

# **CRANE BAY HUNTING CLUB, INC.**

**P.O. Box 459**

**Cross City, FL 32628**

## **AGREEMENTS - BY-LAWS - GAME AND GENERAL-RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Agreements**

#### **Bugum Bay Still Hunt Club:**

No member of Crane Bay Club may enter Bugum Bay at any time, unless he is accompanied by a Bugum Bay member and is unarmed.

#### **California Club:**

California Swamp Hunting Club members may enter the Crane Bay Hunting Club and Crane Bay Club members may enter the California Hunting Club under the following conditions: during regular hunting season for the purpose of retrieving or recovering their dogs or when in pursuit of a severely wounded deer and accompanied by a member of the club entered. Four gates will have the two club locks installed: Davis Island Main Line, Whiskey Still Road, Jeffrey Road, and Cannon Blaze Road.

#### **Dip-N-Vat Club:**

Crane Bay Hunting Club members may enter Dip-N-Vat Hunt Club and Dip-N-Vat Hunt Club members may enter Crane Bay Hunting Club.

1. To retrieve dogs during state dog training season and during General Gun season.
2. To pursue and kill legal buck deer and hogs and retrieve dogs and immediately return to their own club.

Members under the influence of alcohol or drugs cannot hunt either club.

"No 4 wheel ATVs will be permitted in Crane Bay Hunting Club during General Gun Season."

Crane Bay Hunting Club and Dip-N-Vat Hunt Club enter into this agreement on March 31, 2001.

#### **Mill Swamp Hunt Club:**

No member of Crane Bay Club may enter Mill Swamp Hunt Club at any time, unless he is accompanied by a Mill Swamp member and is unarmed.

#### **Shired Island Hunt Club:**

Members of Crane Bay Hunting Club may enter Shired Island Club and Shired Island members may enter Crane Bay Club for the purpose of retrieving dogs and during general gun season, members may enter either club, pursue legal deer, kill deer, catch dogs, the return to mother club. No member or member's guest may hunt while in Crane Bay under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Shired Island visitors may not drive vehicles while in Crane Bay Club. All gates must remain closed when entering or leaving club. All vehicles entering Crane Bay Club must display club decal.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be **CRANE BAY HUNTING CLUB, INC.**

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECT**

Objectives of this dog-running club shall be:

- (a) To provide opportunities for club members to engage in the sport of dog running and hunting.
- (b) To promote hunter safety.
- (c) To encourage the practice of good sportsmanship and compliance with local, state and federal game laws.
- (d) To support wildlife conservation programs and to assist wildlife management programs.
- (e) To strengthen landowner-hunter cooperation and understanding.
- (f) To increase the knowledge and practice of hunting skills, marksmanship and other outdoor recreation skills that is in harmony with the sport of hunting.
- (g) To cooperate with other organizations which share the objectives stated in paragraphs (a) through (f).

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Any citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older, may become a member of this organization on vote of the Executive Committee, and ratification by majority of the membership and payment of dues.

Club members will also subscribe to the Hunter's Code of Ethics as follows:

- (a) I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.
- (b) I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same.
- (c) I will obey all game laws and regulations, and will insist that my companions do the same.
- (d) I will do my best to acquire those marksmanships and hunting skills, which assure clean, sportsmanlike kills.
- (e) I will support conservation efforts, which can assure good hunting for future generations of America.
- (f) I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.
- (g) I will abide by the all the terms included in the Leases, Agreements or Licenses signed by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IV - DUES

(a) All dues must be paid by **April 15th** of each year by check or money order. Failure to receive notice shall not be cause for not paying dues by this date. All dues must be postmarked or hand delivered on/or before **April 15th** of each year. If dues are not paid or postmarked by **May 15th** along with the \$100.00<sup>1</sup> late fee, membership will be canceled. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. New applications will be selected for upcoming year to fill any vacancies.

(b) Members that are 65 years of age or with permanent disability<sup>2</sup>, and having been a member for (5) five consecutive years will pay one-half (1/2) price of regular annual membership fee for membership.

