

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Bridge View Hunting Camp

Hillsgrove, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania

PURPOSE: Bridge View Hunting Camp is organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable activities. In addition, no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder.

ARTICLE I – OFFICERS

Section 1 - The officers of the camp shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Chairman of the House Committee.

a. A Non-Equity Partner may be considered as Chairman of the House Committee

Section 2 – The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting, by ballot, for a period of two years, and shall serve until their successors are duly elected. This annual meeting is otherwise known as the pre big game hunting meeting. The time of this meeting is normally in November of each year. In case of a vacancy of the President, the Vice President shall automatically succeed him. Should a vacancy of any other elected officer occur, the President shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term, or until another election is held.

Section 3 – The President, or in his absence, the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings, enforce all rules of order, sign all contracts for the camp, and perform other such duties that pertain to his position or which may be assigned to him by the camp. The president shall have the power to call a special meeting at any time in the best interest of the camp, provided the Secretary/Treasurer gives five (5) days notice of such meeting and the purpose thereof.

a. This notification and all others mentioned in the bylaws may be sent via e-mail

Section 4 – The Secretary/Treasurer shall give five (5) days notice of all meetings and elections, preserve all minutes of such meetings, and to conduct any other correspondence as may be required. He shall also keep the accounts of the camp, collect all fees, and make a financial statement at each annual meeting. He shall pay all bills associated with the camp.

Section 5 – The member and/or non-equity partner serving as House Committee Chairman shall be in charge of all camp property and equipment. In addition, the chairman can appoint two additional members and/or non-equity partners to serve on this committee.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERS

Section I – The camp membership shall consist of not more than eleven (11) Equity Partner members and two (2) Non-Equity Partners to be known as “Associate Members.”

Section 2 – To qualify for membership in the *Camp*, a prospective equity member must be eighteen (18) years of age or over and must be recommended by two (2) equity members in

good standing. A prospective non-equity member must be eighteen (18) years of age or over and must be recommended by two (2) equity members in good standing.

Section 3 – The names of the eligible members desiring to become members of the *Camp* should be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer, who shall duly notify each member in writing and submit the name(s) at the next regular meeting.

Section 4 – At the above mentioned meeting, a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the equity membership, in person or by proxy, is required to elect an applicant to membership. The vote will be by secret ballot. The vote may be done by e-mail. Each Equity Member will receive a certificate of ownership.

Section 5 – At a regular meeting and/or special meeting, a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the equity membership is required to suspend or expel a member for the willful infraction of the rules or conditions of the camp, its bylaws, or acts or conduct which may be deemed disorderly or injurious to the *Camp*.

- a. All members and guest hunters shall abide by the game code as set forth by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.
- b. In the event of any infraction of the game code by a member of the camp, the member involved shall be responsible for any such act. Any member sponsoring a guest(s) shall be likewise responsible for the act(s) of such guest(s).
- c. Any violation of the above article, reported or unreported, shall be dealt with by the action of the majority of members present.

Section 6 – Any member of the *Camp* not current with their dues and/or assessments shall be deemed delinquent. The member, at the discretion of the President, shall be given a thirty (30) days' notice in writing to fulfill such obligation. Upon the expiration of such notice, if the member has not honored his requirement, he shall be considered a non-member. Any member allowing his dues to lapse, shall receive the prorated share of his camp equity value from the Secretary/Treasurer, less any indebtedness.

Section 7 – All camp members, equity and non-equity, are highly encouraged to make themselves available for the Spring and Fall Work Detail Weekends. These weekends will be scheduled at the annual meeting in November.

- a. At a minimum, work weekend attendance is credited by appearing Saturday morning and contributing that day. (Nov. 2021)
- b. A member will be assessed a \$35 fine if they fail to attend work weekend, \$70 total if both are missed; An appeal may be made to the membership to waive the fine(s) for an emergency medical condition. (Nov. 2021)

Section 8 – Any camp member who contracts work for Camp improvements should make it a priority that the contractor and/or laborer carry personal injury and property damage insurance. This will ensure that the camp members will not be held liable in the case of accident, injury and/or property damage.

ARTICLE III – MONETARY ASSESSMENT

Section 1

- a. The membership fee of an equity member shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and must be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer within one (1) year from the date of membership acceptance. Conditions of payment may be made in the full sum of \$2,500 upon acceptance or \$1,250 upon acceptance, with the balance of \$1,250 within one (1) year of the acceptance date. Five hundred dollars (\$500) of the membership fee shall be considered the initiation fee and two thousand dollars (\$2,000) is the member's equity.
- b. The initiation fee for a non-equity member shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700) and must be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer within one (1) year from the date of acceptance. Conditions of the payment may be in the full sum of \$700 upon acceptance or \$350 upon acceptance, with the balance of \$350 within one (1) year of the acceptance date.
- c. Any assessment(s) for camp improvements must be approved by vote of the members. If such costs to members are to be included as member equity value in the camp, the majority vote of the members approving the assessment shall include the specific approval of the amount of added equity due each member.

