## **HOW TO BECOME A BRC MEMBER**

- 1. You must be a member of the National Rifle Association NO EXCEPTIONS. Membership in your State Association is suggested but not required.
- 2. Two current members are required to sponsor you. These member must already have their white badges, meaning they have completed their first two years of membership and are in good standing with the club.
- 3. Understand that the members sponsoring you are vouching for you and putting their own membership on the line. Given the opportunity to become a new member, your actions reflect directly on your sponsors, good or bad.
- 4. How to get to know club members:
  - Club board meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. These are posted on our calendar. Start coming to the board meetings and get to know the club members. On your first visit, arrive early, find a member of the executive board and introduce yourself. You will then be given the opportunity at the end of the meeting to:
    - Introduce and tell us about yourself.
    - Announce your intention to become a member, why you would like to become a member and are looking for a sponsor or sponsors.
  - Another benefit of going to the meetings is to see who is in charge of the various disciplines the club offers. See who participates in the shooting area that you are interested in. This is the fastest way for members to get to know you.
  - Most shooting disciplines have open to the public events. Start attending the ones that interest you. They are all on the calendar.
  - There are monthly work days scheduled where various tasks are done including but not limited to cleanup and maintenance. This is a good opportunity to get acquainted with members and the club grounds/ranges.
  - Through the members you get to know you will learn more about the club and all it has to offer.
  - I can personally vouch for this process. I didn't know any member of this club. I introduced myself at a meeting, showed up for work days and Monday night trap shooting. Got to know different members, gained their friendship, their respect, and thankfully their sponsorship.
- 5. Get an application at the club or download one on line. Your application is due on December 31st of the year before the year you wish to join. Remember that we only take in members once a year, the second Wednesday of March.
- 6. DUES: The night that you become a member of the Beloit Rifle Club you will need to pay ("Base Rate") plus an ("Initiation Fee"), currently equal to two (2) times the "Base Rate". The current total is \$390.00. During your first, and following, membership year, if you volunteer 8 hours of work your dues will be the "Base Rate", as determined by the Board of Directors in December. If you choose not to volunteer, your dues will reflect the maximum yearly amount.
- 7. I'm sure you have many questions. This is just an introductory statement to get you started along the road to membership. Ask those who are acting as your sponsors for the answers to your questions, if they don't know ask at a meeting. Get a RULE BOOK from the website go over it with them. Part of your membership is the responsibility to know the rules the club functions under.

8.	Get your completed application to:  BRC Membership, 1831 Arrowhead Drive, Beloit, WI 53511