(c) No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this club.

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

(a) Annual Meeting - The annual meeting shall be held on the first Saturday of June each year at a site to be announced, at 7:30 p.m. in Cross City or surrounding area.

(b) General Meeting - The general meeting shall be held on the first Saturday of February each year at a site to be announced, at 7:30 p.m. in Cross City or surrounding area.

(c) Special Meeting. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the of he Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less the 20 percent of the member entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.<sup>3</sup>

(d) Quorum. One-third of the members of the club entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. No rules or regulations changed unless a quorum of members is present an annual meeting.<sup>4</sup>

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

(a) The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three board members, who, acting together shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing. At the June meeting you will sign in, receive your ballot, vote and then turn in your ballot in the locked box yourself. The results will be counted in front of all members present at June meeting.<sup>5</sup>

They shall hold office for two years or until their successors is elected. (The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.) All officers must be twenty-one years of age or older.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the day-to-day activities and business of the club, subject to meeting approval or disapproval of the general membership. The Executive Committee may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out objectives of the club.

(c) Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly as such time and place as the Committee may determine, Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by three members of the Committee.

(d) Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(e) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

(f) A vacancy in the Executive committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called, and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (a) above.

## **ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

(a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

(b) Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence. He shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify the members of the special and annual meetings, as required in article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have the custody of books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's books of account. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary.

(d) Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks of the club as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer, Secretary or online bill pay and or the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and submit a financial statement to the secretary to be read to members attending the meeting. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues.

(e) All board members will vote to hire any work to be done in Crane Bay Hunting Club on any money spent with the exception of paying the lease and Insurance or any materials the secretary has to send out to board members.<sup>6</sup>

## **ARTICLE VIII - SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION**

(a) Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days' notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and the place of the special meeting as which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

(b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days' notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting, the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

(d) Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days' notice in writing

to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard, and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose. They must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose, provided a copy of the approved amendments has been sent to each club member by United States mail at least 10 days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members' present will be necessary to pass or reject it. Any proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted in writing prior to the June meeting.

## **Article X – Rules**

Any rule change or rule proposal shall be submitted to the Club Secretary in writing prior to or at the February meeting, to be read aloud to members present and noted in meeting minutes. This will then go onto the June ballot for all members to approve or disapprove.<sup>7</sup>

I hereby certify that these by-laws have been adopted by this club.

## **Game Rules and Regulations**

As set forth by the Florida Wildlife Commission

### **Exceptions:**

1. No taking of Doe deer unless approved by the Board of Directors.

### **Deer:**

1. There will be no killing of Does in Archery season.<sup>8</sup>
2. There will be a fine of \$100.00 per deer for taking nubbed buck.
3. There will be a fine of: **See Rule #2 under Rewards.**
4. Deer are to be pursued with barking dogs only as set forth by the State Game Department. Non-barking dogs will not be allowed.
5. No spikes can be killed in our club.<sup>9</sup>

### **Wild Hogs:**

1. No suckling sows are to be killed or removed from the club at any time.

2. Any hog 15 inches at point of shoulder or taller maybe killed and removed from the club anytime of the year by members and their guest. (A member must have a valid **"Visitor's Pass"** to bring a hunting guest in the club to hunt hogs or run hog dogs)

3. Hogs must be taken during **daylight hours** only, in **General Gun Season, Small Game Season.**

4. No dogs maybe run during **Spring Turkey Season.**

5. Hogs may not be trapped at any time without written permission of the Board of Directors.  
**Hogs may not be removed from the club alive.**

6. You may use any size gun to kill hogs but may only have it in your custody when hunting hogs, not doing other things in the club.

#### **FEEDERS:**

1. Feeders may be run all year long.<sup>10</sup>

### **General Rules and Regulations**

#### **Alcohol:**

No drinking of alcoholic beverages allowed on the Club property. No hunter shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while hunting, or at any club activities.

