



BY LAWS

OF THE

DANIEL BOONE CONSERVATION LEAGUE, INC.

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ARTICLE I

Purpose of the Corporation

The Purpose of the Corporation within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and Article II of the Articles of Incorporation shall be:

- (a) To assist in the restoration by keeping nature in balance and by providing habitat and natural propagation of wildlife wherever possible.
- (b) To promote genuine sportsmanship and equitable use of renewable resources.
- (c) To advance sound conservation education in all levels of learning.
- (d) To assist all local, state, and national agencies in the expansion of recreation areas open to the general public.
- (e) To assist in exposing and prosecuting of anyone who pollutes, defiles, defaces, misuses, or desecrates any of those things known as public property.
- (f) To cultivate good public relations with all landowners that they may be encouraged to permit use of their property for recreational purposes.
- (g) To work for equitable game laws.
- (h) To promote safety in the use of firearms and advocate the retention of "the right of the people to keep and bear arms" portion of the United States Constitution.
- (i) To enlist the help of all organizations to carry out these aims.
- (j) To conduct ourselves, that we the living, shall leave to the unborn something besides debts and depleted natural resources.

ARTICLE II

Board of Directors

Section 1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Directors. This includes such matters as making financial decisions as well as establishing Rules and Regulations for members. There shall be fifteen (15) Directors. The term of any member of the Board of Directors shall be for two (2) years.

Section 2. The membership of any Director shall be terminated by their death or written resignation. The Board of Directors may recommend termination, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, of a Director for any cause deemed sufficient. This recommendation must be in writing, with a copy given to the Director in question.

Section 3. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by election by the members at the first regular meeting following member notification, both in the corporation's newsletter and at a regular meeting. A majority vote of the members present at such meeting shall be sufficient to elect Directors.

Section 4. Any Board Director is allowed four (4) absences from meetings of the Board of Directors. After more than four absences in any calendar year, said Director shall automatically be terminated as a member of the Board of Directors, unless the absence(s) is (are) excused by a majority Board vote.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly. The time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors. Such meetings shall be referred to as regular Board meetings. Special Board meetings may be called by order of the President, or by petitions signed by at least five (5) members of the Board of Directors. Reasonable notice of meetings shall be sent to all Directors and Officers by the Corporate Secretary. At any official meeting of the Board of Directors a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The Members shall meet at the time and date as determined by the Board of Directors to transact such business as may come before said meeting. Said meetings shall be referred to as regular monthly meetings. The March regular meeting, or as selected by the Board, will be the annual meeting. Special meetings may be called by the order of the President. A quorum shall consist of twenty (20) members or two-thirds (2/3) of the Membership, whichever is smaller.

Section 3. The President, or in their absence the First Vice President, or in their absence, the Second Vice President, or in their absence any Director chosen by a majority of those present at a meeting, shall call the meeting to order, and shall act as Chairperson of such meeting. The Corporate Secretary should be at all meetings of the Board of Directors or General Membership. In the absence of the Corporate Secretary, the Presiding Officer may appoint any member to act as Corporate Secretary of the meeting.

Section 4. Voting by members at regular meetings, and by Directors at Board meetings, must be done in person. Voting by proxy is therefore not permitted.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The General Officers of the Corporation shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary and a Membership Secretary; each of whom shall be elected, along with other Directors, by the majority of members present at the regular December meeting of the Corporation. They will hold office until the next regular December meeting or until their successors are duly elected and installed. The President and Vice Presidents shall be chosen from the Board of Directors. Elections may be held later, per Board approval, in the event the regular December meeting cannot be held.

Section 2. Any vacancy occurring among the Officers shall be filled by election by the members at the first regular meeting following member notification, both in the corporation's newsletter and at a regular meeting. A majority vote of the members present at such meeting shall be sufficient to elect Officers. If a qualified applicant cannot be found, the Board of Directors will carry out the duties of the vacated position as long as necessary.

Section 3. Members holding the Offices of Corporate Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer may concurrently occupy an elected position on the Board of Directors. The office of President may not be held more than 2 consecutive terms by one person.

Section 4. Any Officer is allowed six (6) absences. After more than six absences per year, Board and regular Meetings combined, said Officer shall be automatically terminated from their office, unless the absence(s) is (are) excused by a majority Board vote.

