

**WAPITI BOWMEN, INC.  
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I: MEETINGS**

1. A regular business meeting of the membership shall be held in the first week of each month except for the month of September when no meeting shall be held. Other, temporary exceptions to the meeting schedule may be made on a meeting-by-meeting basis by vote of the membership present at the regular business meeting immediately prior to the meeting for which the exception is being made. A notice of any such temporary changes in the regular meeting schedule shall be published in the issue of the club's newsletter following the meeting at which the exception is approved.
2. Any member of the Board of Directors may call a special meeting on a 48 hour minimum notice.
3. An annual banquet will be held within eight (8) weeks after the election of new officers, which shall take place at the January business meeting. The purpose of the banquet shall be to introduce and install the new officers and present annual awards (i.e., Bow Hunter of the Year, Membership and any other awards).

**ARTICLE II: OFFICER REPORTS**

1. At each monthly meeting, all officers shall give an oral report of their activities incident to their office at the membership present.

**ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES**

1. Any member of Wapiti Bowmen may be appointed to serve on more than one committee.
2. Whenever a committee is established by the President for the purpose of working on the budget, the Treasurer shall be one of the members of the committee.

**ARTICLE IV: FEES AND DUES**

1. The dues for membership shall be paid to the club Treasurer.
2. Dues for Annual Membership shall be:  
Individual Adult Membership.....\$100.00  
Adult Membership, spouse or domestic partner added .....\$125.00  
Each child (\$160.00 maximum for family)..... \$10.00  
Junior Membership, individual.....\$10.00  
Dues for Life Membership shall be:  
Life Membership, individual.....\$1,000.00  
Life Membership, spouse or domestic partner added .....\$100.00  
Life Membership, each additional child (until age 18)..... \$20.00
3. The renewal date for all new individual, family or junior memberships shall be May 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of when the member takes out their membership. The dues for new members who join between May 1 and November 1 shall be the full amount from Paragraph 2, above. The dues for new members who join after November 1 shall be pro-rated based on the length of time remaining before the May 1<sup>st</sup> renewal date. The dues for former members who have allowed their memberships to be expired for longer than thirty (30) days shall be the same as for new members.

Current members' dues for renewal of individual, family or youth memberships in effect on the date this provision is enacted shall be pro-rated to May 1, 2010 or May 1, 2011, whichever date follows the expiration of their current membership, provided the member renews within thirty (30) days following expiration of his/her membership. Once a member has been converted to the May 1<sup>st</sup> expiration date or if a member fails to renew his/her membership within thirty (30) days following expiration of his/her membership, the dues for membership renewals shall be the same as those for new memberships, except as members may have earned a reduction of their dues pursuant to ARTICLE VIII of these By-Laws.

4. Life membership fees may be paid by any of the options listed. Fees must be paid within a twelve (12) month period.  
One payment of..... \$1,000.00      Two payments of.....\$500.00  
Quarterly payments of.....\$250.00      Monthly payments of.....\$83.34

5. Club dues and fees for officers and immediate family residing at same address, shall be waived for that term of office.
  - a. The next year after being an officer the membership dues shall be the minimum amount due.
  - b. OBH Representative will receive one nights' lodging and one banquet meal to the annual Oregon Bow Hunters meeting or his/her alternate.
6. The fee for an individual Life Membership in Paragraph 2, above, shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for any member who has participated in at least three (3) work parties or attended at least five (5) general business meetings or a combination of at least two (2) work parties and at least two (2) general business meetings per year for at least five (5) years out of any six (6) consecutive year period.

#### **ARTICLE V: WAPITI BOWMEN ACTIVITIES**

1. Intra-club activities, such as indoor or outdoor tournaments may be held. If participation in such activities does not involve an entry fee, awards shall be made only to members of Wapiti Bowmen.
2. Inter-club activities put on by Wapiti Bowmen, such as leagues or 3-D shoots, where entry fee is charged may be opened to non-members and members alike.
3. The appropriate Vice President will promulgate rules and regulations.