#### **Vehicles:**

1. Members and dependents must have a valid driver's license, current tag and vehicle insurance while operating vehicle or ATV/UTV on the club property. ATV/UTV (All-terrain and Utility Vehicles must have insurance.)

2. Each member's vehicle will display the club decal mounted on the driver side lower left of the front windshield or receive a \$25.00 fine levied by the board.

3. Vehicles shall not be parked in such manner as to obstruct roads or fire lanes.

4. Any member's vehicle may be searched by any Board member or club manager of the club while in the presence of the owner. Refusal of the search will be grounds for expulsion from club.

5. No intentional spinning tires or playing in wet or dry areas. Four-wheel drive shall be engaged when available to prevent damage to roads and owners' property.

#### **All-terrain vehicles:**

1. No all-terrain vehicles in club during General Gun season, except with the written permission by the Board of Directors, and then only when going from member's vehicle to hunting area off road.

2. The landowner will not allow any two or three wheeled vehicles on their property, which includes three-wheeled ATV.

3. All persons using an ATV must wear Hunter Orange above the Waist or have an orange flag flown two feet above the operator's head.

4. All-terrain vehicles operated by children under the age of 16 must be under direct supervision of member.

## Utility Terrain Vehicles:

1. A member may use a **UTV** during the General Gun season as long as the vehicle is covered by auto Insurance, weighs more than 1,900 pounds, equipped with side by side seating with seat belts, steering wheel and stop lights.<sup>11</sup>

## Campsite Rules:

1. The LANDOWNER, The Dixie County Health Department and Crane Bay Hunting Club will not allow any camper to discharge sewage, dishwater, or any substance through the discharge line into an underground bucket, can, drum, or open hole. There will be a \$100.00 fine for violation. Member can face possible expulsion from club for continued violation.

2. No parking of campers in such way that would block through traffic. All camps must display members' name, addresses, and phone number.

3. Camping limited to designated campsites. Campsites must be left clean and all garbage must be hauled out of club area and disposed of properly when leaving. Any member caught littering on club property will be fined.

4. Campers must keep campsites clean and uncluttered at all times.

5. GARBAGE - All garbage must be kept in container at all times and hauled out of club area and disposed of properly.

6. No hunting dogs allowed to run free inside campsites or tied to trees, posts, or stob. Hunting dogs must be kept inside dog box or dog pens unless being hunted.

7. All hunting dogs must remain confined in pens unless being hunted. Owners must be in club and dogs are the responsibility of their owners.

8. There will be no loud, abusive language used inside campsite at any time.

9. SPEEDING - At no time inside campsite.

10. No shooting inside or within 250 yards of campsites.

11. Any member's camp may be searched by any Board member or club manager of the club while in the presence of the owner. Refusal of the search will be grounds for expulsion from club.

12. Members may reserve their previous year campsite, as long as they remain a member in good standing, by roping it off and placing a sign with their name, address, and phone number.

13. Travel trailers and cook shacks must be removed by **May 16** from the club's campground, if the owner does not renew their membership.

14. A \$25.00 camping fee for each camper using the campground, to be paid with membership dues<sup>12</sup>. Cook shacks will not be subject to the fee.<sup>13</sup>

## Dogs:

1. Any game killed ahead of running dogs will be divided equally with dog's owners.

2. Barking dogs may chase, Coyote, Bobcat Fox, Hogs, Rabbits or Raccoons all year long with the following exceptions: Not allowed for one (1) week prior to Archery Season until State Deer Dog Toughening Season starts; closed from end of State Toughening Season until General Gun Season opens; not allowed for (1) week one before and during Spring Gobbler Season. (This rule was intended to make sure all dogs are removed from The Landowner property during the above exceptions.) No non-barking dogs allowed.

3. Catch Dogs: All catch dogs will remain on leash or in dog box except when led to catch only. Only two (2) catch dogs per vehicle.

**Drugs:**

Drugs: Anyone caught using; transporting or manufacturing drugs on or off club property will be turned over to the proper authorities and expelled from the club.

