Constitution

Article 1

Name:

The Name of this chapter shall be the “Sugar Creek Lookingglass Township Chapter.”

Article 2

Object:

The Object of this Chapter shall be to bring together all those interested in a comprehensive program of conservation in order that they may work in cooperation with the Illinois state Department of Natural Resources, and other government agencies, in the conservation and restoration of our renewable natural resources, in the development of a spirit of mutual understanding and complete cooperation between all classes and groups of conservationists, nature lovers, farmers and sportsmen, to the end that the interest of each group may be served to the fullest extent consistent with the rights and privileges of the others.

Article 3

Membership:

Section 1. Annual dues are payable beginning May 1st of each year. Any member who does not pay his or her dues for a year will be required to pay the initiation fee to rejoin the Club.

Your membership includes the member, significant other, and any relation under the age of 16.

Section 2. All applications for membership shall be accompanied by an initiation fee of $25.00, together with payment of the annual membership as hereinafter provided. New members will be admitted during any monthly meeting; new members should appear at the regular meeting to receive their membership cards.

Youths 16 years of age of members shall be exempted from payment of the aforesaid initiation fee but shall be liable to the payment of the annual membership dues. Provided further that any applicant who shall, at or within one year prior to making application for membership be the holder of a “membership card” of this organization shall also be exempt from the payment of the aforesaid initiation fee but shall pay the proper annual dues.

Section 3. The annual membership dues are payable between May 1st and May 31st of each year and shall be in the amount outlined below. If payment is not postmarked by May 31st , a $10.00 late fee will apply. Payment of such dues shall entitle the member, his or her spouse and children under the age of 16, to the privileges of membership in this organization. However, the children are not entitled to guest privileges.

* Working membership is $60.00 for the year.
* Non-working membership is $80.00 for the year.
* Senior membership (70+) is $50.00 for the year.
* ½ year new membership is $45.00, good October – May.

New members may join in October for a pro-rated price of $45.00. This is only open to new members.

If you choose to pay the working membership, you agree to work at least 8 hours for the club (at an event or workday) and you will be required to sign the work list to keep track of your hours worked.

If you choose to pay the non-working membership your additional fees will go towards club maintenance, and you will not be required to work for the club.

If you are age 70 or older, you may choose the senior membership, and you will not be required to work for the club.

Article 4

Officers:

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected bi -annually.

Section 3. The Directors shall serve for three years. One Director shall be elected annually. Vacancies in the office shall be filled by appointment of the President for the remainder of the year or term, whichever shall apply.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of funds received and shall issue checks only upon an order by the board. The Treasurer shall be bonded in the amount of $50,000.00.

Section 5. Directors: The Directors shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors and have such powers and duties as may be given them by the Board. Directors are expected to be at all meetings possible.

Article 5

Board of Directors:

Section 1. Presiding officer: The President, if present, shall preside at all meetings. In his absence the next officer in due order who may be present shall preside.

Section 2. Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet upon call of the President. Or upon request in writing of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Duties: The Board of Directors shall attend to the conservation of the property of the Chapter. They shall perform such other duties in connection with operation of the Chapter as are usually incident to the Board of Directors. No monies, other than for normal operation expenses, may be spent without the approval of the Board of Directors. The membership chairman shall keep a true record of all members, collect all membership dues, and shall give each member in good standing a certificate of membership. A copy of the constitution and bylaws must be given to each new member. All monies collected by the membership chairman must be turned over to the Treasurer.

Section 4. Quorum: A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a Quorum.

Article 6

Organization:

Section 1. State Federation: This chapter shall be affiliated with the “Illinois Wildlife Federation” and shall be given a certificate of membership by the Federation. The chapters shall pay such dues to the state Federation as may be determined by said state Federation.

Section 2. Committees: Standing committees to be selected bi-annually shall be a membership committee, activities committees, lake committee, grounds committee, building committee, equipment committee, and Haunted Trail committee. These committees shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint other committees, as may be necessary, for the carrying out of additional chapter duties. All committees should have a report at each meeting. If committee chairman cannot make a meeting, they should give the report to another member to report at the meeting.

Article 7

Amendments:

The constitution, bylaws, and regulations may be amended at any annual meeting of the chapter, by two-thirds affirmative vote of the members in good standing present at such meeting.

Article 8

Elections:

Section 1. The President will appoint a nominating committee at the regular October meeting. This nominating committee is to report at the December meeting with their proposed slate of officers.

Section 2. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for any of the offices to be vacated. However, the nominator must have a letter of consent for the nomination of any member he wishes to nominate who might not be in attendance.

Section 3. Nominations will be closed at the December meeting with the election and installation of officers at the January meeting.

Article 9

Meetings:

Section 1. The Chapter shall hold regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the clubhouse. Meetings will start at 7:30 PM, year-round.

Section 2. This Chapter shall hold its annual meeting for the election and installation of officers at the January meeting.

