

# **BY - L A W S**

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### SECTION 1

The order of business at each regular meeting of this League shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order
- (2) Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
- (3) Reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting
- (4) Treasurer's Report
- (5) Admission of new members
- (6) Reports of Dignitaries
- (7) Deferred Business
- (8) New Business
- (9) Program
- (10) Adjourn

This order of business may be changed or any part dispensed with by a vote of a majority of the members present.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### SECTION 2

## PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this League, enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws and exact rigid compliance to the rules and customs of this League, to see that all Officers and Committees perform their respective duties, give the deciding vote on all matters before the League when a tie may occur, except at the election of Officers and Directors, direct the Secretary to call Special Meetings of the League when deemed advisable by the President, or when requested by a majority of the Board of Officers and Directors, or upon written request of (25) Twenty-five members of the League, countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer, or ordered by a vote of the League or the board of Officers and Directors. He shall cause full and final reports to be prepared by all Officers to be submitted at the regular Annual Meeting of the League. Immediately after his installation he shall appoint the following committees or fill vacancies on committees left by members having fulfilled their appointed terms.

1. COMMITTEE ON FARM, WILDLIFE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
2. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
3. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
4. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
5. COMMITTEE ON CLUB HOUSE AND LODGE
6. COMMITTEE ON SECURITY
7. YOUTH COMMITTEE
8. COMMITTEE ON TRAINING

The President shall appoint such other Committees, as may be deemed necessary and expedient to carry out the programs of this League. He shall perform such other duties as the League and his office shall require.

## SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the League, conduct the correspondence of the League, notify all members of Special meetings when ordered to do so by the President, attest all orders drawn on the Treasury by a vote of the League and hold his books and papers at all times in readiness for inspection by the Board of Officers and Directors, or other persons authorized to make such inspections by this League. He shall prepare and present at each regular meeting a report of the minutes of the previous meeting and of the previous Board of Officers and Directors meeting and prepare such full and final report of the business transacted by the League for the Past Term and submit same at the Annual Meeting of the League. He shall perform such other duties as the League or his office shall require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor in office immediately at the expiration of his term, all books, papers or other property in his possession belonging to his office and this League. The Secretary of the League shall maintain the Fiscal Policy and

All adopted Policies of the League, with the Constitution and By-Laws of the League.

## TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep just and true accounts between the League and its members, and upon payment of the annual dues issue to the member his membership card, he shall receive all moneys due the League, credit the accounts paid, and issue proper receipts. Therefore and thereafter deposit in the bank designated as the depository by the Board of Officers and Directors in the name of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League all moneys collected by him, he shall pay all orders drawn on him by vote of the League, when properly attested by the Secretary, and he shall pay all bills authorized, approved or ordered paid by the Board of Officers and Directors. All bills shall be paid by check of the Treasurer, countersigned by the President. He shall submit to the League monthly statements of all receipts, expenditures and balance on hand. He shall keep his books and papers at all times in readiness for inspection by the Board of Officers and Directors, or other persons authorized to make such inspection by the League. He shall prepare a full and complete report and submit same at the meeting following the Annual Meeting of the League showing all funds received and expended during his term. He shall deliver up to his successor in office all moneys, books, papers, and other property of his office belonging to the League. He shall furnish a bond approved by the Board of Officers and Directors for such sum as they may direct, the

premium on which bond shall be paid out of the funds of the League. He shall perform such other duties as may be directed or required of him or his office.

The Treasurer's report given at the regular monthly meeting be inclusive of the totals only for:

- A. Total Income
- B. Total Expenditures
- C. Total of all balances for checking and investment accounts
- D. Total Assets / Total liabilities

And the Treasurer's report will be posted in a highly visible place during the general membership meeting.

### DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE

#### SECTION 3.

### FARM, WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The [~~Farm~~] Committee is charged with the responsibility of managing the farm and all its operations, alternating the planting plots, deciding on which crops to plant, supervising the planting, growing, and harvesting of the crops, and guiding the operations to their fulfillment. This committee will insure that the land and its capital improvements are managed in the best interest of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League in keeping with good land use, wildlife development, and recreational use as needed by its members. This committee is responsible for auditing the wildlife populations on League property, researching and advising the Board of Officers and Directors on any surplus or deficiency, disease states or excessive predation. They may bring before the Board any

experts in the required fields for guidance; however, should a fee for service be required, said fee should be approved by the President. This committee is also charged with resource management, timber, minerals, water, pollution, or any other resources on League property. It shall monitor road conditions and make recommendations to the Board of Officers and Directors of any needed action. The Farm and Wildlife Committee will be funded through the Board of Officers and Directors. All expenses will be paid from the BGSJ general fund and all income be deposited into the same account. This committee is comprised of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the Operations Manager and two other members. Their terms of office shall be staggered such that only two shall expire each year. They may be reappointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Officers and Directors.

### COMMITTEE ON SECURITY

The committee on Security is comprised of the Directors at Large; the chairman is appointed by the President. The Committee is charged with the responsibility to monitor the Security of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League property and make recommendations to the Board. Any special equipment needed for the security of the League shall be recommended to the Board for its approval.