**General:**

1. Members must extinguish all fires before leaving location of fire. No fire in the club unless approved by Proper Authority.

2. Cutting, destroying, or damaging timber, cattle, fences, gates and all personal property prohibited.

3. Cutting Swamp Cabbage from the Conservation area is against the rules as is cutting of any trees.

4. No interference with any work program of Landowners, Timber Company, or Their Contractors.

5. Crane Bay Hunting Club will not be held responsible for any damage, vandalism, or theft to vehicles or personal property on club property.

**Gates:**

1. Leaving gates, horse gates, cattle gap and equipment gates open is prohibited.

2. All gates must be locked after entering or leaving club area with the exception of general gun season. A \$100.00 fine and loss of the first nine days of hunting in General Gun season will be assessed for failure to do so.

3. All efforts should be made to keep all gates closed at all times. Any member of California, Shired Island or Crane Bay Hunting Club caught leaving said gate open will face a stiff fine, and if said member continues to leave gate open will face possible dismissal from club.

4. No member will give or loan his or her gate keys to any non-member at any time. Anyone who violates the rule will be subjected to expulsion from the club.

**Elections:**

All elections will be conducted as: At the June meeting you will sign in, receive your ballot, vote and then turn in your ballot in the locked box yourself. The results will be counted in front of all members present at June meeting.<sup>14</sup>

**Firearms:**

1. Anyone caught misusing a firearm or bow will be brought before the Board for such actions as seen fit.

2. Members may carry in their vehicle a 410 Shotgun, Rimfire pistol or rifle day or night during non-hunting months in compliance with the State Wildlife laws. During Archery, black powder, fox, dog training no firearms allowed.<sup>15</sup>



3. All minors under 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless accompanied by an adult.

4. Target practice is allowed on club property at the Kirby Road Pit and Jeffrey Road Rock Pit during daylight hours only. Target practice during general gun season is limited between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

#### **License:**

All members and guest of Crane Bay Hunting Club must have a valid Florida Hunting License and obey all club rules, Federal and State laws.

#### **Litter:**

Any member caught littering on club property will be fined, and/or placed on probation, suspensions, or expulsion from the club.

#### **Membership:**

1. By accepting memberships, members agree to abide by lease terms including the Hold Harmless, the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations now in force or hereafter adopted.

2. Membership begins **May 16th and ends May 15th**. Memberships are year to year like our lease agreements.

3. All new members will be on probation for two years. Membership does not guarantee membership renewal.

4. Proof of membership must be carried when on club land and exhibited on demand.

5. Member's spouse, dependent children and grandchildren<sup>16</sup> under 19 years of age may hunt on member's fee. Dependent children if over 18 years that are going to high school or full-time student enrolled in a college (12 credit hours) will be covered under member's fee, for a maximum of 4 years of college starting at age 19. Members who graduated or quit school, college, receive on the job training or go back to school, will not get free membership.

6. There will be a minimum of \$100.00 deposit on all applications for membership, and if applicant is selected, deposit is non-refundable.

7. Violations of the Rules and Regulations will be cause for fine, probation, suspensions, or expulsion from the club. Maximum fine for any violation is \$500.00 and/or expulsion from the club with the exception of (Visitors) rule #5.

8. Anyone on disciplinary probation is considered not in good standing with club and will not be permitted to vote, hold office or attend any business meetings, but may attend workday and club cookout.

9. Each member is responsible for notifying the club secretary in writing of any mailing address change.

10. Per Landowners NO SWIMMING IN ANY PITS AT ANY TIME PERMITTED.<sup>17</sup>

#### **Rewards:**

1. A reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone trespassing, violating game laws, destroying or damaging personal property. The rewards will be paid in the amount of \$100.00 for trespassing and up to a total amount of \$150.00 for damaging or destroying personal property. If more than one (1) person is responsible for reporting the violation, and then the individuals reporting the violation shall share such reward.

