

BEECHER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

REVISED 1-80

PREAMBLE

The purpose of the Beecher Sportsmen's Club is to cooperate with and stimulate the efforts of all sportsmen and land-owners, farmers and others interested in the conservation of our outdoor resources toward the development of better sportsmanship and true propagation and conservation.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

SECTION I; This organization shall be known as the Beecher Sportsmen's Club.

ARTICLE II OFFICE

SECTION I; The office and business address of this club shall be P. O. Box 224, Beecher, Ill. 60401

ARTICLE III OBJECTS

SECTION I; Conservation, propagation and restoration of all forms of wildlife and natural resources.

SECTION II; Promotion of better sportsmanship in hunting, fishing and general outdoor activity.

SECTION III; Promotion of the enactment of more equitable laws in the Fish and Game Code.

SECTION IV; Cooperation with all duly constituted authorities in the enforcement of the Fish and Game Code.

SECTION V; To provide a Water Safety Program through continued life saving and learn-to-swim instructions.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I; Membership in the club shall be limited to persons residing in School District #2000, who are citizens of the United States, and is dependent only on the payment of its dues, and the support of its objects, or at the discretion of the Officers and Directors by a two-thirds majority vote.

SECTION II; The club may expel any member by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, upon receiving evidence of his having been guilty of any unseemingly or unbecoming conduct, after being given due notice of the charges and an opportunity for his defense.

ARTICLE V DUES

SECTION I; There shall be an initiation fee when applicable, subject to change.

SECTION II; The membership dues shall be divided into two (2) classifications.

Class one (1) Regular membership

Class two (2) Senior citizen membership

Specific fees to be charged for the classifications shall be determined by the annual meeting in December.

SECTION III; The fiscal year shall be from January first to December thirty first inclusive.

ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT

SECTION I; The management of this club shall be entrusted to a Board of Directors, consisting of the Officers, and six Directors, to be elected as hereinafter provided.

SECTION II; The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

SECTION III; The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve without pay.

SECTION IV; Any Officer, Director or member acting as an official delegate to a State, Zone or District meeting shall be reimbursed for actual expenses.

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I; The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and the Board of Directors. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

SECTION II; The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter.

SECTION III; The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of all meeting of the club, and the Board of Directors, and all activities of the club, and preserve all such records in proper books furnished by the club. He shall take care of all of the clubs correspondence, preserving copies of all letters sent and received. He shall turn over to his successor within ten days after the election of such successor, all books and records pertaining to the office.

SECTION IV; The Treasurer shall keep a roll of all members, collect all dues and issue membership cards. He shall have custody of all monies of the club and shall pay all bills, claims and awards against the club, but only when such bills are approved at the regular meeting. He shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and shall issue a full financial statement to the club at the annual meeting and to the Board of Directors at their request. He shall turn over to his successor, within ten days after the election of such successor, a complete financial statement together with all funds and records pertaining to the club.

SECTION V; The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the property and affairs of the club. The Board shall prescribe rules regulating the affairs and activities of the club, not inconsistent with the club. The Board shall have full power to remove from office any Officer or Director on receiving evidence of the unfaithful discharge of duties or unbecoming conduct, after due notice of charges and an opportunity for defense have been given the accused.

ARTICLE VIII MANNER OF ELECTION

SECTION I; At the October meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members. This committee shall place in nomination at the November meeting the name of one candidate for each office, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three Directors. Nomination from the floor shall be in order. Election shall be by acclamation if only one candidate, by secret ballot if more than one candidate, the nomination committee acting as judges of the election. The term of the Directors shall be for two years.

SECTION II; All nominees for Officers and Directors shall, before a vote is taken, indicate their willingness to serve if elected.

SECTION III; Retiring Officers and Directors shall serve until the conclusion of the annual December meeting

SECTION IV; New Officers shall be seated prior to adjournment.

SECTION V; Term of Officers shall not exceed two consecutive years.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

SECTION I; The club shall hold a regular meeting on the second Monday of each month. Whenever there is a deviation from this rule, the place and time of meeting shall be determined by a majority vote at the previous meeting. The regular November meeting shall be designated for the election of Officers and Directors. The regular December meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.

SECTION II; Special meeting of the club may be called at any time by the President or the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall notify the members of such special meeting forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting, also of the nature of business to be conducted at the meeting.

SECTION III; Special meeting of the Board may be held any time, when called by the President or two Directors.

ARTICLE X AUDITING COMMITTEE

SECTION I; An auditing committee shall be appointed by the President to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer annually and whenever so ordered, and to submit recommendations of a financial or clerical nature as may be necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE XI QUORUM

SECTION I; Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the club.

SECTION II; Seven Directors or Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

SECTION I; At the next regular meeting after election, the President shall appoint the standing committees.

SECTION II; Special committees shall be appointed by the President to take care of any special activities, which may arise.

SECTION III; All committees shall report their activities at each regular meeting.

SECTION IV; The following are standing committees:

1. Membership
2. Ways and Means
3. Swimming
4. Building & Grounds
5. Fishing

ARTICLE XIII VACANCIES

The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy, which may occur from death, resignation, or otherwise, and any such appointment shall be valid until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE XIV CONSTRUCTION

Any question as to the meaning or construction of any part of this Constitution shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

All matters not provided for in this Constitution shall be presented to the members for consideration.

ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the members present after reading at one regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XVII BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Roberts Revised Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure not otherwise provided for in the conduct of the meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reading of the Minutes
Communications
Report of Treasurer
Bills
Report of Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Election of Officers
Announcements

SUPPLEMENT - 1981

I Class III: Sponsored membership

II Membership Qualification:

- 1) Any senior or regular member may sponsor a non-resident of Beecher School District 200-U under the following guidelines:
 - A. A senior or regular member may sponsor one (1) non-resident per year.
 - B. Acceptance of a sponsored member shall be by the discretion of the officers and directors with senior or regular member and sponsored party present. This acceptance shall be by a two-thirds majority vote.
 - C. Sponsored member must indicate their willingness to help at club functions.
 - D. Probation period shall be for one (1) year. All sponsored members shall be entitled to the same benefits as senior and regular members with the exception of voting privileges.
 - E. At the end of one year, the board will review each sponsored member for renewal or revocation.
 - F. Sponsorship will be by a resident of Beecher School District 200-U only.
 - G. Dues shall be the same as resident school district members.
 - H. Failure to renew sponsored membership annually will require responsorship.
 - I. Any question or clarification shall be decided by the board of directors.
 - J. Sponsored membership is limited.