

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The League is hereby named and hereafter shall be known as

BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS

The objects of this League are as follows:

- (1) To maintain the honor, dignity, and ethics of good sportsmanship among the members of this League.
- (2) To inoculate into the minds of the members of this League that the greatest care should at all times be exercised by them while enjoying the privileges of hunting and fishing upon the property of other persons, thereby eliminating the possibility of damage to fences, crops, livestock, and property of the landowners by fire, firearms and otherwise.
- (3) To cultivate interaction, acquaintance, friendliness and cooperation among the members of the League, merchants, business men, farmers, and landowners of Central Kentucky and the public, generally.
- (4) To increase the usefulness of Central Kentucky sportsmen along scientific and educational lines in the advancement, protection, propagation and conservation of fish,

game, insectivorous birds and all wildlife, and to improve the natural resources of Central Kentucky, to provide Hunter Safety Education, and to provide and to encourage youth Conservation education.

(5) To improve wildlife environment in Central Kentucky by the restoration and reversion of certain rough areas, sink holes, and uncultivated lands to wildlife habitats in order that there will be an abundance of game for those sportsmen who desire to spend their time afield with gun and dog on the level and rolling land which abounds in and around the Bluegrass Region.

(6) To acquire the use of suitable land to be stocked with quail for the purpose of training and working bird dogs of the members of the League.

(7) To discourage the pollution of all streams and encourage the purification of the waters thereof, thereby providing a greater quantity of wholesome food and an enjoyable sport for all persons desiring to fish along the scenic banks of our meandering streams that nature has so abundantly provided in Central Kentucky.

(8) To promote the stocking of farm ponds, lakes and streams with fish of the species most likely to thrive in such waters.

(9) To acquire the use of suitable land necessary to promote the desired projects of the League, such as skeet, trap, rifle, and pistol shooting, archery, casting, field trials, sportsmen's shows, and other sporting activities that may be conducive to the entertainment, health and happiness of the members and assure the success of the League.

(10) To retain active membership in the League of Kentucky Sportsmen and through our joint efforts and in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, promote a constructive program for better hunting and fishing and the development of the natural resources of Kentucky so that it may again become "The Happy Hunting Ground" and the "Fisherman Paradise" and the Mecca of all true sportsmen.

(11) To promote the strict observance of all game and fish laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and lend full cooperation to the Department of Fish and Wildlife in bringing to justice persons guilty of the willful violation of such laws.

(12) It shall be the purpose of the League to mentor youth in order that they may become imbued with the ethics of good sportsmanship and familiar with the objects and purposes herein contained and qualified for membership in this League upon attaining their eighteenth birthday.

(13) To do any and all things necessary, proper and requisite to fully carry out the objects and purposes of this League as herein enumerated. To give scientific study and to take constructive action in developing the natural resources of the Bluegrass Region and to solicit the cooperation and financial support of the farmers, merchants and businessmen of the Bluegrass Region and respectfully seek the wholehearted cooperation

on the part of all civic clubs, organizations and persons who subscribe to the program of this League of Blue Grass Sportsmen.

ARTICLE III

GOVERNMENT OF THE LEAGUE

The management and control of all the business of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League shall be and is hereby vested in a Board of Officers and Directors as follows:

(1) OFFICERS

The Officers shall be a President, an Immediate past President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Their Term of Office shall be one year. They may be elected for succeeding years. They each shall have one vote.

(2) DIRECTORS

The Directors shall consist of one Director from each authorized Sports Division and in addition thereto, three (3) Directors-at-Large who shall be elected from the floor at the regular Annual Meeting. They shall each have one vote. Their term of office shall be one year. They may be elected for succeeding years. The two Directors from each authorized Sports Division shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of their own Authorized Sports Division. They shall be presented to the President of the League in writing thirty days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Their election shall be certified by the President of the authorized Sports Division from which they are elected. Each Sports Division shall also elect a Vice President to the League. Each such Vice President may speak at the meeting of the Board; however they shall have no vote unless one or more of the Directors from that Division shall be absent. They may then vote. The Board of Officers and Directors shall fill all vacancies, ad interim, except Delegates, Director and Alternates to the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, but tenure of office so filled shall not extend beyond the regular term.

(3) MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

All officers and Directors shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The President of the League shall preside and the Secretary of the League shall act as Secretary. If the President be absent the Secretary of the League shall preside and a member present be appointed as Acting Secretary. If the Secretary also be absent, the Treasurer shall preside with the Acting Secretary to be appointed as above. Should the Treasurer be absent, the Immediate Past President shall preside, the Secretary appointed as above. The Presiding officer shall vote only in the event of a tie vote in which case his vote will be the deciding vote.

