

Angle Tree Stone Rod & Gun Club



Life Membership Guidelines.



Life membership is an honor bestowed on individual club members who's exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has a provided measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time.

Honorary Life Membership is recognized by Angle Tree Stone Rod and Gun Club as the highest recognition that can be awarded onto a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution; it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

Processes and Criteria

Nomination

- I. Any member can be nominated by any current member with the nomination seconded by at least one other current member. Each current member is allowed to nominate one nominee per year.
- II. Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples meeting the criteria.
- III. This should be a written document and signed by the nominating members and passed to the Membership Committee by September 1st to further research the nomination and report back to the Board of Directors.
- IV. Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
- V. In the event that the nominee is serving on the Membership Committee or the Board of Directors at the time of nomination, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
- VI. In the event that the Membership Committee believes the nomination is worthy of life membership a majority is required to formalize the nomination.
- VII. The Membership Committee will present the nomination to the Board of Directors at the November Board of Directors meeting for the final ratification of the nomination. The awarding of life membership shall take place at the annual meeting in December.
- VIII. Life Membership must be recorded in the club's official records.
- IX. The granting of life membership and the recipients service to the club should be publicized in the clubs media and any other club communication tool considered appropriate.
- X. Living Life members cannot exceed 4% of the general membership. (4% of 500 = 20)
- XI. The Secretary of the Club will send a letter to the recipient asking him/her to be present at the annual membership meeting in December to accept the Lifetime Membership Award.

Honorary Life Membership – Benefits

- I. Full membership for life with no membership fees.
- II. A commemorative Award and Badge.
- III. Recognition on the Club Honor Plaque .

Criteria

Life membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Granting life membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominees strengths against the various criteria will vary.

For any of the relevant criteria the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the club and membership.

- I. Required 15 years club membership. Less than 15 years may be considered if exceptional circumstances are involved.
- II. Required 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the club, these roles may include but not be restricted to – service on a committee, coordinator roles, fund raising activities, committee and/or event support roles making significant contributions, Board member or elected officer, editor of Club publications or website , Chair of a delegated committee etc.

Suggestions to assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered.

- I. The nominees should be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the running of the Club over the majority of those years. This may include significant contributions while holding positions as an officer or committee member of the Club, making significant contributions to major projects of the Club, and multiple active roles within the Club is the most obvious indicator of outstanding service to the Club, deserving of Life Membership.
- II. Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples meeting the criteria using Angle Tree Rod and Gun Club's Life Membership Nomination Form.
- III. The Nomination Form should be a written document and signed by the nominating members and passed to the Chairman of the Membership Committee by September 1st to further research the nomination and report back to the Board of Directors. The Membership Committee will then evaluate the nominations to determine if any of the nominees meet the criteria for life membership. If none of the nominees meet the criteria for life membership in a given year, the Membership Committee will recommend that no life membership award be granted that year. The Membership Committee may not recommend more than one nominee for life membership in a single year. If more than one nominee meets the criteria in a single year, the Membership Committee will determine which one of the nominees will be eligible for life membership that year. In the event that two nominees being considered are exceptional and equally qualified by the Membership Committee, two nominees in that year may be submitted to the Board of Directors. The Membership Committee will submit their recommendation to the Board of Directors at the BOD meeting in November.
- III. The Board of Directors is not required to approve any nominee for life membership.
- IV. In the event that the Membership Committee believes the nomination is worthy of life membership a 2/3 majority by the Board of Directors by ballot is required to formalize the nomination.
- V. The Membership Committee will present the awarding of life membership and certificate to the new life member at the annual general meeting.
- VI. Has the nominee represented the club with distinction on state, regional, or local committees, associations, councils etc?
- VII. Has the nominee represented the club as a shooter in local and regional competitions?
- VIII. Has the nominee demonstrated attitude and demeanor that reflects dedication to the values of the club including good sportsmanship?
- IX. Has the nominee provided valued leadership around the club and is considered a role model?

Angle Tree Stone Rod and Gun Club's



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM



Nominator's Name:

Seconded by Name:

Member of Angle Tree Stone Rod and Gun Club that you wish to nominate:

Nominee Name:

For Life Membership at Angle Tree Stone Rod and Gun Club effective from the next Annual Meeting of the Club.

Nominator's Signature Date / /

Seconded by Signature. : Date / /

I have read the criteria and believe that this nominee complies with the criteria and has made a meritorious contribution to the Club as detailed below.

To help in considering the nomination, the following outline describes how the nominee has benefitted the sport of shooting, under the following headings (where applicable):

1. Detail the ways in which the nominee has made a significant contribution to the management of the Club over an extensive period of time, **not just a few years**. As accurately as you can please list titles of positions held and the period and the nominee's activities and achievements. (If necessary use back of this sheet.)

Angle Tree Rod and Gun Club Committees/Positions/Activities and Achievements:

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Please submit this LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM to

Angle Tree Membership Committee P.O. Box 1243, Attleboro Falls, MA 02763