#### **ARTICLE VI: BOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM**

1. Wapiti Bowmen will honor annually the top three (3) Men, Women and Youth (youth is considered age 15 or under or, if the person's birthday fall anytime during the year, he/she is still considered youth).
2. This program shall run from January 1 to December 31, with awards given at the annual banquet.
3. Awards:
  - a. There will be perpetual trophies awarded to the top Man, Woman and Youth, with plaques replacing the trophies.
  - b. There will be a perpetual trophy awarded to the top two-person team, with a plaque replacing the trophy. In order to qualify as a team, the individuals must be spouses or domestic partners living together in the same residence.
  - c. First through third place of Men, Women and Youth will receive plaques stating their place as Bow Hunter of the Year.
  - d. There shall be a Boner of the Year award. This will be a perpetual trophy. The recipient, if any, will be determined the night of the banquet and the award need not be awarded in any year when there is no story worthy of the award.
  - e. There shall be a Photo contest consisting of five (5) categories: Kill, Non-kill, Trail Camera, Scenery and Novelty. Photos taken using a trail camera are not eligible in the Non-kill category. Photos must be taken by or of club members in Oregon and taken in the year prior to the banquet. Winners will receive awards.
4. All game must be taken in Oregon, and must be reported to the Vice President of Bow Hunting no later than the January business meeting. All perpetual awards must be returned at this time to the Vice President of Bow Hunting.
5. Rules:
  - a. Any game animal taken under the following conditions will not be accepted for awards.
    1. Game helpless in deep snow, water or traps.
    2. Game taken in defiance of standing ODFW game laws.
    3. Game confined in a fenced area.
    4. Game taken with other than legal archery equipment.
    5. Game taken by a method the Vice President of Bow Hunting considers unsportsmanlike or in violation of fair chase.
  - b. The following point system for Big Game shall be followed:
    1. A minimum measurement of 13 inches for an adult Bear and 12 inches for an adult Cougar is required to receive BHOTY points.
    2. No bonus points given for skull measurements on coyote and turkey.
    3. Round BHOTY score to nearest full number except in the case of a tie. In the case of a full number tie, scores shall be determined by calculating measurements to the nearest 1/8 inch to two (2) decimal places.
  - c. The following shall be considered Big Game: BEAR, ANTELOPE, BIGHORN SHEEP, COUGAR, MOUNTAIN GOAT, DEER, ELK, TURKEY AND COYOTE. These animals shall be scored as follows:
    1. The score for a Coyote shall be 50 points.
    2. The score for a Turkey without a beard shall be 35 points and the score for a Turkey with a visible beard shall be 40 points.

3. The base score for a Bear, Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Cougar, Mountain Goat, Deer or Elk shall be 50 points. Any horned or antlered Big Game animal which is not scored shall receive an additional five (5) points added to the base score for a total score of 55 points. Any Big Game animal (other than Turkey and Coyote) which is scored by Pope and Young (P&Y) scoring may receive the base score of 50 points plus a bonus score based on the following formula:

$$\text{Bonus Score} = (\text{P\&Y Score of Entry} / \text{Oregon Archery Record Score}) \times 100$$

The Oregon archery record score basis to be used for Blacktail Deer shall be the Columbia Blacktail Deer category and the basis for Roosevelt Elk shall be the "coastal" Roosevelt Elk category. The Cascade subdivisions in the Oregon Big Game Records shall be ignored.

4. When more than one (1) Big Game animal of the same or similar species can legally be harvested each year pursuant to ODFW game regulations, more than one (1) such animal may be submitted for BHOTY points subject to the following:
  - (a) The BHOTY score for a second or subsequent animal of the same or similar Big Game species shall be one-half (½) of the BHOTY score calculated in the manner used for the first animal of the species except as provided in paragraph (b), below.
  - (b) If a 600 series tag is obtained through ODFW's controlled hunt drawing (this excludes LOP tags), a second deer of the same species as the first deer shall receive a BHOTY score one-half (½) of its calculated BHOTY score. If the deer is a different species than the first deer (e.g., one Mule Deer and a subsequent Blacktail Deer), the second deer shall receive the full calculated BHOTY score.
- d. The young of all Big Game animals shall be accepted if taken in accordance with current Oregon Fish and Wildlife laws and regulations.
- e. All game not listed as Big Game shall be considered Small Game and shall be worth two (2) points each, with a maximum of five (5) per species accepted for the BHOTY contest.

