

# **Fish House Fish & Game Club**

## **By-Laws**

**December 5, 2017**

**The Fish House Fish & Game Club**

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### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the organization shall be:

**THE FISH HOUSE FISH & GAME CLUB**

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The object and purpose of this organization is hereby defined as follows:

#### **Section 1**

Encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting, trap shooting and archery among the residents of our community with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship.

#### **Section 2**

To propagate, protect and aid in the distribution of fish and game.

#### **Section 3**

To aid in the reforestation and the prevention of forest fires.

#### **Section 4**

To work for the enactment of sound conservation measures and to oppose all measures detrimental to sound conservation.

#### **Section 5**

To instruct junior club members in the proper handling of firearms and to also educate the true meaning of sportsmanship.

#### **Section 6**

To support sound legislation pertaining to the ownership and use of firearms and to oppose restrictive legislation regarding their ownership and use which may be detrimental to the interest of this club.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1**

Any citizen of the United States of suitable character, who is sixteen years of age, and sponsored by one members in good standing, may file a written application on a form provided by the Membership Committee. The applicant may be voted into membership by a majority of members at a monthly membership meeting. Also all prospective members, with the exception of anyone that cannot be present due to an active duty serving in the armed forces, shall be introduced in person to members present at a general meeting by his or her sponsor prior to being voted in. All new members will have a 90 day probation period.

A non-refundable initiation fee shall accompany all applications for membership. All members shall receive an ID card key for access to the club.

### **Section 2**

Youths aged five to fifteen are eligible for Junior Membership, provided they are sponsored by an adult member who shall assume responsibility for the conduct of such Junior Member. Junior Members are not voting members.

### **Section 3**

The dues of each member shall be \$75.00 per year, to be paid on or before the October annual meeting. A grace period will be dues paid by the October Board meeting if not paid by the October Board meeting a \$25.00 fee will be assessed and the total cost of the members dues will be \$100.00. If the members dues are not paid by the November meeting your membership will be dropped.

### **Section 4**

Any member who shall be found guilty of un-sportsmanlike conduct or of any conduct detrimental to the welfare of The Fish House Fish & Game Club organization may, upon a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors, present at any meeting of the board, be suspended from the membership for a period of three months, and may be recommended to the members for further action (Suspension or expulsion). A member shall be first given an opportunity, in person to appear before the club membership at the next regular or special meeting to speak on his or her own behalf.

### **Section 5**

By nomination of the Board of Directors and by a majority vote of the members, any deserving member in good standing, for a minimum of five consecutive years may be granted an honorary membership to the club. No dues shall be required of such honorary member.

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

### **Section 1**

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. To be eligible for any office, a member must have been in the organization at least five years in good standing, however, at the discretion of the board and with approval of the membership this requirement may be waived. The term length for officers shall be two years.

### **Section 2**

#### **President**

The President shall preside at all membership meetings of the organization, appoint all committees and shall be responsible for the functioning of the committees appointed by him. He shall act as the executive head of the organization and transact such business of the organization.

#### **Vice President**

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, have the same duties and powers of the President.

#### **Secretary**

The Secretary shall report a full and complete record of all proceedings at meetings of the organization. The Secretary must also carefully preserve all records in suitable books furnished by the organization and such records shall become the property of the organization. The Secretary shall have charge of all records and papers.

#### **Treasurer**

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect dues and all other monies due to the organization and to keep a record of the same, showing the source from which it was received. The Treasurer shall deposit, in a bank all monies received, pay all bills charged to the organization on approval of the President. He shall submit a report at each regular meeting, such a report to show all money collected and the source thereof, all money paid out and the purpose for which it was paid and the balance on hand at the date of the meeting. The Treasurers financial books shall be opened to all members at all regular meetings.

