

Newark Sportsmen's Club

By-Laws

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be Newark Sportsmen's Club Inc.

The registered office of this corporation, required by the Business Corporation Act, to be maintained in the State of Illinois, may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II OBJECT & PURPOSE

The object of this corporation shall be to bring together all those interested in a comprehensive program of conservation in order that they may work in cooperation with the Illinois State Department of Conservation and other governmental conservation and restoration of our renewable natural resources, in the development of a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation between all classes and groups of conservationists, nature lovers, farmers and sportsmen, to the end that the interests of each group may be served to the fullest extent consistent with the rights and privileges of the others, and in addition, the object of this corporation shall be to carry on social, athletic, and recreational activities by and among its members.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Anyone interested in hunting and fishing, and/or in the conservation and restoration of our renewable natural resources, may become members of this chapter upon payment of the dues as hereinafter set forth. Membership in the National Rifle Association, (NRA) is also a requirement for membership in the Newark Sportsmen's Club. (Passed: February 8, 2010)

Section 2. Members, their wives and their families under legal age of 21 are entitled to all privileges of this club. Members may, from time to time bring guests to club activities, provided however; that guests shall at all times be accompanied by a member and said member shall be responsible for his guests and accept all responsibility for their activities and release Newark Sportsmen's Club from all liability in case of accident of any kind. Any family member at age 21 must apply for membership to the club or will be considered a guest, with the exception of the physically disabled.(Passed: February 13, 1995)

Section 2a. No guest campers (in their own unit) allowed on holiday weekends and

annual club picnic. A member in good standing is allowed to bring a guest camper twice in any one calendar year-duration of visit not to exceed three (3) days. A member in good standing shall be allowed to bring the same guests only twice in a given calendar year. Guests are allowed to utilize all club facilities with the exception that no fish may be harvested from the lake.(Passed: February 12, 1979)

Section 3. The Newark Sportsmen's Club membership shall be opened to a maximum of 200 members. If any portion of the prior years' 200 members have failed to renew their membership by the end of the first Sunday following the regular members' meeting in March of the current year, those memberships shall be opened to those on the waiting list until such time as the total membership reaches 200 members.

Section 4. The annual members dues shall be 275.00 dollars for the first years membership.(Passed: February 10, 1997) Each year thereafter 225.00 dollars,(Passed: February 14, 2000) payable in advance on or before the first Sunday following the regular members meeting in March of the current year. If a member does not attend at least 2 work functions per year the membership shall be assessed an additional 50.00 dollars at renewal. It is the member's responsibility to report time worked to a Board Member if work is completed on an individual basis. (Passed: February 9,1998)

Section 4a. Any regular member, 65 years of age or older, who has been a regular member for at least one full year, may renew his or her membership for one-half of the current club membership dues.(Passed: February 13, 1995)

Section 4b. A trap shooting membership will begin and end as the same calendar year as a regular club membership. A trap shooting membership will entitle a membership reduced fee for shooting trap. The fee will be decided by the trap chairman. A trap shooting membership will not entitle the member to any other club functions or facility. The fee can only be changed at the annual meeting.(Passed: February 8, 1999)

Section 5. Before any person may become a member of this corporation, he or she shall be proposed by a member in good standing of the club. Sponsoring member must be a member for at least 60 days. A single (1) negative (no) vote in response to a prospective member's application for membership, shall prevent acceptance of the proposed member. Voting is to be by secret ballot, unless waived by membership present.

Section 6. All members shall be notified by the membership committee in writing of dues due and deadline for renewal. Any member who has failed to pay his or her dues on or before the first Sunday following the regular members' meeting in March, shall forfeit his or her membership and the aforesaid membership shall become the property of the club. Membership cards are not transferable.

Section 7. Any past member who has forfeited his membership to the club and wishes to renew his or her membership shall be considered a new member and as such be subject to be placed on the waiting list if maximum membership has been reached; shall

be subject to approval by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting; and shall be subject to initiation fees.

Section 8. Any member of good standing whose son or daughter has become of legal age (21) shall for the period of one year be entitled to join the club (unless in the armed forces, one year following discharge) by being sponsored by a member in good standing and by acceptance of a majority of members at any regular members' meeting. The aforesaid person shall not be subject to a waiting list, thus actually allowing for the membership to increase to over 200 members for any current year. However; following deadline for membership renewal, if 200 members have failed to renew, membership shall be brought up to but not exceed 200 members.

Section 9. Any member that has lost his/her good standing and has been ejected from the club will not be allowed as a guest to a member of the club.(Passed: February 13, 1995)

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The members shall elect annually a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and Board of Directors. The election shall take place at the November regular monthly meeting. The new officers may attend the Board of Directors meetings and will take office at the annual meeting in February.(Passed: February 8, 1993)

Section 2. Each officer must be elected by a majority vote at the November regular meeting. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been elected or appointed in the manner herein.

Section 3. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular members meeting.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, said vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. The president shall preside at all meetings and shall perform all duties incumbent to that office.

Section 6. The vice-president shall, in the absence of the president, exercise the powers and perform the duties of the president.

Section 7. The secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the meetings and of all other transactions of the club. The secretary shall post the minutes of the most current meeting at the club house.