2. There will be a minimum fine of the current annual membership dues per deer plus probation or expulsion from the club for all illegal deer killed in the club. If accused found guilty, said fine to be applied to the

reporting members' dues. If accused fails to pay fine, then club will pay reporting members' dues and accused will be permanently banned from the club.<sup>18</sup>

### **Road Dragging:**

Roads may not be dragged between the hours of 1 am and 4 pm during General Gun Season.

### **Still Hunting Rules:**

1. Club members will put their names and phone number on their tree stands and feeders, per our lease agreement. If there is no name on the stand or feeder, then anyone can put a stand up the in area. No one can put a stand within 150 yards of another's active stand or feeder without the owner's permission.
2. The use of steel nails/screws or fasteners in any tree is prohibited.
3. Tree stands cannot be nailed into any type of tree.
4. A fine can be levied by the board for sitting in someone else's stand without the owner's permission.
5. Each member to a maximum of 5 tree stands.<sup>19</sup>

### **Visitor:**

1. Visitors wishing to park vehicle in club while guest of member must park at designated areas. Campsites, rock pits on Hudson 19, dog pen at Road 30 and Kirby Road intersection, or Horseshoe Road and Hudson 19 intersection.
2. All members and guests shall conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner. The following will not be allowed on the property: Drunkenness, confrontations between members or between a member and a non-member, interfering with any company work or any conduct that can be considered illegal.
3. Each member shall be responsible for informing his visitor as to the rules of the club. Violations by a visitor will be charged to the club member.
4. Members may have one (1) non-paying guest ride in member's vehicle but said vehicle may have only one (1) firearm.
5. Members are responsible for obtaining a guest pass for visitors before entering the club. Passes can be obtained from the Secretary by paying the \$50.00 each year. Failure to do so, the member will be subjected to a fine equal to current dues and application fee levied by the board.
6. Guest are permitted. Only one hunting guest will be permitted at the rate of \$50.00 per seven days if bought 2 weeks prior to General Gun season, after that they will be \$100.00<sup>20</sup>, with the following provisions. You may have the same guest hunt seven days, or a different guest hunt each day. Guest must ride in club member's vehicle and will be member's responsibility. Members are allowed only (1) one guest per day with the exception of the first nine (9) days of general gun season. No guest allowed during archery, muzzleloading, and first nine (9) days of general gun or spring gobbler season.
7. Members immediate family brothers, sisters, father, mother, sons and daughters are allowed to hunt in Archery, Muzzleloading, First nine days of General Gun and Spring Gobbler season. They have to pay the \$50.00 fee. Limit one family member per day.
8. Parents or grandparents over the age of 65 hunting in the same vehicle as the member will hunt for free, same as now for children and grandchildren in school.

9. All active military personnel of club member may hunt free and drive own vehicle, while home on leave, but are required to pay club insurance and obtain a guest receipt from club secretary.

### **LANDOWNERS RULES:**

**Insurance:** All motorized vehicles, licensed or unlicensed, used on the Lands shall be insured at the minimum limits required by the state, at sole expense of Lessee, proof of which shall be provided upon request.

THE LANDOWNER reserves the right without assuming any obligation to deny access to the Lands to any person or persons for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to the following reasons: drunkenness, altercations between members or members and nonmembers, carelessness with guns, violations of game laws, trespassing on property of adjoining land OF CAMPBELL'S and Cross City Forest Company<sup>21</sup>, acts which could reasonably be expected to strain relations with adjoining land and THE LANDOWNER, acts which hinder mineral, or timber or other operations of THE LANDOWNER or its grantees, or any other activities which the ordinary person would consider objectionable, offensive, or embarrassing to THE LANDOWNER or to be detrimental to THE LANDOWNER'S interests.

Clubs are expected to make safety their highest priority. Each Club member, as well as their guests, is expected to act in a safe and professional manner at all times and each is encouraged to complete training in hunter safety prior to recreating on THE LANDOWNER's lands.