Operations Manager shall report any and all security issues in detail to the Security Committee.

The Committee shall also be responsible for reviewing all League rule and policy infractions. The Committee shall advise the Board of the infraction and the Committee's recommendations on the action to be taken. The Board shall then have final approval and implement actions to be taken.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee is comprised of a Chairman and four additional members appointed by the President in such a manner that the term of duty of two of the members expire each year. They may be appointed for additional terms. Additional Committee members may be appointed as needed by the Chairman with approval by the League President. The committee is charged with orientation of new members. Additional duties of the committee shall be;

1. The recruitment of new members, including formulating and recommending to the Board of Directors new recruiting plans and policies.
2. Monitoring the Membership Status list and contacting members whose dues are in arrears to attempt through personal contact to retain those members.
3. Monitor and recommend to the Board, policy procedures, Bylaws changes, or Constitutional Amendments needed by the League pertaining to membership status, Member identification, and Member access to League facilities.
4. Performance of any others tasks pertaining to membership as directed by President of the League or Board of Directors.

#### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This committee is comprised of a chairman and four additional members appointed by the President. Its term is one year. It is charged with the responsibility of researching the Constitution and By-Laws and recommending to the Board of Officers and Directors any proposed changes. It is also charged with the responsibility to aid in the wording of any changes recommended by the Board or offered from the general membership. It shall not change the meaning or intent of any such recommended change but shall bring into agreement any other article or chapter that is affected by such proposed change.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

This committee is comprised of a Chairman and two additional members appointed by the President in such manner that one member's term expire each year. He may be reappointed. The committee is charged with the responsibility of examining the sources of income of the League, examining the expenses of the League, investing any surplus moneys of the League, with express permission of the Board, and advising the Board of Officers and Directors of any action deemed appropriate. Should any moneys be invested, a check shall be written by the Treasurer, countersigned by the President, to said investment institution. The committee will follow the progress of the investment and advise the Board of Officers and Directors periodically. Said investment with its interest, if any, shall eventually be re-deposited in the general fund.

### COMMITTEE ON CLUB HOUSE AND LODGE

This committee is comprised of a Chairman and four members appointed by the President. Their term shall be one year. Any or all may be reappointed. The committee is charged with the maintenance, cleanliness, and decor of the Clubhouse, Lodge and non-divisional facilities.

### YOUTH COMMITTEE

This committee is comprised of a chairman and three additional members appointed by the President in such a manner that the term of duty of two of the members expires each year. They may be appointed for additional terms. The committee is charged with the responsibility of organizing youth activities as they relate to Article II (Objects) of the constitution and By-Laws of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. This committee will be pro-active and will be funded by and report to and carry out the directives of the Board of Officers and Directors.

### COMMITTEE ON TRAINING

The committee is comprised of a Chairman and four additional members appointed by the president in such a manner that the term of duty of two of the members expire each year. They may be appointed for additional terms. It will provide instructional opportunities to enhance safety, skills, sportsmanship, and to aid in the recruitment of new members.

## SECTION 4

### REMOVAL OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(1) It shall be the duty of permanent committee members to attend each regular meeting of this League.

(2) Any member of a permanent committee who fails to attend three consecutive committee meetings, unless prevented by illness or other cause acceptable to the board, shall become automatically removed from such standing committee and his successor shall be appointed by the President to serve until the following annual meeting of the League, unless sooner terminated, under conditions similar to those requiring removal of his predecessor.

## SECTION 5

### REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President may, with the approval of the Board of Officers and Directors, with or without cause, dismiss any Special Committee, or member thereof, when it is considered that the services of such Committee or member thereof have been completed or are no longer needed.

## SECTION 6

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AS EMPLOYEES

No Officer or Director may be an employee of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League.

## SECTION 7



## DUES

The annual dues of members of this League shall be Two Hundred Forty (\$240.00) Dollars and shall be payable upon acceptance by the Membership Chairman or, if renewal, upon the anniversary date each year, and when paid, shall place a member in good standing for one year. A Life Membership will be offered at 17 times the dues rate for General Membership.

## MEMBERSHIP CAP

The membership of this League shall be closed at three thousand (3000) members.

## INITIATION FEES

The initiation fee shall be set by the Board of Officers and Directors.

## GUESTS

A member in good standing may bring guests to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. The member is responsible for the supervision and conduct of their guests. Should said guest utilize the shooting facilities of BGSL, horseback ride, or fish in its water, excluding the Kentucky River, he shall pay to the BGSL a daily fee, said fee to be set by the Board of Officers and Directors. A member may not supervise more than two guests simultaneously. A member found in violation of this section shall be charged and be required to pay double the guest fee, and shall be subject to further action from the Board of Directors.

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A member, while on BGSL property, shall have in his or her possession a valid membership card. If utilizing the shooting ranges, riding horses, or fishing in the club lake, the membership card must be visibly displayed on the external clothing. Failure to have the card in possession will result in expulsion from club grounds.

## SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

### TRIALS

Any member of this League accused of dishonesty, conduct reflecting discredit upon this League, drunkenness on League property, or conduct that threatens the safety of League members or the integrity of League property, shall be tried by the Board of Officers and Directors sitting as a trial committee, after giving the accused member five (5) days notice of the time and place of the hearing and the opportunity to be heard in person, and/or by counsel, and if found guilty of such charge, may be suspended for a definite period of not more than six months or expelled from the League, at the discretion of said trial committee. A person subject to suspension or expulsion is barred from the premises.

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs prior to or while using any range shall be prohibited. Parking lots and adjoining properties shall be considered part of the range. Should the use of alcohol or illicit drugs be detected on any individual using a range, that individual shall be required to leave the range.

The open consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs shall be prohibited in the presence of any minor on League property.

## SECTION 9

### SEAL

The League shall adopt a seal bearing the name "Blue Grass Sportsmen's League".

## SECTION 10

### DATE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 O'clock PM. However, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, one or more regular subsequent meetings may be dispensed with or assigned a different date. The President may, due to severely inclement weather, cancel any meeting on short notice. The meeting shall take place in the Clubhouse on Handy's Bend Road unless otherwise announced by the President. The attendance of each of the Directors of Large will be taken at each General Membership meeting.

## SECTION 11

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws shall take effect immediately upon their adoption by the Blue Grass Sportsman's League, and thereafter all By-Laws heretofore enacted by this League shall become null and void. The rights of this League and each member thereof shall be fixed and determined by the Constitution and By-Laws, subject to any and all repeals, changes, amendments and additions that may from time to time be made by this League.

## SECTION 12

### AUTHORIZATION TO INDEBT~~ED~~ THE LEAGUE

The Board of Officers and Directors of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League may, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and in order to carry out the purposes of the League, authorize and direct the officers thereof to borrow money and to execute liens, mortgages, and/or deeds of trust on any land or other assets of the League and pledge or hypothecate the stocks, bonds and other intangibles of the League in order to secure payment thereof. BGS� Board of Directors shall have, maintain and abide by a written Fiscal Policy.

## SECTION 13

### APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TO INDEBT THE LEAGUE

All actions by the Board of Officers and Directors, or any person or persons authorized by said Board of Officers and Directors, to borrow money and indebted the League for any and all sums to exceed five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars in aggregate amount shall be subject to approval by a majority of the membership at the next succeeding regular membership meeting, or at a Special meeting of the membership provided that notice of such special meeting shall have been given to all members of last

known address at least five (5) days in advance. The Quorum shall be as specified under Article VIII, Part 3. of the Constitution.

#### SECTION 14

##### ROLL CALL VOTE AT BOARD MEETINGS

At all meetings of the Board of Officers and Directors, a roll call vote is mandatory if requested by any Officer or Director.

#### SECTION 15

##### SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

A summary of the minutes of all Board of Officers and Directors meetings will be published in the Monthly Bulletin and will be read at the next general membership meeting. If material is sensitive and would be contrary to the best interests of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, as determined by majority vote of the Board, its release will be withheld until such time as it will no longer be of consequence.

#### Section 16

##### IMPEACHMENT

Should any officer or director at large be found guilty of a felony, or should his/her behavior in office be so detrimental to the league as to require intervention or should he/she be found guilty of those offenses listed under trial, section 8, impeachment proceedings may be instituted. He/she must be accused, tried by the Board of Officers

and Directors sitting as a trial committee after been given at least five (5) days notice of time and place of the hearing, and the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel, and if found guilty of such charges by a majority of the Trial Committee, impeachment shall be recommended. This impeachment must be ratified by at least two-thirds majority of the general membership, present and voting, at the next regular general membership meeting. If Impeached said office shall then be filled as per section 3, ARTICLE VII of the constitution.

## RULES OF ORDER

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This League shall be governed in debate by Robert's Manual, where there is no special rule adopted by the League applying to the case in point.

(1) Every member present shall vote on any question before this League unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the League, or is otherwise disqualified.

(2) The yeas and nays shall be recorded on any question when called for by five members.

(3) A motion to adjourn is not in order until the necessary business is transacted such as is set out under "Order of Business", Section 1 of the By-Laws.

(4) A member shall not speak or otherwise interrupt the business of this League when the minutes or other papers are being read, or when any member is speaking in debate.

(5) When a member speaks, he shall stand up and respectfully address the President, and a member shall not disturb another in his speech unless to call him to order. Members

shall confine themselves to questions under debate and avoid all personality and any reflection on this League or its members.

(6) A member misbehaving himself in a meeting of this League, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language or conduct, or by refusing obedience to the presiding officer shall be duly admonished for his offense by the chair, and if he offends again, he shall be dealt with as the League may determine.

(7) A member shall not speak more than once on a subject or question until all members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the President, or a vote of the League, which shall be taken without debate and a member while speaking, shall call another by his proper name.

(8) A motion shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated by the President.

(9) A motion for reconsideration shall not be received unless made and seconded and shall have passed over two regular meetings.

(10) The consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms, but to impugn the motives of those who propose or advocate it, is against order.

(11) The President or any other member doubting the decision of a question may call for a division of this League and a count of its affirmative or negative votes.

(12) A member from another League shall not be permitted to speak upon any subject under discussion unless by permission of the President or the League.

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