Section 8. The treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the club and keep a true

record of the same. The treasurer shall pay out all club funds only on order of the president and Board of Directors, or after a majority vote of the membership for approval.

Section 9. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be exempt from annual members dues during their term in office and the secretary shall receive an additional \$50.00 salary. The elected officers shall not receive or accept any other salary or reimbursement from the club while in office, except necessary expenses of any officer may be paid provided an account is submitted in writing and first approved by the Board of Directors.(Passed: February 8, 1993)

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the president and secretary, with subject to approval of the Board of Directors, to sign all or any contracts, agreements or legal documents, and the same shall then be binding upon the club.

ARTICLE V MEMBERS

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Monday in February of each year.

Section 2. Annual and special meetings shall be called by the president and all members in good standing shall be notified by the secretary. The place of such meetings shall be designated on such notices.

Section 3. A special meeting may be called by the president or Board of Directors, and the president must call a special meeting at the request of any three members in good standing of the club.

Section 4. The regular monthly members meeting shall be held the second Monday of each month at Newark Sportsmen's Club house at 7:30 o'clock P.M. and no notice shall be sent or given to the membership regarding these meetings.

Section 5. No business shall be conducted without a quorum being present. A quorum shall consist of 10 members in good standing.

Section 6. Voting on any question or any election except the amendment of these by-laws and the removal of any officer may be voice, unless the presiding officer order, or any member shall demand that the voting be by ballot.

ARTICLE VI DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the four elected officers and the three(Passed: February 14, 2000) elected members.

Section 2. The business and affairs of the club shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

Section 3. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this by-law immediately before and at the same place as the regular members' meeting.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president or any two directors.

Section 5. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least three days previous thereto by the secretary by written notice, and the attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 6. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting, and the act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting, at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a vote of the membership at the next regular meeting.

Section 8. The directors shall pay one half the annual members dues during their term in office. No other salary or reimbursement shall be received by a director while in office.(Passed: February 8, 1993)

Section 9. The directors shall have the power to make contracts, improve grounds, stock lake, and any other improvements not to exceed the amount of cash in the treasury.

Section 10. The hunting, fishing and recreation rights shall be under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors.

Section 11. The board shall have the right to prescribe the time and manner in which these rights shall be exercised.

Section 12. Any member willfully violating any of these by-laws or rules lawfully laid down by the Board of Directors shall forfeit his membership in the club. The Board of Directors shall be the judge of all violations.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by the Board of Directors and members, at the annual meeting of the club by two-thirds vote of the members in good standing

present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Membership, Social, Lake, Trap and Entertainment. These committees shall be appointed by the president of the chapter, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The president, with the approval of the Board of Directors may appoint such other committees as may be necessary for the carrying on the work of the chapter.

Section 2. The Membership Committee or secretary shall distribute membership books, keep a record of all members, and turn over all monies received to the treasurer and receive receipt for the same.

The social Committee shall be responsible for all the social activities of the club, such as parties, dances, and entertainment for the club meetings, and shall have complete charge of all arrangements.

The Trap Committee duties shall be to conduct trap shoots, securing all trap supplies and shall keep records of all trap supplies purchased and sold.

The Lake Committee shall receive an annual funding of \$900.00 to be used for management of the lake. (Passed: February 9, 1981). Additional funds may be approved by a simple majority vote by the Board of Directors or members present at any sanctioned club meeting.

ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Open seasons on fish and game shall be those allowed by the State of Illinois. The club reserves the right to determine the size, season and bag limits on fish and game on the club premises.

Section 2. Places shall be designated by the club to be used for recreation purposes and the manner in which they may be used.

Section 3. All persons must be properly clothed at all times while enjoying the privileges of the ground.

Section 4. Members shall be permitted to use a boat on the lake. No member shall use another member's boat without owner's permission. No motors allowed.

Section 5. No intoxicating liquor shall be sold on the grounds, and any intoxicated person may be expelled from the grounds.

Section 6. The president and/or the vice-president shall have the responsibility of

renting the club house.

ARTICLE X CLUB HOUSE RENTALS

(Passed February 13, 1978)

Section 1. Anyone (member or nonmember) wishing to rent the club house must attend the regular monthly members' meeting, stating to the board and membership present reason for the rental of club house. All requests are subject to discussion by members present with final approval or disapproval to be made by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. A representative of all approved rental parties must sign the Newark Sportsmen's Club rental agreement releasing the Newark Sportsmen's Club of all liabilities and placing total responsibility upon the rental party. Rental fee and security deposit must be placed with the vice-president at the time the rental agreement is signed.

Section 3. Security deposit required: Members in good standing shall place their membership card in possession of the Board. Nonmembers shall place a security deposit with the board not less than fifty (50) dollars but not to exceed two hundred (200) dollars. Actual amount of the deposit to be set by the Board of Directors prior to approval of the rental.

Section 4. Rental fees: Rental fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
(Passed February 14, 2000)

Section 5. Benefits/charity: The Newark Sportsmen's Club Board of Directors has the authority to waive in its entirety, or any portion of, the rental fee and security deposit for the benefit or charity functions.