

# LAND O' LAKES FISH AND GAME CLUB, INC.

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

## Constitution and Bylaws

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### 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 state, believing a well planned program of game and fish management essential to the preservation, propagation and protection of its fish and game supply, 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.
- Section 3 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.
- Section 3 Duties of the officers shall be prescribed by the Bylaws.
- Section 4 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) 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.
- Section 2 Two persons of a business holding a business membership shall have the privileges of an individual membership.

## **ARTICLE IV**

- Section 1 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 vote of the members present but not less than the quorum at any regular meeting. The amendment 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 the month of 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 By-Laws 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.

### **ARTICLE III – 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 his/her 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. He/She shall preside at meetings of the organization and perform such duties as are incident to his/her 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 the meeting 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 his/her 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 his/her successor for any balance unexpended and perform such other duties as are incident to his/her office. He/She shall keep his/her records in such a condition as well make possible an annual audit. He/She 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 meeting one month before 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 any regular or special meeting of the organization.

#### **Article X – Meeting Notifications**

Section 1 All members in good standing to be notified by mail, email or publication of annual meetings.

#### **ARTICLE XI – Order of Business**

Section 1 Robert's Rules of Order will apply.