

Chapter By-Laws of
Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc.

Article 1

1.01 CORPORATE NAME. The name of the corporation is Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. All chapters must include in their chapter name, Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc.

Article 2

2.01 ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE. The promotion and study of whitetail deer is to include the financial support of organizations and institutions doing research of the whitetail deer, disease control, Wisconsin Hunter Education, and deer/bear studies. The corporation will be open to support other organizations and learning institutions, only in the State of Wisconsin, which help in the study of whitetail deer, ecology and its effects on the deer population, sound deer management, and the cooperation will all individuals interested in conserving the wildlife habitat to ensure a bountiful deer population, whether for the sport of deer hunting or otherwise, in future years, as the corporation sees fit.

2.02 CHAPTER CHARTERING. To be classified as a chapter of Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc., each chapter must be chartered by the State Headquarters. To obtain and maintain the status as a chartered chapter of Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. it is mandatory that each chapter which is chartered, contribute to the support of the organization by sponsoring an annual membership banquet. The first banquet to be held within twelve (12) months of charter issuance.

2.03 CHARTER REVOCATION. Any chapter charter may be revoked by a majority affirmative vote of the current Board of Directors of Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. whenever in its judgment, it is in the best interest of the corporation. No chapter shall ever be discriminated against in any way, on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law. Upon chapter charter revocation, the specific chapter mentioned, shall lose any and all rights and privileges granted to a chapter and become null and void.

Article 3

3.01 PRINCIPAL CORPORATE STATE HEADQUARTERS LOCATION. The state Headquarters of the corporation shall be located at P.O. Box 48 Neshkoro, WI 54960-0048.

Article 4
Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. Membership Classifications

4.01 CLASSIFICATIONS. Any contributors to the corporation shall be called members and classified in the following categories:

(a) **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.** A person paying annual dues shall be classified as an annual member.

(b) **LIFE MEMBER.** A person paying life dues shall be classified as a life member.

(c) **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.** A person who has displayed exceptional accomplishments for the betterment of Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. and for the purpose for which it exists, may be elected by the Board of Directors for honorary membership, and shall be classified as an honorary member for life.

4.02 DUES. Any and all membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and corporate officers, and are subject to change from time to time.

Article 5
State Executive Board of Directors

5.01 GENERAL POWERS AND NUMBER. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its State Executive Board of Directors. Each chapter shall elect two (2) members to serve as members of the State Executive Board of Directors. Since decisions affecting the business and affairs of the corporation will be made by the proper representation of each chapter, minutes of each meeting, upon its completion and the vote of each of the State Executive Board of Directors, shall be recorded by the Corporate Secretary and mailed to the President of each chapter to keep them properly informed and updated on current business proceedings.

Article 6

Corporate Officers, Chapter Officers, Committee Members and State Delegates

6.01 CORPORATE OFFICERS NUMBER. The principal corporate officers shall be as follows:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer - Legal Advisor
- (e) Other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary.

6.02 CHAPTER OFFICERS NUMBER. The principal officers of each chapter shall be as follows:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Other officers and assistant officers as each chapter may deem necessary.

6.03 ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. All corporate officers shall hold their offices for a two year term, with President and Secretary elections one year, and the Vice President and Treasurer the alternate year. Upon vacancy of one of the corporate officers' positions, the existing Corporate Officers and the State Executive Board of Directors shall elect or appoint a qualified member to fill that position. All chapter officers shall be elected with a term to be established by each individual chapter. Each principal chapter officer shall hold his/her office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until the officer's death, resignation, or removal.

The individual chapters shall be completely responsible for providing the State Headquarters with a revised list of elected chapter officers immediately following their election.

6.04 REMOVAL. Any principal officer, chapter state delegate, board of director or committee member from each chapter, may be removed by a majority vote of all current chapter officers and committee members whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the individual chapter will be served. Chapter officers and committee members shall not discriminate against any members on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law. Upon death, a chapter officer shall be terminated from all classifications of membership.

6.05 RESIGNATION. A principal chapter officer, state delegate, board of director or committee member, may voluntarily resign by giving at least thirty (30) days notice to the chapter president of their resignation.

6.06 VACANCIES. A vacancy in any principal chapter office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by an individual selected by the individual chapter according to their specific policies.