Section 5. The principal duties and qualifications of the Officers shall be as follows:

- (a) The President shall preside at all regular and Board Meetings, preserve order, and enforce the By-laws of the League. They shall decide questions of order, subject to the appeal of the general Membership. The President shall have the deciding vote in case of a tie. The President shall countersign all orders, leases, and contracts worth more than \$10,000 with the Treasurer or Corporate Secretary. The President shall appoint/approve the chairperson of all standing Board committees and form any other Board committees as may be necessary, with the approval of the Board of Directors. They shall be ex-officio member of all committees. They shall have the power to order the Corporate Secretary to call special meetings, see that Bonds are procured as required, and shall perform such other suggested duties as are guided by "Robert's Rules of Order".
- (b) The First Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of absence or disability of the latter. The Second Vice President shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability of the President and of the First Vice President. Each shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon their office.
- (c) The Corporate Secretary shall keep a record of the Minutes of the Board of Directors and League meetings. Shall conduct the correspondence of the Corporation. Will keep the attendance record of Officers and Board of Directors of all Board and General Meetings. Shall be the custodian of the Corporate Seal, all deeds, leases, and any other legal conveyances executed by the Corporation. Along with the President may countersign all deeds, leases and any other legal conveyances executed by the Corporation. Shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such office.
- (d) The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all Corporate Funds. Will keep an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements, and banking transactions. Will, at the direction of the Board, pay all bills and keep a file of all original invoices. Will support activities of third-party accounting firm to file all governmental tax and other reports prior to due dates. Along with the President may countersign all deeds, leases and any other legal conveyances executed by the Corporation. Will make all of their records available to the President and the Finance Committee. Shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such office.
- (e) The Membership Secretary shall receive all applications for membership, send all membership renewals, issue appropriate cards or certificates showing evidence of membership and maintain an up-to-date roster of members. They shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such office.

ARTICLE V

Members

Section 1. Any person may be made a Member of the Corporation upon submission of a written application at a regular meeting. The application shall be approved by the majority of members present at the same regular meeting and immediately initiated. Each regular member in good standing shall have one vote on all matters submitted for vote of the membership. No junior, spousal or scholastic members shall have the right to vote.

Section 2. A member may be expelled for any cause deemed detrimental to the League and its aims. Expulsion will be by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board members present at a Board meeting.

Section 3. Those members who are 70 years old and having been a member for 25 years are eligible for dues and privileges as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The initiation fee for all membership categories will be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Annual dues for all membership categories will be determined by the Board of Directors. A member may reduce their yearly dues by an amount established by the Board of Directors, by performing actual services on accredited club functions. The minimum number of hours required for such dues reductions will be set by the Board: Senior Citizens, 65 or older, Veterans and the physically handicapped are exempt from the service requirement for dues reduction. Volunteer hours and exempt classification as "over 65", "Veteran", or "handicapped" must be reached by December 31st of the year prior to renewal year.

Section 6. All regular memberships shall expire as of December 31st. Notice of dues shall be sent on or about January 15th of renewal year by the Membership Secretary. Payment of annual dues is to be made by last day of February of renewal year. Late fees, as established by the Board, will be assessed each month following February due date.

Section 7. All new memberships after the first day of November shall include the following year.

Section 8. Any member in good standing who must leave the area for any reason or who is called into the armed services or cannot use the facilities due to an extended serious medical condition may receive a withdrawal card, which would hold in abeyance the payment of dues and retain inactive membership for a period of up to five (5) years.

Section 9. If a junior member has been a member at least two (2) years, they may be admitted to the regular or scholastic membership without any additional initiation fee. Those transferred with less than two (2) years continuous membership shall be charged the difference between the regular or scholastic and junior initiation fee.

Section 10. The membership is to be confidential property of the Membership Secretary. Use within the League of the list must have the approval of the Board of Directors. The list is not to be used for any purpose outside of the league.

Section 11. There will be no initiation of new members at the December general meeting. No guests will be permitted at the general meeting in December. Members attending the December meeting, which is the election meeting, will be required to present at the door a current year's membership card before entering the meeting to receive a ballot. In the event the December general meeting cannot be held, elections will be a subsequent general meeting, as decided by the Board.

Section 12. Rules governing classes of members, being ~~four (4) six (6)~~ in number; Regular membership, Spousal membership, Junior membership, ~~and~~ Scholastic membership, ~~honorary life membership, and annual honorary membership~~, shall be as defined by the League By-laws.

~~Section 13. Annual honorary members, who receive their membership for service in the advancement of the purposes and objectives of the Corporation, shall be by the discretion of the Board of Directors. Said annual honorary members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a regular member.~~

Section ~~13~~ ~~14~~. Spousal membership: The spouse of a member may become a spousal member of the League with initiation fees, dues and privileges as determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership. Qualification for spousal membership ceases should the regular membership lapse or be revoked.

Section ~~14~~ ~~15~~. Scholastic membership: Full-time students between the ages of 18 & 23. They may become a Scholastic member of the League with initiation fees, dues and privileges as determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the Membership. They must provide proof of their full-time student status to the Membership Secretary.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint, with the advice of the Board, members to chair and sit on each active formal Board committee.

