

TOLAR LAKE HUNTING CLUB

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TOLAR LAKE HUNTING CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1 - Name:

This organization shall be called the Tolar Lake Hunting Club.

Section 2 - Purpose:

Promote wildlife conservation, friendly relationships with landowners, safety, fellowship and ethical hunting practice through club function.

Section 3 - Meetings:

We will have two meetings each year. Our regular Business meeting will be held in May and the second meeting will be held on the Saturday before Deer season.

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1 - Number of Members:

- a) Membership shall be limited to eight (80) members, based on a guideline of at least one member per approximately every fifty (50) acres.
- b) A member in good standing with at least five (5)

consecutive years of membership and, after reaching the age of seventy (70), will be eligible to become an honorary member. An honorary member will not be required to pay the annual membership dues and will not count against the paid membership roll of 80 members.

Section 2 - Provision of Membership:

In order to become a member of the Tolar Lake Hunting Club a person must:

- a) Pass an unanimous vote by the membership or one Year of probationary membership.
- b) Pass an unanimous vote by the membership upon completion of one year of probation.
- c) The club will maintain a waiting list of prospective new members that have been recommended by a current member in good standing and from this list new members will be determined as vacancies develop each year. New members will be selected from the list in sequence according to the date that his name was added to the waiting list. Each current member may have one new prospect taken from the waiting list each year. If a member has recommended more than one

prospective member in any one year, the second name will be passed over and will appear at the top of the list for selection in the following year.

Section 3 - Charter Members:

The original eighty paid members will be considered as the charter members.

Section 4 - Family Members:

Family members shall be the spouse and children (under 18 years old) of a member who has a current paid membership.

Family members do not have to pay a membership fee.

Family members (excluding a spouse) under the age of 23 must be a full time student and dependent upon their parent members for support. The year a family member reaches the age of 23 their membership will expire as of December 31 of that year. Hunting club member's children, until the age of 23, will have priority on the waiting list to become full members of the Tolar Lake Hunting Club. Children of deceased members will continue to have the same privilege of becoming a member that any other member's sons or daughters would have.

Section 5 - Membership and Guest Cards:

Number badges for members and guests will be required to be worn while hunting on the lease. Each member will be assigned a separate badge number for themselves and their quest. The badges will be worn so as to be visible to anyone on sight.

Section 6 - Dues and Fees:

Dues are payable during the month of May. If the dues are not paid by June 15th, the member will be assessed a late penalty of \$25.00. If the dues are not paid by July 1st, the member will be dropped from the membership roll and replaced by the next eligible name from the waiting list. Dues will be increased when the bank account drops below \$5000.00 in any year.

The Secretary-Treasurer of Tolar Lake Hunting Club will not be required to pay any membership dues.

A one time assessment of \$25.00 will be added to the dues of any new member to cover costs of the gates. A key to the gates may be leased from the club by a member and must be returned to the club when the member drops from the club membership.

ARTICLE III: Officers, Elections, Vacancies and Eligibility:

Section 1: Officers and Their Duties:

- a) The President shall preside over all meetings and conduct all official business.
- b) The Vice-President shall assist the President and preside over all committee meetings.
- c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain minutes of the club meetings, publicity, and maintain the club financial matters and present a report at each club meeting.
- d) The president is to appoint, as his discretion, new members from the club membership, hereafter to

be called Directors, to help in expediting the business of the club.

The appointments will expire at each election unless the appointment is terminated by the President or for any actions of Article IV.

Section 2 - Elections:

The election of officers shall be held bi-annually at the regular meeting during the month of May. Election shall be by simple majority of members present. Election for officers shall be held separately in order as listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3 - Eligibility of Voters:

Each member is entitled to one vote with the exception of President who will vote in case of a tie.

Section 4 - Term of Office:

The term of office is for two (2) years, which shall begin on July 1 of an odd year and end on the last day of June of the following odd year.

Section 5- Vacancies:

In the event an office becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the individual vacating the office.

Section 6 - Eligibility:

To become eligible for an office, a member must:

- a) Have been a member for at least two (2) years.
- b) Have amended at least three-fourths of the club functions.
- c) Have shown an active interest in all the club functions.
- d) Have conducted themselves in a sportsman-like manner.

ARTICLE IV: Removal of Membership:

A member will be dropped from the membership roll for any of the following:

- a) Failure to pay dues.
- b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace on the organization.
- c) The Board of Directors shall hold a hearing and then rule on continuation of such person's membership should a problem involve ARTICLE IV, Item (b).
- d) Except that person convicted of violating game laws shall be expelled automatically.
- e) Failure to comply with rules directed to the club by the International Paper Company.
- f) If a club member fails to comply after a club officer requests that he/she do so, the member will be subject to a fine or dismissal from the Tolar Lake hunting Club.
- g) If a member fails to comply to a second request from a club officer, he/she will be requested to meet with not less than 5 members on the Board of Directors and will be subject to a \$100.00 fine. If the member fails to meet with the Board of Directors or pay the fine, he/she will promptly be dismissed from the membership roll of the Tolar Lake Hunting Club.

ARTICLE V: Guests

Section 1 - Authorization:

Club members can have only one (1) guest on the hunting lease at a time. The club member must be on the lease also when this guest is present. The member who authorized the guest must notify a club Director or club Officer prior to the guest entering the lease.

Section 2- Guest Fees:

If a club member, who has a guest on the lease does not pay the guest fees (\$10.00 daily) within seven (7) days following the last day of each hunt, the club member will be assessed a fine of \$50.00. The club member will be responsible for all actions by their guest while on the lease. Failure to pay fees or any fines will be grounds for dismissal from Tolar Lake Hunting Club.

Section 3- Neighboring Landowners:

Neighboring landowners will be invited to hunt with us. They will also be required to pay the current hunting lease fees.

ARTICLE VI: Method of Amending the Constitution

The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote.

ARTICLE VII: Trapping

Trapping of any manner, (the taking of wildlife), will not be permitted on any Tolar Lake Hunting Leases.