Section 3. The Chapter may hold meetings at such other places for times as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article 10

Resolution to the Constitution

Be and the same is herby resolved, “Sugar Creek Lookingglass Township Chapter” as follows:

The Constitution and bylaws of the “Sugar Creek Lookingglass Township Chapter” be and the same hereby amended in their entirety and that reference therein to “Illinois Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs” is hereby amended to read “Illinois Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs” of which this club is an affiliate to “Illinois Wildlife Federation.”

Article 11

Pavilion Rental and Club room rental:

The pavilion may be reserved at any time except days of club activities. A fee of $80.00, plus a $40.00 cleanup deposit is to be given to the caretaker at the time the reservation is made. The pavilion, club room, or area reserved must be cleaned by 10:00 am the following morning. Reserving member is liable for any/all damages during reservation period. Organizations may rent free of charge after approval obtained from president or Board of Directors.

Bylaws

Article 1

The rules contained in the latest edition of the “Roberts Rules of Order” shall govern this chapter in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of this Chapter.

Article 2

Officers:

Section 1: President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and shall perform all duties incumbent upon that office.

Section 2: Vice President: The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President.

Section 3: Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings.

Section 4: Treasurer: The Treasurer controls the club’s money, both its collection and disbursement. The treasurer collects members’ dues, prepares and monitors the budget, maintains accurate financial records, and pays all bills.

Sugar Creek and Lookingglass Township Chapter

Fishing, Lake, and Camping Regulations

A. Fishing: Open to Members and their family members under 16 only - NO GUEST FISHING.

B. Daily Limits on Fish:

1. Channel Catfish – 5 per member, 15” minimum

2. Bass - 2 fish 12”-14” in length. **NO EXCEPTIONS** (This means only fish measuring 12”-14” are allowed to be taken, any shorter or longer MUST be released)

3. Bluegill – 20 per member - any size

4. Crappie – No limit on any size under 12” in length. Please do not throw crappie under 12” back in the lake. 5 fish 12” or larger.

5. Redear – 5 per member – any size

6 Any other species – no size or quantity limit

C. Club Dismissal: Any member disregarding the established rules for fishing, camping etc. may be dropped from the club with no refund of dues.

D. Children fishing: All relatives must be accompanied by a person 18 years or older, who is a member in good standing.

E. It will be a membership privilege to ask to see your fish or check your membership at any time.

F. Registration: Provisions have been made for you to register the number of fish of each variety that you take from the lake. This is to help plan for the restocking of the lake each year. There is a register near the boat ramp and another at the T as you exit the club grounds.

G. Boats: Every boat must be registered with the caretaker or grounds chairman. If the area around your boat is not maintained, it will be removed from its location. If unclaimed within 6 months, the club reserves the right to dispose of said boat. Boats will be tagged and must always be put in the same place. Electric type trolling motors are permissible. No other type (gasoline) motors are allowed, except by workers on workdays only. Boats are not permitted for night fishing. Persons under the age of 16 may not operate any vessel. No person may operate any watercraft unless an approved and appropriately sized wearable USCG-approved personal flotation device is being worn by each person under the age of 13. No person may operate any watercraft unless an approved and appropriately sized wearable USCG-approved personal flotation device is present for every occupant of the watercraft. Any stored batteries must be secured against shifting. All watercraft must have a mouth, hand, or power operated whistle.

H. Bait: No minnows. Any other live bait or artificial baits are approved.

I. Line Limit: Three lines per person only

J. Fishing time and types allowed: Fishing will be permitted from sunup to sundown daily. Night fishing is permitted from May 1st – September 30th. Jug, Trott line, and ice fishing is not permitted.

K. The clubroom can be rented by the day or by the night, $80.00 rental fee, plus a refundable $40 deposit for cleaning and damages. Fishing is permitted by non-member children under the age of 16 during club rentals. Member renting the club is responsible for all people fishing. All fish caught by non-members during club rentals are catch and release only.

L. Any parties held anywhere on these grounds must be kept in order and everything cleaned up when the party is over. Failure to do so can result in the member being dropped from the club with no refund of dues. All members are asked to police the grounds for non-members or violations of fishing or chapter rules. Report to the caretaker or any officer at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

M. All picnic tables removed from any of the pavilions must be returned before leaving. NO EXCEPTIONS

N. Campers must register at the register box located by the club room door upon arrival and departure. Please make sure to include your electric site # or location you are staying. Campers are required to make a $10donation per night while camper is on premises. Exceptions include workers during the Haunted Trail, and if grounds are too saturated to leave. Please deposit envelopes in the donation slot by the door. Please make sure to dispose of your trash in the dumpster or take it with you when you leave.

O. Any Non-Member camping alone must be approved by the board or caretaker. Any Non-Member camping with a member in good standing need not be approved. A fee of $15 will be required.

P. If any member or non-member camps for a period of over seven days, you must relocate to a new campsite. Campers may not camp longer than 14 days without prior approval.

Q. No swimming.

R. Any off-highway vehicle must be driven by someone age 16+ and must possess a valid driver's license.