MUSKRAT**	RACCOON**	BOBCAT**	RAT	MORNING DOVE
BAT	CARP	DUCK	SNIPE	PHEASANT
BEAVER**	MOLE	CHUKAR	SKUNK	HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE
NUTRIA	MOUSE	CROW	RABBIT/HARE	POISONOUS SNAKES
FOX**	SAGE RAT	QUAIL	BADGER	SILVER GRAY SQUIRREL
COOT	GOPHER	BRANT	GOOSE	ENGLISH SPARROW
OPOSSUM	MARMOT	PORCUPINE	STARLING	COLLARED DOVE
ROCK DOVE (COMMON PIGEON)			GROUSE	GROUND SQUIRREL
MOUNTAIN BEAVER				

\*\* Furbearers require a trapping license or a furbearer hunting license in addition to a general hunting license.

#### ARTICLE VII: MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1. There shall be two awards given, Member of the Year for adults and Youth Member of the Year for youth. The announcement of the winners and presentation of awards will be made at the annual banquet.
  - a. The Executive Board is excluded from this award.
2. The selection of each of these two Member of the Year awards will be determined by a "Point System" as set forth in paragraph #3. It shall be the responsibility of the Membership Officer to record accurately all "points" earned by any member and report the standing only to the President of Wapiti Bowmen. There shall be no limit as to the number of years in succession any one member may be awarded this award.
  - a. In case of a tie on the point standings, both members' names will appear on the plaque and will be declared co-winners.
3. Point System:
  - a. Work Parties (Indoor and Outdoor).....20 points
  - b. Attendance at Business Meetings.....10 points
  - c. Any Officer may give special notice..... 5 points
  - d. Attendance at Committee Meetings..... 2 points
4. The member that is awarded Member of the Year shall be exempt from dues for the following year. If a family membership is involved, the entire family shall be exempt from dues.

#### ARTICLE VIII: DUES DEDUCTION

1. Annual membership dues may be reduced to a \$25.00 minimum for adults or \$35 for a family based on participation in the following club activities:
  - a. Work Parties.....\$15.00
  - b. Concession stand/shoots.....\$15.00
  - c. Business Meetings.....\$10.00

**ARTICLE IX: INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE**

1. Indemnification of Executive Board and others serving Wapiti Bowmen.
  - a. Civil or Criminal Proceedings: The Wapiti Bowmen shall have the power to indemnify any member who was or is a party or threatened, pending or completed action suit or proceeding; whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he/she is or was an Executive Board member or is or was a Wapiti member against expenses, including attorney's fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with such action listed above; if he/she acted in good faith and in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Wapiti Bowmen and respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his/her action was unlawful.
  - b. Negligence and Misconduct: the Wapiti Bowmen shall have the power to indemnify any member who was or is a party or threatened to be a party to any threatened, pending or completed action suit by reason he/she is or was an Executive Board member against expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Wapiti Bowmen. No indemnification shall be made in respect or any claim, issue or matter as to which such member shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct of the performance of his/her duty to the Wapiti Bowmen unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that despite the adjudication of liability but in vies of the circumstance of the case such expenses which such court shall deem proper.
  - c. Determination of Indemnification: any indemnification under 1 and 2, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by Wapiti Bowmen is proper under the circumstances because he/she met the applicable standard of conduct set forth. Such determination shall be made by:
    1. The Executive Board by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of the Executive Board members who were not parties to such action, suit or proceedings.
    2. If such a quorum is unattainable or even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested Executive Board members so direct.

**ARTICLE X: POLICY**

1. There shall be a policy page attached to the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS**

1. Amendments to the By-Laws may be made after a written notice of the proposed amendments has been published in the club's newsletter. After the amendment has been read and reviewed, and amendment may be voted upon and passed by a majority vote of the membership present at the next regular business meeting.

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