(4) QUORUM

One Officer and ten (10) Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

ARTICLE IV

FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year of this League shall begin at 12:01 AM September 1 of each year and close at 12:00 o'clock Midnight August 31st of each year. All books and records of the League for the Fiscal Year ending shall be submitted for audit to a person or firm designated by the Finance Committee and the results of such audit shall be submitted to the Board of Directors meeting to be held in November of each year.

ARTICLE V

REGULAR ANNUAL MEETINGS

The regular Annual meeting of the League shall be held on the First Tuesday in September of each year. The Treasurer's report will be audited and presented at the December meeting of each year.

ARTICLE VI

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

(1) At the August general membership meeting, a nominating committee comprised of the Vice Presidents of each Sports Division and two (2) members from the general membership, appointed by the President, shall present to the general membership a slate of candidates for President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least three (3) Directors-at-Large. The Nominating Committee shall elect, by majority vote, a member of the committee to serve as its Chairman.

(2) At the regular Annual meeting in September, additional candidates may be nominated from the Floor and then a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Three (3) Directors-at-Large shall be elected. A plurality vote of members present and voting shall be necessary to elect each officer and the Three Directors at Large who receive the most votes shall be elected.

(3) The Officers of the League shall be nominated in this order: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors-At-Large. A single ballot shall be provided to each member having a valid membership card or member certified by the Nominating Committee Chairman as being a valid member. All candidates shall be voted at once on this single ballot and the ballots tallied by the committee of tellers.

(4) The Nominating Committee shall act as tellers and appoint such other members as they shall deem necessary.

ARTICLE VII

MONTHLY MEETINGS

(1) This League shall hold regular monthly meetings at the time and place fixed under the By-Laws of this League.

(2) It shall be the duty of each Officer and Director of the League to attend all regular monthly and special meetings of the League and all meetings of the Board of Officers and Directors of which he is a member and of which he is given notice.

ARTICLE VIII

SPECIAL MEETINGS

(1) The President may call Special meetings of the League at any time, or upon request of a majority of the Board of Officers and Directors, or upon the written request of twenty-five (25) members of the League. The President shall call a Special Meeting and the Secretary shall mail notice to the last known address of each member of the League.

(2) At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except such as shall have been specified in the call.

(2) Fifty (50) members shall constitute a quorum for all regular meetings and fifty (50) members shall be required for all Special Meetings.

ARTICLE IX

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

(1) This League shall be the sole judge of the qualification of its members.

(2) All persons who apply for membership must appear before the membership committee and when certified, shall pay such initiation fee and annual dues as prescribed in the By-Laws and shall be considered to be in good standing for a period of one year. No one shall be received as a member of this League until attaining his or her eighteenth birthday.

The child of a member, on attaining his or her eighteenth birthday ceases to be a BGS� family member and must apply for individual membership. Full-time students may continue as BGS� family member while enrolled as a dependant, full-time student, or upon obtaining age 24 years. He or she will not be required to pay an initiation fee if applied for within six months of losing family membership status.

(3) Any member failing or refusing to pay his annual dues for a period of ninety days after due and payable shall be dropped from membership. Should a member be dropped for non-payment of dues and later desire to renew his membership, he must file application as a new member.

(4) Should a former member continue to use the facilities of the League after having been dropped from membership, he shall be considered a trespasser. Such person may petition the Board of Directors for reinstatement.

(5) Let it be the standing policy of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League to allow its members to mentor youth on the Handy's Bend grounds at no cost to either. Youth under the age of 18 should be considered junior sportsmen and be allowed access to this facility as guests of the mentoring member. They shall count as a guest of said member under

Section 7 of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League By- Laws. All other guest rules and regulations apply.

ARTICLE X

TRIAL COMMITTEE

(1) The League does hereby constitute the Board of Officers and Directors a Trial Committee with full power to hear and determine all grievances and complaints between the League and its members.

(2) The accused shall be given five days notice of the time and place of the hearing to be had by the committee, and full opportunity to be heard in person and/or by counsel. The trial shall be conducted and the guilt or innocence of the accused determined in accordance with the regulations and penalties provided in the By-Laws of this League.

(3) A permanent record of decisions of the trial committee shall be kept under seal in order that precedent for like offenses may be followed.

(4) Should the nature of an offense be serious enough to warrant expulsion from the League, that offender shall be banned from the premises and BGS� events.