Section 2

- a. Upon termination of membership by a camp member through voluntary withdrawal, death, or expulsion, the prorated share of his equity in the camp shall be paid to the departed member, his widow or heirs, as appropriate.
- b. Upon termination of membership by a camp non-equity member through voluntary withdrawal, death, and/or expulsion, he shall not be eligible to receive any share of the initiation fee paid upon acceptance to membership.

Section 3 – Under no circumstance may an equity and/or non-equity member sell, assign, or transfer his membership in the *Camp*.

Section 4 – The annual dues shall be four hundred dollars (\$400), due on or before the pre big game hunting meeting in November. Dues may be adjusted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members as expenses incurred for operation of the camp may warrant.

Section 5 – Any member serving in the armed forces in time of war or national emergency shall be exempt from payment of dues until he is discharged from military service.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The annual meeting shall be held in November of each year and the election of officers shall be held at that time.

Section 2 – In addition to the annual meeting, at least one other meeting shall be held each year. The time and place of the meeting shall be designated by the President.

Section 3 – At all meetings, a majority of the membership, of which at least two (2) are officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including amendments to the bylaws.

Section 4 – Notice of such meetings shall be sent out in writing by the Secretary/Treasurer at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.

ARTICLE V – RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CAMP OCCUPATION

Section 1 – Any member, at the time he occupies the camp, shall be solely responsible for the same condition of the camp upon leaving. The member(s) attending camp at any time shall be responsible to make the following entries in the Bridge View Camp Attendance log:

- 1) The name(s) of the member(s) and guest(s) in attendance.
- 2) The condition of the camp upon arrival and departure.
- 3) Make note of the condition and or camp problems which need to be addressed by the Camp House Committee.
- 4) If applicable, any camp improvements and/or maintenance completed during the visit by the member(s) and guest(s) in attendance and relay to the House Committee Chairman.
- 5) Note the date and time of Arrival.
- 6) Note the date and time of departure.

Section 2

- a. In an effort to avoid confusion, clearance for camp use must be made by adhering to the following procedure as decided upon by those members present at the last meeting. The new guideline agreed upon will be for the President to be the first contact for use and if he is not available, the Secretary is next to be notified. The President and Secretary will have full and complete authority in enforcing this guideline. This guideline will be in effect for the year 2001 and beyond until changed by a vote of the camp membership.
- b. The equity members of the *Camp* have priority for camp scheduling between mid-April and mid-November. Priority scheduling must be completed and given to either the President and/or Secretary by an April 1st deadline. A camp calendar schedule will be formulated and given to each camp member. As of 2006, the calendar resides on the newly established *Camp* website, www.bridgeviewcamp.net. The *Camp* is annually available to all Equity Members from November 1st through December 31st.
- c. No member shall have more than approximately eight (8) guests at the camp exclusive of family without prior approval of the membership.
- d. It shall not be permissible for any member of the *Camp* to loan or otherwise transfer his key to a non-member for the purpose of gaining entrance to the *Camp*.

Section 3 – If, at the pre big game meeting, less than eight (8) members pledge to hunt deer, guests will be allowed. The name of each proposed day hunter shall be submitted and acted upon in order of their proposal. Sons of members will be given first priority consideration. The maximum number of hunters in camp shall be approximately twelve (12) exclusive of family members.

Section 4 – The charge for guests for the use of the camp for the purpose of hunting or fishing shall be eight dollars (\$8) per day exclusive of the cost of food.

Section 5 – A portion of the deer hunting expenses shall be paid in advance at the pre big game hunting meeting. Final adjustments will be made at camp.

Section 6 – Guest(s) of member(s) shall be charged \$5 per night excluding family members.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Amendments to these bylaws may be made at any scheduled meeting of the camp membership

Section 2 – Each member shall be notified in advance of any amendments to be considered by the Secretary at least five days before the announced meeting

Section 3 – Any amendments to the bylaws shall be passed for adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the meeting the amendments were presented for consideration and adoption.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

President

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Secretary/Treasurer

Bylaws Amendment Dates:

- 1) 11/30/1990
- 2) 2/21/1997
- 3) 2/22/2001
- 4) 3/28/2005 (full review)
- 5) 11/15/2005 (website)
- 6) 11/21/2006 (e-mail notification, calendar)
- 7) 11/17/2007 (equity membership increased to 10; secret ballot; e-mail voting; camp open to all equity members from November 1 – December 31; certificates)
- 8) 11/22/2009 (charge for guests)
- 9) 11/16/2013 (equity membership increased to 11)
- 10) 1/1/2015 (equity increased to \$2500 due to well)
- 11) 11/12/2016 (insurance requirement for contracted work - Article 2, Section 8)
- 12) 5/6/2019 (insurance a priority for contracted work - Article 2, Section 8)
- 13) 11/2/2019 (impose a \$25 fine if both work weekends missed)

- 14) 11/7/2020 (increase the annual dues to \$400)
- 15) 11/6/2021 (define work weekend attendance and adjust fine amounts to \$35)