#### **Board of Directors**

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to carry out responsibilities of the club in a business-like manner between regular club meetings. The Board of Directors consists of the four elected club officers and five (5) separately elected directors. The term length for the additional directors shall be two years and shall be staggered from the election of club officers. In these bylaws the Executive committee is the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3**

#### **Election –Protocol**

Nominations for office shall be held during the August and September membership meeting. An individual can only be nominated to a single office. Elections will be held at the October meeting.

## **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

### **Section 1**

The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the first Tuesday of October, at such times and places as the Executive Committee may designate.

### **Section 2**

Membership meetings of the club shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at the club house or place as the Executive committee may designate. The Board of Director meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month at the club house or place as the executive committee may designate. Unless bad weather or falls on a holiday the membership meeting and board meeting will be held on the next Tuesday. Members will be notified by email if bad weather.

### **Section 3**

Under certain circumstances the Executive Committee or the President may call a special meeting of the club. Also ten or more voting members of good standing may make a written request to the President for such a meeting. These requests must also specify the objective of the special meeting.

### **Section 4**

#### **Order Of Business**

1. Call to order.
2. Reading of the minutes from previous meetings.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Reports from standing committees.
5. Report of special committees.
6. Unfinished (OLD) Business
7. New Business:
  1. Presentation of resolutions.
  2. Appointment of committees.
  3. Business pertaining to future activities.
8. Adjournment

### **Section 5**

No person that is a non-member of the club shall be present at any meeting of the club unless the President of the club invites him or her.

### **Section 6**

A notice of all special meetings of the club shall be made by the recording Secretary. Every member of the club should be notified at least five days prior to the date of such meetings. A special meeting is one that does not occur at the time referenced in Article V, Section 2.

### **Section 7**

At membership meetings, two (2) Officers and 10% of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum to conduct business of the club. At board meetings, Three (3) officers and

three (3) board members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business of the club. In the event of a tie vote, the motion will be deferred to another board meeting with a larger quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint the following standing committees following his or her election:  
Grounds – House and Hall – Advertising – By-Laws – Indoor Range – Outdoor Range – Ways and Means – Skeet and Trap – Fish and Game – Archery – Membership – Education

Special committees may be appointed to carry out certain specific duties and handle specific events when, in the opinion of the President, it is advisable.

It shall be the duty of each committee chairman to:

- A. Keep the members advised as to any pending legislation pertaining to firearms that may affect the use of rifles and pistols, and to report to the organization with recommendations in respect to such legislation.
- B. To cooperate with each other, especially in matters involving activities of joint committees.
- C. To keep the membership informed of the activities of his or her committees.
- D. To keep an accurate accounting record of all monies, received or paid, and shall submit a complete statement of his or her committee at each regular meeting.
- E. To deliver to the Recording Secretary, all instruments, documents, duplicate copies of correspondence, etc., and an up to date inventory of club equipment or supplies on hand with his or her committee at the end of the committee person's term.
- F. To keep the Advertising Committee informed of his or her committee, and to report any assistance as may be needed to make the committee as successful as possible.

### **Section 1**

#### **House and Hall**

The House and Hall Committee shall have charge of all beverages, and incidentals sold in the clubroom. Also the House Committee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all equipment in the clubroom.

### **Section 2**

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee shall have charge of, and be responsible for, all repairs, construction, and alteration of the clubhouse, property and shall have supervisory powers over any construction on the property of the organization in order that such construction be in keeping with the general appearance of the property as a whole. The buildings and Grounds Committee shall also have charge of, and be responsible for, all lands of the organization not specifically

allotted to other committees. Shall maintain the grounds improved and shall have charge of all future development.

### **Section 3**

#### **Ways and Means**

The Ways and Means Committee shall plan for raising funds necessary to maintain the organization.

### **Section 4**

#### **Range**

The Range Committees shall have charge of all rifle and pistol activities, both indoor and outdoor, and shall be responsible for keeping the places occupied by ranges in a neat and orderly condition, and shall be responsible for the supplies and equipment used on the ranges. The Range Committee shall be responsible for the safety of members and spectators at any event, and strictly enforce the various safety measures and rules enacted by the club pertaining to the shooting of rifles and pistols.

