shall be notified by mail and a hearing granted if requested.

4/96: **Proposal to amend By Laws** for leave of absence.

6/12/96: Above proposal was passed.

12/17/98: Board of Director's Meeting

Increase dues to \$35 per year.

1/9/02: Tile going in on clubhouse floor in February.

4/10/02: Motion passed to incorporate certain items of doing business as Standard Operating Procedures so we don't have to keep amending the By Laws. No mention of what these items are were included in the minutes.

9/11/02: Dedication of new flag and flagpole by President Don Lane.

Minutes that are missing: 3/1968 through 1/1969  
9/1976 through 1/1980  
10/1989 through 1992