6.07 DUTIES OF CORPORATE PRESIDENT. The corporate president shall:

- (a) Preside at all meetings of the corporation and State Executive Board of Directors.
- (b) Make interim appointments as and if needed.
- (c) Sign all corporate documents with the Corporate Secretary.
- (d) Call all meetings when it is necessary.
- (e) Sign all corporate checks or approve all corporate checks with the Corporate Treasurer-Legal Advisor.
- (f) Handle any other corporate business and affairs as may be needed.

6.08 DUTIES OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT. The chapter president shall:

- (a) Preside at all meetings of the chapter.
- (b) Appoint the committee heads.
- (c) Make interim appointments as needed.
- (d) Sign all chapter documents with the chapter secretary.
- (e) Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- (f) Call meetings when necessary.
- (g) Sign all chapter checks or approve all chapter checks with the chapter treasurer.
- (h) Handle any other chapter business and affairs as needed.

6.09 DUTIES OF CORPORATE VICE-PRESIDENT. The corporate vice-president shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the Corporate President in his absence.
- (b) Perform any and all duties assigned by the Corporate President.

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6.11 DUTIES OF THE CORPORATE SECRETARY. The corporate secretary shall:

- (a) Record the minutes of any and all corporate and State Executive Board of Directors meetings, sending out copies of the minutes and the results of any decisions made by votes to the President of each individual chapter upon completion of each meeting.
- (b) Along with the Corporate President, shall sign all documents of the corporation.
- (c) Keep any other pertinent records concerning the operation of the corporation and the fulfillment of the Corporate Secretary's duties.
- (d) Submit the typed or printed membership list for each chapter within thirty (30) days of all net banquet proceeds, less banquet expenses, after the chapter has held its annual banquet.
- (e) Perform any and all other duties for the corporation as deemed necessary.

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- (b) Along with the chapter president, shall sign all documents for the chapter.
- (c) Keep any other records concerning the operation of the chapter and the fulfillment of the chapter secretary's duties.
- (d) Submit the typed or printed banquet membership list within thirty (30) days following the individual chapter's banquet date, to the State Headquarters.
- (e) Be responsible for providing the State Headquarters with a revised list of elected/appointed chapter officers.
- (f) Perform any and all other duties for the chapter as deemed necessary.

6.13 DUTIES OF THE CORPORATE TREASURER-LEGAL ADVISOR. The corporate treasurer-legal advisor shall:

- (a) Have charge of all funds of the corporation.
- (b) Sign all Corporate checks with the Corporate President.
- (c) Submit an annual financial report to the Corporate President at the end of the (WDI's fiscal year), with copies of that report to be sent to each individual chapter and a copy to the State Executive Board of Directors so they will be properly informed.
- (d) Keep restricted funds of the corporation in separate accounts.
- (e) Perform all other financially related duties as required by the corporation.
- (f) Provide an annual narrative description of any projects for which corporate monies were utilized.
- (g) Keep up with current State and Federal Laws pertaining to the proper and lawful operation of Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. and its chapters, properly informing all concerned as to what is expected of them.

6.14 DUTIES OF THE CHAPTER TREASURER. The chapter treasurer shall:

- (a) Have charge of all chapter funds.
- (b) Sign all chapter checks with the president.
- (c) Submit an annual financial report to the State Headquarters and the chapter president at the end of (WDI's fiscal year).
- (d) Keep restricted funds of the chapter in separate accounts.
- (e) Perform all other financially related duties as required by the chapter.
- (f) Provide an annual narrative description of any projects for which chapter funds were utilized.
- (g) Complete and submit all forms and net funds concerning membership banquets and other activities, according to the by-laws, to the State Headquarters.

6.15 COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

(a) The number of committee members, selection and approval, term and filling vacancies, shall be up to the discretion of each individual chapter.

(b) Each chapter shall elect two (2) committee members.

6.16 DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The committee members shall:

(a) Attend all meetings of the chapter.

(b) Serve on various committees as deemed necessary.

(c) Present suggested proposals regarding chapter activities and the expenditure of chapter funds.

(d) Participate and have equal voting rights concerning all chapter decisions as stipulated by these by-laws.

6.17 STATE DELEGATES.

(a) Each chapter shall elect two (2) State Delegates.

(b) Principal chapter officers and committee members shall elect the State Delegates.

(c) Delegates will review all proposals submitted and make the final decisions.

(d) Vote to select subsequent State Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer for the next Annual State Meeting.