ARTICLE XI

FRIENDS AND SPONSORS

This League may provide by law for the proper recognition and acknowledgement of all valuable services or financial aid voluntarily given by individuals, civic clubs, organizations and business firms solely as friends and sponsors of the programs of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, but such friends and sponsors shall possess no voting power in the affairs of the League.

ARTICLE XII

DUES

The League shall fix by law the amount of the annual dues to be paid by its members.

ARTICLE XIII

RELIGION AND POLITICS

This League shall be conducted upon a strictly non-partisan basis and no action shall be taken upon any religious subject or endorsement given to any political party or

candidate. However, this League shall permit full discussion of the platform of political parties and individual candidates pertaining to the Commission on Wildlife Resources and the Department of Conservation, now conducted as a non-partisan agency of our State Government, and may endorse or oppose any measures or movements affecting said agency and the wildlife and conservation programs of this League.

ARTICLE XIV

RIGHT TO ENACT BY-LAWS

The League shall have the full power to enact any and all By-laws necessary for the proper conduct of its business, which are not in conflict with the spirit and letter of this Constitution. The League shall define by law certain specific duties of the President, Secretary and Treasurer and Vice Presidents from Divisions. The League may provide by law for the appointment of all necessary regular and special committees and fix their terms and define their duties and provide for their removal.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

A club member may offer an amendment in writing to the League Constitution or By-Laws by reading it at a regular club meeting, having it seconded, discussed and voted; a majority vote of the members present is required for preliminary acceptance. An amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws may also be presented to the membership, at a regular club meeting, by the Board of Officers and Directors, if approved by a majority vote of the Officers and Directors present at a Board meeting. Whether the motion is offered by the membership or by the Board of Directors, it is read in its entirety by the author of the amendment or their representative at the next club meeting at which regular business is conducted. This second presentation is without debate. If the offered amendment is not read at this second meeting, the proposed amendment is automatically withdrawn. The offered amendment shall be published on the BGSL member's website and in the monthly Bulletin of the League a minimum of one (1) time between the initial reading and the third meeting. At the third consecutive meeting at which regular business is conducted, it is read in its entirety, by

the author of the amendment or their representative, debated fully and then voted upon. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present is required for passage of a Constitutional amendment. A majority vote of the members present is required for passage of a By-Law amendment. If a Constitutional amendment fails to carry, it shall not be offered again for a period of one year. If a By-Law amendment fails, it shall not be offered again for a period of three months. An amendment to the Constitution or By-laws shall not take effect until published in the next monthly Bulletin of the League unless especially mandated by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting at which the amendment was passed.

ARTICLE XVI

ADOPTION OF SEAL

This League may provide by law for the adoption of a seal bearing the name "BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE" to be affixed by the Secretary to all letters and documents required to be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

ARTICLE XVII

MEMBERS TO HAVE NO VESTED INTEREST IN PROPERTY OF LEAGUE

Upon the death, suspension, expulsion or voluntary withdrawal of any member from the League, he shall lose and forfeit any and all rights, privileges and interest which he may theretofore have had as a member in, and to all benefits, assets and properties of this League and same shall immediately vest in the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. The Board of Officers and Directors shall designate the site of any and all improvements on League Property and said improvements shall become the property of the League unless the Board of Officers and Directors shall specify otherwise.

ARTICLE XVIII

REPEAL OF FORMER CONSTITUTION

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

ARTICLE XIX

SPORTS DIVISION

(1) In order for a "Sports Division" to become active, it must submit to the Board of Officers and Directors for approval: a list of the officers to serve/direct the proposed "Sports Division" to include a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, a list of BGSL members in good standing who wish to become members of the proposed "Sports Division", a statement of the purpose of the division, activities to be conducted, scope of the division, and a fiscal plan for maintaining and sustaining capital assets.

Proof of the Division membership must be furnished at any time at the request of any of the Officers of the League.

(2) The following provision is to remain in effect and in full force except where it applies to vacancies that exist within an authorized Sports Division.

- (a) Where vacancies of any nature or position exist in an authorized sports division, the members of that particular division are to fill said vacancy within thirty days after said vacancy is created.

(3) If the Board of Officers and Directors by majority vote determine that an authorized sports division has not conducted at least one authorized activity within a year and every year, then the Board of Officers and Directors must vote said division be inactive and its Directors cease to serve.

(4) When a "Sports Division" becomes inactive in the judgment of the Board of Officers and Directors by a majority vote of the Board, then the directorship shall cease to exist as to that particular authorized sports division and its assets shall revert to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League.

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