

BYLAWS  
OF  
THE CYPRESS CHAPTER #10-046  
OF  
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC.

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

- Section 1. The purpose of this organization is scientific and educational, to inform its members and others about the value of natural resources; to conserve, maintain, protect, restore and defend natural resources and the environment; and to encourage public and private agencies to do likewise.
- Section 2. These bylaws and the operation of this Chapter shall at all times be consistent with and in agreement with the bylaws of the Izaak Walton League of America, the national organization from which we have our charter. In the case of any disagreement between the Chapter's bylaws and the national bylaws, the national bylaws shall control.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1. The Annual, individual membership dues shall be \$12.00, plus current national dues, and Florida division dues, if applicable, and shall be payable on or before the first day of January each year. A member whose dues are paid is an active member. Family membership dues shall be one and one-half (1.5) times the individual membership dues. Student member dues shall be one-half (1/2) of the individual membership dues. Youth memberships shall be one-fifth (0.2) times the individual membership dues.
- Section 2. Only active members shall be eligible to hold office, vote at meetings or otherwise enjoy the privileges of the organization.
- Section 3. Any member, who by his conduct violates the rules of this Chapter or of the national organization, may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at a regular board meeting, provided the member has been given at least twenty-four hours notice of the proposed action. All charges alleging such conduct shall be supported by a signed affidavit.
- Section 4. Any member whose connection with the Chapter is severed by resignation, death, expiration of membership, or otherwise shall lose all benefits of membership in the Chapter.

### ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the Cypress Chapter shall be held on the third Monday of each month at a place designated by the President on a schedule to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the President, by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by not less than one-fifth of the active members, by mailing a written or printed notice, or by e-mailing a notice, or by telephone call to members, stating the time and place of such meeting, at least five (5) days before the time of such meeting.
- Section 3. Six members shall constitute a quorum at a duly called meeting.

### ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The business of the Chapter shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, or by the Chapter officers as directed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than five (5) active Chapter members, who shall be elected by the active members of the Chapter for three year terms on a rotating schedule, with up to three directors being elected each year.
- Section 3. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.
- Section 4. Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least quarterly. These meetings may be held on the day of regular Chapter meetings, prior to the membership portion of the meeting. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all active Chapter members.
- Section 5. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the President or at the request of a majority of the Board of Directors. Special meetings shall be held on not less than twenty-four (24) hours verbal or written notice.

### ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Chapter officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Only active members shall be eligible to hold office.

- Section 2. The officers of the Chapter shall be elected to hold office for a term of one year or until their respective successors are elected and qualified by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after the annual election of Directors each year.
- Section 3. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors and to perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that office.
- Section 4. The Vice President, shall in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and such further duties as shall be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.
- Section 5. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record in permanent form of all business transactions and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all money received by the Chapter; shall deposit such money in the manner hereinafter prescribed; shall annually account for the same to the Board of Directors, and at such further times as requested by the Board of Directors. Upon his retirement from office, the Treasurer shall turn over to the successor Treasurer all funds in his or her possession belonging to the Chapter. The Treasurer and other officers of the Chapter who handle money shall, if required by the Board of Directors, furnish satisfactory bond, the cost of which shall be paid by the Chapter.
- Section 7. The duties of all other officers and agents shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 8. The Board of Directors of the Chapter may at any time by a majority vote ask for, demand, receive and accept the resignation of any officer, other than Director, or employee of the Chapter, and upon his or her refusal to tender such resignation or refusal to resign, the majority of said Board of Directors may dismiss that person from office, declare said office vacant, and elect a successor to serve in that office.
- Section 9. If any vacancy occurs during the year, in any one or more of the above offices, for any reason, the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting, may elect a successor or successors who shall hold office for the unexpired term of that position.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The President, with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such standing and special committees as the Board of Directors shall direct.
- Section 2. The President shall be an ex-officio member, without vote, of all committees.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCES

- Section 1. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December of each year.
- Section 2. All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited by the Treasurer, or upon his order, in the name of the Chapter, in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. All disbursements shall be by check, signed and countersigned (if required) by such persons as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 4. A thorough audit shall be made at least once a year by a committee designated by the Board of Directors and submitted at a regular meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, after notice to the members that such amendment is proposed.
- Section 2. No amendment that would place these bylaws in conflict with the bylaws of the national Izaak Walton League shall be valid.

Adoption:

These bylaws were adopted by a vote of the members of the Chapter on

10/18/04 to become effective immediately upon adoption.

Stephen [Signature] President

Carol Bergquist Secretary