Section 2. The President may constitute such other committees as in their discretion as they deem necessary and/or proper. Committee chairpersons and members need not be members of the Board.

Section 3. Any members of a formal Board committee may be removed by the President in their discretion with the consent and approval of the Board.

Section 4. All rules and other actions of such committees shall conform to rules or action of the League. All formal Board committee actions are subject to approval and modification by the Board of Directors to make such actions conform to those of the League.

Section 5. There will be an annual, independent, third-party financial analysis of all of the financial affairs of the Corporation (the "Financial Analysis"). The findings of the Financial Analysis shall be reported to the Board of Directors upon its completion.

Section 6. The Financial Analysis shall be performed by a person or entity selected by the Board of Directors (the "Financial Analyst"). Any such person shall not be a Director or Officer of the Corporation or a relative of a Director or Officer. Any such entity shall not be owned, operated, or associated with any Director or Officer of the Corporation or any relative of a Director or Officer.

Section 7. The Finance Committee of the Corporation will consist of the President, the Treasurer, and any member of the Board of Directors who cares to participate. The Finance Committee will be in charge of reviewing all of the Corporation's financial affairs."

Section 8 All Chairpersons of leagues, matches, activities, and/or events are accountable to the Board of Directors and shall report to the Board annually. This includes activities involved, defined rules, and financials of the respective league, match, activity and/or event.

ARTICLE VII

Execution of Instruments

Section 1. When the execution of any contract or other instrument has been authorized by a membership majority at a regular or special meeting, the President or Vice President with the Corporate Secretary or Treasurer, may execute the same in the name of the Corporation and may affix the Corporate Seal there-to. Contracts must be ratified by the Board of Directors and any monetary consideration clearly outlined before their vote.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may authorize, without prior membership approval, emergency maintenance repairs ~~with no limit~~, and normal operating costs to run the corporation and/or for its normal activities with no limit and any Capital or Donation expenditure up to ~~one thousand (1000)~~ two thousand five hundred (2500) dollars per occurrence.

ARTICLE VIII

Corporate Seal

The seal of the Corporation shall be in such form as from time to time may be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Any amendment to the By-Laws must be approved by the Board. No amendment to the By-laws, may be adopted until notice has been published in the League newsletter twice with reference to where amendments can be reviewed on the corporation website.

ARTICLE XI

Activities

Section 1. The Corporation shall not support any political party but may support organizations promoting the Second Amendment and the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. To be eligible for elective office a regular member must be in good standing for two (2) years prior to nomination.

Section 2. To be eligible for President, Vice President, or Second Vice President; a member must have served at least two (2) years on the Board of Directors or as an Officer of the League, and must be a Board member to hold the position.

Section 3. The election of the Board of Directors must be by secret ballot and the nominees receiving the highest number of votes are elected to office.

Section 4. Any member eligible for nomination must be present at the time of nomination or send a written statement indicating willingness to serve if nominated.

Section 5. All nominations must come from the floor during the election meeting.

Section 6. All newly elected members of the Board of Directors and Officers must have dues paid prior to installation to office.

Section 7. To be eligible for the position of Treasurer a regular member must be in good standing for two (2) years prior to nomination. They must also have a financial background or financial education and meet other such qualifications as determined by the Board of Directors. The potential candidate/s must be recommended by a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

Definitions

Section 1. Any reference to the Corporation, the Daniel Boone Conservation League, Inc., the League, or the Club in the By-laws shall be interpreted as being one and the same entity.

Section 2. Any reference to Regular or General meetings of the membership shall be interpreted as being one and the same.

ARTICLE XIV

Dissolution of the Corporation

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Daniel Boone Conservation League, Inc., all of its assets, after payment of its debts and liabilities, shall be used to promote the social welfare of the people of the State of Wisconsin as defined under section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code relating to tax exempt Corporations. This Charter may not be amended nor abridged and shall be administered by the courts of the State of Wisconsin when the termination of the Corporation takes place.

Board of Directors Approvals

Name	Signature	Date
<u>John E. McHatha</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6/6/2023</u> Date
<u>Tim Steiner</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6/14/23</u> Date
<u>Steve Seibert</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>GARY R. KAPRANOSKI</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>Gay R. Kubi</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>Richard Heiden</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>GARY KUZDAS</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>Tom Foch</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>RICK WILLIAMS</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>Joe Porter</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-23</u> Date
<u>JASON K. DUEHRING</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-19-2023</u> Date
<u>Jeff Pharris</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-20-2023</u> Date
<u>HANK GALNER</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-21-2023</u> Date
<u>ROBERT WILLIAMS</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-21-2023</u> Date
<u>DARRIN SABOL</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-26-2023</u> Date
<u>Daniel Hurda</u> Name	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>6-27-2023</u> Date