

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The League is hereby named and hereafter shall be known as:

BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

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 maintain 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 remain "The Happy Hunting Ground" and the "Fisherman Paradise" and a Mecca of all true sportsmen.
- (3) To maintain 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.

- (4) To educate 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 club property, thereby eliminating the possibility of damage to fences, crops, livestock, and property.
- (5) To cultivate interaction, acquaintance, friendliness and cooperation among the members of the League, merchants, business men, farmers, and landowners of Central Kentucky and the general public.
- (6) To increase the usefulness of BGSL properties and assets 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 BGSL properties and assets to provide Hunter Safety Education, and to provide and to encourage youth Conservation education.
- (7) To improve wildlife environment at BGSL property 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 BGSL property.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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 objectives and purposes herein contained and qualified for membership in this League upon attaining their eighteenth birthday.
- (10) To do any and all things necessary, proper and requisite to fully carry out the objectives and purposes of this League as herein enumerated. To give scientific study and to take constructive action in developing the natural resources of the BGSL 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 Director 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. Any officer of the division may speak at the meeting of the Board; however they shall have no vote unless the Director from that Division shall be absent. That person may then cast one 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 50% of the 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 MEETING

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) In August the secretary will open the floor for nominations for main club officers. These will be submitted by e-mail or written form.
- (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) In the event an officer unable to complete his / her term the President will appoint a qualified member to complete the remainder of the term.
- (5) The VPs from each division 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 and responsibility 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.

(3) 1 Officer and any members that attend shall constitute a quorum for all regular meetings.

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 notify the General Membership

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

(3) 1 Officer 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 complete orientation and 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.

(3) Any member failing or refusing to pay his annual dues for a period, as stated in the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Membership Billing and Application Policy, of not less than thirty days and not more than 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.

(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 property without the expense of a guest fee. 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 and the charges to be heard 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 on file by the secretary in order that precedent for like offenses may be followed.

(4) Should the nature of an offense be serious enough, in the board's opinion to warrant expulsion from the League, that offender shall be banned from the premises and all 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

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

- (2) The Corporate Membership Policy shall be administrated by the Board of Officers and Directors.

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. (Nothing shall prohibit the league from lobbying for the constitutional rights of its members.)

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 BGS� member's website and in the Main Clubhouse 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 the 30th day after being passed 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 BGS� 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 may 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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Tim McCullar *Tim McCullar*
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Secretary

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Past President

Signed on *23 February 2021* ^{*BW*} (Date)