

LAND O' LAKES FISH AND GAME CLUB, INC.

"A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organizations"

Constitution and Bylaws

Revised July, 2021

CONSERVATION PLEDGE:

*I give my pledge as an American,
to save and faithfully to defend from waste,
the natural resources of my country –
its soil and minerals, its forests,
waters and wildlife.*

PREAMBLE

We, as citizens of the United States, vitally interested in the welfare of our Northwoods, believing a well-planned program of game and fish management essential to the preservation, propagation and protection of its fish and game, and desiring to do our part in making such a program effective, do hereby form an organization to be known as the Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club, Inc. The purpose of this club shall be the furtherance of the idea of protection and restoration of our fish and game as well as our forests, lakes, and streams, and to cooperate with the Departments of Natural Resources, the US Forest Service and other governmental agencies whenever possible, in its various phases of natural resource management, to observe all conservation laws and to spread the doctrine of wildlife conservation at every opportunity.

To further these worthy objectives, this organization has been created and has adopted the following as its Constitution and Bylaws.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

- Section 1 The Land O' Lakes Fish & Game Club shall be a voluntary association.
- Section 2 Its object shall be the preservation of our game, fish, wildlife, forests, lakes, and streams.
- Section3 Bylaws consistent with this constitution shall be adopted by the Club and such Bylaws shall make provision for their amendment or repeal.

Article II

- Section 1 A Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) members as defined herein shall govern the Club.
- Section 2 The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section3 Duties of the officers shall be prescribed by the Bylaws.
- Section4 Club Officers shall be elected from and by the Board of Directors at their first meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

- Section 5 Term Limitation – Members of the Board of Directors shall serve for three (3) year terms and may serve consecutive terms.
- Section 6 Term of Directors – For the purpose of and to establish a pattern wherein there will be a carry-over from year to year of at least four (4) Directors on the Board, the terms of Directors shall be designated as: for the first year three(3) Directors whose term shall be for three (3) years, two (2) Directors whose term shall be for two (2) years, and two (2) Directors whose term shall be for on (1) year. Thereafter, two (2) or three (3)Directors shall be elected each year for three (3) year terms, plus such others as may be necessary to fill vacant terms.
- Section 7 A quorum of Directors shall consist of four members on all matters coming before the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

- Section 1 There shall be two categories of membership: (1) individual memberships and (2) business memberships. Business memberships shall be non-voting.

ARTICLE IV

- Section 1 Annual calendar dues to the organization shall be fixed by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

- Section 1 This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds or greater vote of the members present but not less than aquorum at the annual meeting. The change must be submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

- Section 1 The annual meeting of the organization shall be held in July on a date called by the President at which time the Directors of the Board are to be elected and any changes to the Constitution and ByLaws voted upon.
- Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of 25 members.
- Section 3 Meetings of the members of the organization shall be provided by its Bylaws.

ARTICLE II – Quorum

- Section 1 Ten percent of the membership, but not less than 25, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLEIII – Duties of the Members

Section 1 The membership shall act upon matters pertaining to the conduct of the affairs of the club and matters pertaining to its welfare. It shall fill vacancies in office and shall perform such other duties as imposed upon it by the club or prescribed by the Bylaws.

Section 2 Committees, as assigned by the President, shall perform such duties as fall within the scope of that committee. Each committee shall incur only such expenses as shall have the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – Duties of the Officers

Section 1 The President, upon election shall appoint committees, both standing and/or Ad-Hoc as may be deemed necessary to handle the various activities and commitments of the club. The President shall preside at meetings of the organization and perform such duties as are incident to this office.

Section 2 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Section 3 The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings and have charge of the records of the organization and shall attend to correspondence and such other duties as prescribed by the Bylaws and as are incident to this office.

Section 4 The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the organization and disburse the same under the direction of the Board of Directors, account to their successor for any balance unexpended and perform such other duties as are incident to this office. The Treasurer shall keep the Club's records in such a condition to make possible an annual audit. The Treasurer shall deposit all money in such bank as selected by the Board of Directors in the name of the Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Club, Inc.

ARTICLE V – Dues

Section 1 Every member shall pay such annual dues as may be fixed by the members at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI – Disbursements

Section 1 All expenditures shall be approved by the Board of Directors. All bills shall be paid by check or electronic transfer, such checks to be signed by two or more of the officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary.

ARTICLE VII – Nominations

Section 1 Nominations of candidates for Directors of the Board shall be made by a committee consisting of three members appointed by the President. This committee shall present its candidates at the regular meeting one month before the annual meeting. Further nominations of candidates for Directors of the Board may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – Installation of Officers

Section 1 The officers shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Directors following the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX – Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1 These Bylaws may be amended, added to, or repealed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the organization. The change must be submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Article X – Meeting Notifications

Section 1 All members in good standing (dues paid by July 1st of the current year) to be notified by mail, e-mail, or publication of annual meetings. Including any items to be discussed such as constitution and bylaw changes and individuals proposed as directors.

ARTICLE XI – Order of Business

Section 1 Robert’s Rules of Order will apply to all meetings.

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