(e) Will attend an annual meeting of all State Delegates for the purpose of reviewing, discussing, and dispersing of all State Funds to appropriate projects which qualify for disbursement under Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. By-Laws Article 2, Section 2.01. State Delegates will in no way be restricted from discussing other WDI business and affairs. Suggestions and innovative ideas will always be welcomed by the State Headquarters.

**Policies For Percentages
And Disbursement Of Funds To Local Chapters**

7.01 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET.

- (a) All monies generated from the Chapter Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. Annual Membership Banquet, will be properly accounted for, listing all revenue and expenses directly attributing to the chapter banquet.
- (b) All net banquet proceeds less \$20.00 per person attending chapter banquets will remain with each chapter to be spent as they wish. Each chapter will forward a banquet summary to the State Headquarters along with \$20.00 from each person attending their annual banquet to be put into a State fund to be used for State Headquarter expenses and projects determined by the State Delegates at the annual meeting.
- (c) Banquet revenue shall include: all contributions, activities, raffles, auctions, etc. connected in any way with the Annual Membership Banquet.

7.02 All monies generated at a chapter level pertaining to Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. from such activities as: donor banquets, chapter picnics, cabin fever classics, raffles, seminars, bow shoots, booths, etc. shall be properly accounted for and a financial report sent to the State Headquarters, upon completion of such activity, for accountability purposes. It will be up to the discretion of the State Executive Board of Directors, upon a majority vote, as to wheather or not a percentage from such activities should be retained by the State Headquarters for the use in corporate operational costs, or to have the percentage put into the State Fund.

Article 8

8.01 POLICIES FOR DISBURSEMENT AND EXPENDITURE OF CHAPTER FUNDS.

- (a) It will be totally up to the discretion of each individual chapter as to how and on what projects, they wish to spend their proceeds of their Annual Membership Banquet net proceeds.
- (b) When all funds are expended at a local chapter level, a properly prepared report shall be made, listing the specific use of the funds, and sent to the State Headquarters.

Article 9

9.01 FILING OF RECORDS AND REPORTS.

- (a) All records and reports pertinent to the operation of the chapter shall be maintained by the chapter secretary, with a copy to be provide to the chapter president. Any reports or financial records will be provided to any governmental agency as required by applicable laws and regulations. All reports and records are subject to inspection.

9.02 LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES.

(a) In accordance with State and Federal Law as well as the Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc. By-Laws, no chapter shall carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) and/or as prohibited by the Wisconsin Non-Stock Corporation Law, Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

9.03 FUNDS LIMITED ON DISSOLUTION.

(a) In the event of dissolution of a chapter, all remaining assets, after meeting the satisfaction of all remaining obligations of the chapter, shall be turned over to the State Headquarters to be distributed for the purposes within the scope of the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) or amendments thereof.

9.04 DEPOSITORY.

- (a) All funds of the chapter shall be deposited in a bank account for the chapter.
- (b) The treasurer and /or the president, may open accounts at a local bank for the deposit of chapter funds.
- (c) Two (2) chapter officers signatures will be required for the withdrawal of any chapter funds.

9.05 ANNUAL REPORTS.

- (a) Yearly financial statements shall be sent to the State Headquarters.

Article 10
Amendments

10.01 STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- (a) These chapter by-laws may be amended or revised by the State Executive Board of Directors by a majority vote.
- (b) All proposed amendments shall be given to the State Executive Board in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to their scheduled meeting.

10.02 CHAPTER OFFICERS.

- (a) A copy of any of these amendments to the by-laws shall be submitted to each chapter.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

No person who has worked against, or been affiliated with any other organization which has been uncooperative toward the Corporation (club) should be allowed as a member. Once a member, any person who shows hostility or works against the principles of the Corporation, can be removed as a member, whether he or she is an officer, director, or member pursuant to the following procedure. Notice of alleged acts of hostility or actions against the principles of the Corporation and the Executive Boards intent to remove the members from the Corporation shall be made in writing to the member by majority vote of the Executive Board at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The member shall have the right to request a hearing before the Executive Board, such request shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting. The Executive Board may withdraw its intention of seeking removal from the Corporation or proceed to present the allegations and seek removal at the Annual Meeting. The member shall have the right to present information and appear before the Annual Meeting of the Corporation in regard to the request to remove the member. A majority vote of the Annual Meeting of the corporation delegates shall determine whether the member is removed. Removal of the member by the Annual Meeting shall forfeit all rights of membership and shall constitute a forfeiture of membership dues.