

SPORTSMAN FISHING CLUB

Braidwood, IL

CONSTITUTION

***** PREAMBLE *****

The Purpose of this club shall be the coordination of individual effort toward the instruction and learning of fishing techniques; observance of all conservation laws, the formulation of practical fish regulations; and the spreading of the doctrine of wildlife conservation at every opportunity.

The Sportsman Fishing Club will also be devoted to the fishing of all species of fish, not just one species. We will also help get young people involved into the fishing world.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The club shall be a voluntary association and shall be known as the Sportsman Fishing Club.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be the preservation of all game fish, and to help procure the enactment of desirable legislation insuring their better protection, and in general to promote a closer unity and fellowship among all true sport fishermen and lovers of nature. To prevent the polluting of all waters and protect all fishing waters and boundaries preservation for future anglers. To enhance the quality of the fisheries and the environment in and around the area of Shadow Lakes.

ARTICLE III

LOCATION

The permanent headquarters of this club shall be in the City of Braidwood, County of Will, State of Illinois.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person of good moral character, who has pledged his active support of the objectives and purpose of this club, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2: All applicants must be a lot owner or family member of a lot owner at Shadow Lakes II Association.

Section 3: Every member shall pay dues of \$35.00 annually (family membership) in the first week of May of each year. There shall be a ninety-day grace period.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

- Section 1:* The regular meetings will be held on the third (3rd) Sunday of each month at the Amenity Center at 9 a.m. during the months of January through November. Any change of this will be designated by the club officers.
- Section 2:* The annual meeting will be held in September of each year beginning in May 2010.
- Section 3:* Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or upon request of five or more members.
- Section 4:* Notice of the time and place of any special meetings shall be given by mail to each member at least five days prior to the date of such meetings.
- Section 5:* At the annual meeting, the officers of the club shall be elected to serve for a period of one year or until their successors are chosen by special elections, if they are unable to fulfill their term.

ARTICLE VI

LIST OF OFFICERS

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary who own lots in each of the developed sections of Shadow Lakes II Association (Explorer Village, Fisherman Village, Fossil Cove Village and Tully Monster Village).

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1:* It shall be the duty of the *President* to preside at all meetings of the club and he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall also appoint chairmen of the various committees.
- Section 2:* It shall be the duty of the *Vice-President* to carry out the duties of the President in his absence. He is also an ex-officio member of the club committees.
- Section 3:* It shall be the duty of the *Treasurer* to receive all monies paid into the club, render a just account of the same and to make a report at each meeting. He shall also present the annual budget at the beginning of each year.
- Section 4:* It shall be the duty of the *Secretary* to keep a correct record of all transactions with the exception of monies, of the club and the members thereof, send out notices at the order of the President, and such clerical work as he may be called upon to do from time to time.
- Section 5:* The officers mentioned together shall have supervision and direction of the affairs of the club between business meetings and shall discuss and make recommendations on any matters concerning the membership. A report shall be made to the members of any such meeting and the members shall vote on any decisions.

- Section 6:* The President shall not cast a vote on any matter unless his vote is needed to break a draw vote.
- Section 7:* Any officer missing three meetings in a row or unable to continue his duties shall be replaced by a special election held at a regular meeting.
- Section 8:* Officers may not hold office for a lifetime.
- Section 9:* Prior to the next special elections, the President (or in his absence, the Vice President) shall appoint a temporary replacement for any office unable to continue his duties.

ARTICLE VII

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- Section 1:* For good cause shown, or upon written complaint of two or more members addressed to the President and members of the club, a member may after investigation, be suspended or expelled by a majority secret ballot vote at any regular or special meeting, provided that in each case, the member in question be given the privilege of a hearing. The hearing will be chaired by the executive committee and at least three members in good standing.
- Section 2:* Any member who resigns, forfeits his membership, or is expelled from the club in any of the ways herein provided, shall forfeit any dues or other monies he may have paid into the club.
- Section 3:* Any member whose dues shall remain unpaid for a period of ninety days, shall be considered as having resigned from membership, unless circumstances are such, after investigation and approval of the club officers, allowances will be made for such a member.

ARTICLE VIII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1:* The officers shall install a nomination committee comprising of three members who shall accept nominations from the floor, evaluate and publish to all members a slate of candidates for office. Publication of the slate of nominations must be at least one full week in advance of the September meeting.
- Section 2:* The election of officers will commence by floor vote/or secret ballot. A plurality of votes shall elect all officers. Ballots for the election shall list the slate of nominees, plus one space under each office for write-in nominees. Write-in nominees must be asked if they wish to hold office. Ballots indicating a vote for more than one candidate for each office will not be counted. Absentee or proxy ballots will not be allowed unless so stated. The nomination committee will supervise the conduct of elections and the custody and counting of ballots. Announcement of the results will be made by the committee chairman.

ARTICLE IX

QUORUMS

Seven members shall constitute a quorum. This does not include the club officers

ARTICLE X

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following order of business shall be observed at the regular meetings of the club.

1. Pledge
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. New Members
5. Roundtable
6. IDNR Report
7. Treasurer Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Comments
11. Adjourn
12. Raffle

ARTICLE XI

DISBURSEMENTS

All disbursements shall be paid by check which shall be signed by one officer up to \$300 without club floor approval. The budget shall be approved by the members by majority vote of those attending either a regular or annual meeting of the club.

ARTICLE XII

AUDITS

Books of the club must be audited yearly using U.S. Bank statements.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS OF THE BYLAWS

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended, added to or repealed by a two-thirds majority of members present at any regular or special meeting of the members of the club.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended from time to time as new amendments may come to be needed. Rules for a quorum apply for this article.