

BYLAWS OF THE CAMP CREEK HUNTING CLUB OF ALABAMA

(Revised 2-29-2020)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this club shall be the **CAMP CREEK HUNTING CLUB**.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Club is to enjoy hunting privileges on the land leased by the Club and such social amenities as may accrue as a result of those activities.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1: The membership of this Club shall be limited to 55 members and shall consist of 53 regular members and two (2) honorary members. There will be no honorary memberships granted without the vote of the Club membership at the general membership meeting (Article III, Section 5)

Section 2: Any adult is eligible for membership, provided that one member of the Club proposes him for membership. Each application must be submitted to the Secretary or Treasurer with the prospective member's check for annual dues and one-third of the initiation fee as stated in the Standing Rules. Should a prospective member want to become a member prior to the conclusion of the hunting season, the annual dues shall be prorated based on the days remaining in the gun season plus the first installment of the initiation fee. All membership applications will be turned over to the President who in turn shall present them to the Board of Directors (Board) for approval.

Section 3: The annual dues shall be established by the Board and shall be published in the Standing Rules. Each member must pay a minimum deposit of \$400 toward the coming year's dues by the date of or at the Annual Meeting. This amount is non-refundable unless the payee provides a new member, acceptable to the Board, who pays 100% of the appropriate dues and fees. A member not having paid the first installment by said date will be considered a member NOT in good standing, but will be allowed to turkey hunt for the conclusion of that membership term. Also, any member at this time having not paid their minimum deposit of \$400, will not be able to "reserve" their membership position for the upcoming

season and may be subject to having their membership position revoked and replaced with a new member applicant, should there be any pending applicants meeting Board approval. Should this occur, the displaced former member will have to reapply for membership (if desired) for further consideration by the Board.

The balance of all amounts is due by May 1 and delinquent June 1 of each year. Members not having paid their dues by June 1 will be required to pay a late fee of \$100 per month up until August 30th. Any member not having paid all dues in full by August 30th, shall have their membership terminated and will not be eligible to re-apply for membership to the club until the following year. All applications for both, new prospects and former members, will be subject to background checks, available openings, and Board approval.

Section 4: Any member desiring to resign from the Club may request to have his membership transferred to an immediate family member without initiation fee unless installments remain unpaid, then the gaining member is responsible for the balance.

Section 5: Upon the recommendation of one member and a majority vote at a general membership meeting, honorary membership may be conferred upon a member who has rendered notable service to the Club. An honorary member shall not pay dues or initiation fees, but shall be liable for fines and/or assessments of the Club. An honorary member shall not be eligible to bring guest on the premises to hunt.

Section 6: A membership may be terminated by a 2/3 vote of the Board when written complaints are received, validated, and severe enough to warrant termination.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Club shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary / Treasurer, and three Directors. Officers are elected to serve 1-year terms. Two Directors are elected to serve 2-year terms with alternating term dates. One Director is elected to serve a 1-year term. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these By-Laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Club.

PRESIDENT: is the officer overall in charge of club functions and activities as prescribed in the By-Laws and standing rules. He will oversee other officer functions and appoint committees as needed for the betterment of the Club.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: is the officer-in-charge of shooting houses. He will see to safety and maintenance of same and recommend to the Board any needed new structures. He will organize workday activities related to shooting houses.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: is the officer-in-charge of road maintenance and signage. He will organize workday activities to accomplish these objectives. He will make recommendations to the Board as to road repair, clearance and needed bridges.

SECRETARY / TREASURER: has the responsibility of writing and disseminating the newsletter. He is also officer-in-charge of the membership list, correspondence, and distribution of By-Laws and Standing Rules. He will attend and keep minutes at all board meetings. He is also the officer-in-charge of all Club financial activities. He is accountable for the collection and expenditure of all monies as per Board direction.

Section 2: The Board shall appoint a **Nominating Committee** during the month of January. This Committee shall propose one member for each position that will become vacant on the Board. Any member of the Club shall be eligible for nomination except that the nominee for President shall have previously served as a member of the Board. The list of nominees shall be posted in the sign-out shed not later than January 20 of each year.

Section 3: The Club shall elect officers by secret ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected. Two of the three Directors shall be elected to a term of two consecutive years. One Director will serve a term of one year.

ARTICLE V MEETING

Section 1: The *Annual Meeting* of the Club shall be held during the month of February.

Section 2: A *Special Meeting* may be called by the President or the Board and shall be called upon the written request of ten members of the Club. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least ten days' notice shall be given.

Section 3: A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4: Each member shall be allowed to appoint a proxy for their vote to be utilized at the Annual Meeting provided the proxy is in writing. If the proxy does not limit the scope of the vote, then the person that has a proxy may vote on all matters on behalf of the member that is not present and the proxy vote shall count. On the other hand, the proxy may limit the scope of the proxy. All proxies are to be presented to the Board at the Annual Meeting and will count as to a quorum.

ARTICLE VI THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The officers of the Club, including the Directors and the past President for one year, shall constitute the Board of Directors (Board).

Section 2: The Board shall have general supervision of Club affairs between annual meetings, fix the hour and place of meeting, make recommendations to the Club, and shall perform other such duties as specified in these By-Laws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Club, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Club.

Section 3: Meeting of the Board may be called by the President or at the request of any two Board members.

ARTICLE VII COMITTEES

Section 1: A Game Management Committee shall be comprised of a Chairman, appointed by the President, and a number of members the Chairman deems necessary to accomplish its duties. It shall be the duty of this committee to work with the State Fish and Game Department and supervise the Club's game management program. This Committee shall make recommendations to the Board on issuance of doe tags and other conservation goals it deems appropriate. The Committee shall also insure that records of all kills are kept and be responsible for preparing reports required for the annual meeting.

Section 2: A Food Plots Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the President, and such members, as the Chairman deems necessary. This Committee shall be responsible for recommending locations for food plots, type of food on each plot, and fertilizing and maintenance schedules. The Chairman shall keep a record of members who assist him at times other than scheduled workdays to insure those members receive credit for their work. He shall report such work to the Board prior to the beginning of gun season.

Section 3: A Big Buck Committee shall be comprised of a Chairman, appointed by the President, and at least one more member. This Committee shall use the established Camp Creek method to score all antlers, determine the top three racks, and prepare awards for presentation at the annual meeting. The Committee shall also score racks by junior hunters and prepare awards for the top three in this category.

Section 4: Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President, as the Club or the Board shall from time to time deem necessary, to carry on the business of the Club. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Club shall adopt.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a majority vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the members at least ten days before the meeting.