### **Section 5**

#### **Skeet and Trap**

The Skeet and Trap Committee shall have complete charge of any and all construction, alteration, operation and maintenance of the trap and skeet facilities of the organization. The Skeet and Trap Committee shall be responsible for the safety of members and spectators at any event, and strictly enforce the various safety measures and rules enacted by the club pertaining to the shooting of skeet and trap.

### **Section 6**

#### **Archery**

The Archery Committee shall have charge of, and be responsible for all equipment used in archery events and shall make arraignments for, and conduct all archery contests. The Archery Committee shall be responsible for the safety of members and spectators of any event, and strictly enforce the various safety measures and rules enacted by the club pertaining to the shooting of Archery.

### **Section 7**

#### **Fish and Game**

The Fish and Game Committee shall have the charge of, and be responsible for the distribution of any and all fish and game received from outside sources. They shall also have charge of any propagation of fish or game by the organization.

### **Section 8**

#### **Membership**

It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to take all measures as may be necessary to ascertain the qualification and fitness of all applicants, and to report their findings to the members of the organization. To collect dues from paying members and keep an accurate, up to date membership list.

**Section 9**

**Advertisement**

It shall be the duty of the Advertisement Committee to publicize the activities and announcements the organization has either planned or held, including competitor names, scores, contest monies and contest winning weights into local newspapers and magazines.

**Section 10**

**Entertainment**

It shall be the duty of The Entertainment Committee to arrange and supervise all programs of entertainment as directed by the club.

**Section 11**

**By-Laws**

It shall be the duty of The By-Laws Committee to make, record, revise and clarify by-laws set forth by Executive and approved by general members.

**Section 12**

**Education**

It shall be the duty of the education committee to arrange and supervise all programs pertaining to hunters safety and education programs held at the club.

**Section 13**

**Finance Committee**

It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to oversee all financial activities in cooperation with the treasurer.

**ARTICLE VII**

**FINANCES**

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay, not to exceed \$500.00 (changed from \$250.00) in one instance, other than operating expenses, on the order of the president to cover emergencies arising between meetings where there is not opportunity for the membership to act. In the event that it becomes necessary to sell, lease or transfer in title, property or portion thereof, considered as owned by The Fish House Fish and Game Club, a 2/3rds vote of the members in good standing shall be required for its approval.

The President and Treasurer are required to sign any documentation to obtain club financing.

Operation of the club will be based on a member approved, annual budget which includes operation, reserve, and capital improvement funds.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Organizations**

Any organization formed by members within the club shall be subjected to the constitution and By-Laws and all rules and regulations of the club. All such organizations using the club facilities

and properties must have the approval of the Executive Committee. All permanent additions and monies expended becomes the property of the club.



**ARTICLE IX  
GENERAL**

**Section 1  
Abidance**

All members upon joining and becoming members of the club, thereby pledge to abide by this constitution and all rules and regulations of the club without recourse. They thereby agree to do so and to be regulated by them, and further agree that all relations within the club shall be finally fixed and decided by the club at large and no other body, legal or otherwise.

**ARTICLE X  
AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended in whole or in part by a majority of the members present in a regular meeting, provided the proposed changes have been read at a previous regular meeting.

**ARTICLE XI  
USE OF CLUB PROPERTY**

It is required that a refundable \$50.00 deposit and a \$100.00 donation be collected from any member who chooses to have a party for over ten (10) people at the club. (This deposit may be waived under certain circumstances by order of the board of directors) This member must contact both the House and Range Chairpersons at least one (1) month in advance to coordinate any such function to avoid conflicting engagements, and have the house chairperson post the event on the Club Calendar. A member shall be financially responsible for any damage incurred while using clubhouse and or grounds over the \$50.00 deposit, with the exception of normal wear and tear.

**APPROVAL**

The BY-LAWS were submitted to the membership for approval on:

December 5, 2017

The BY-LAWS were approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting  
on:

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Frank Tokarowski  
PRESIDENT

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