**Hunter Safety: Members hunting during a modern gun or muzzleloader deer season must wear a hat and an outer garment, above the waist, of daylight florescent blaze orange (Hunter Orange) that total at least 400 square inches. (This mandate added by both Campbell Group and Cross City Forest Company<sup>22</sup> in this year's lease signing on 6/16/14.)**

Clubs are expected to demonstrate their respect for the property rights of others. This includes making efforts to meet neighboring landowners and to develop good relationships with them. It also includes promptly addressing and resolving issues or concerns with neighbors and others in the community. Clubs and their members must always obtain permission before going on to a neighbor's property. The privilege of using THE LANDOWNER lands ends at our property lines. No club has the right to hunt or access adjoining landowners' property without their written permission.

Reported incidents of trespass that are proven to have occurred will result in the immediate termination of a club's lease after on written warning has been issued during the life of each lease.

Clubs and club members are expected to act as ambassadors for hunting. They must always consider how others will view their activities. Club members must not hunt, display, or discharge firearms in a careless manner or in close proximity to any occupied residence, residential area, school, church, or place of business. Club members must not erect stands within 50 yards of any public right-of-way or neighboring property. Club members must never discharge a firearm from, or across, any public right-of-way.

All club hunting and fishing activities should be conducted in an ethical manner. Hunters are the minority in an increasingly urban society comprised mostly of non-hunters. Consequently, club members should avoid public displays of harvested game and dispose of carcasses and other waste in a responsible and inoffensive manner.

Clubs must keep their leased acres free from garbage and litter and remain in compliance with the requirements of the local THE LANDOWNER manager as well as all local, state, and federal regulations. Among other things, this includes promptly removing and disposal of abandoned hunting items, such as stands and trash. Dumping or littering is expressly prohibited, and clubs should periodically remove all litter found on their leased acres.

Lessee agrees to refrain from any drug or alcohol use while performing any activities under this Lease or while on Lessor owned or controlled property. Prohibited drug and alcohol use shall include, but is not limited to, any activities on the Lands while under the influence of any drug or alcohol. Lessee shall require all of its agents, servants, invitees, licensees, sub lessees and assigns to comply with this Section.

Any member expelled for a Drug or Alcohol infraction cannot be entitled to an appeal.

Lessee further agrees to report to the proper law enforcement authorities or Lessor, either locally or anonymously to Lessor's Cross City office, (352) 498-3380, any observed or suspected marijuana or other controlled substance growing or manufacturing on the Lands.

Clubs and club members are expected to develop and maintain good relationships with local conservation and law enforcement officers. Club members are required to follow all laws, rules, and regulations, including those pertaining to fish and game. They also are expected to know who to contact, and what steps to take, in the case of a medical or other emergency while on THE LANDOWNER-owned lands.

All minors permitted by CLUB to hunt on the Lands shall be under the direct supervision of one of their parents (or guardian) and when minors are present on the Lands, the parents (or legal guardian) fully agree to accept sole responsibility for the minor's actions and shall be fully responsible for their acts and safety and agree to hold THE LANDOWNER harmless therefore regardless of the nature of the cause of damage, whether property or personal injury, to themselves or others.

The member understands and agrees that while on the Lands, the member and all persons associated with the member (specifically including his guests):

(a) Shall wear hunter orange at all times when riding in open four-wheel hunting vehicles or have an Orange Flag visible above the riders' head and that furthermore, said vehicles shall not be operated at speeds in excess of the miles per hour (10 mph) under and circumstances; and,

(b) Shall not consume alcoholic beverages of any kind before, during, or after all hunting or recreation on the lands.

**These rules are subject to change based on the yearly lease agreement.**

### **The Landowner Code of Ethics**

The Landowner wants your club to have a safe and enjoyable time while using our lands. We also expect you to promote the forest stewardship objectives of our company, conduct your activities in a safe and responsible manner, and maintain good relations with neighboring landowners. Toward that end, THE LANDOWNER requires adherence to this Code of Ethics for that entire wish to hunt, fish, or otherwise recreate on our lands.

\*Safety is the highest priority for all activities. Each member, guest, and invitee is expected to act in a safe manner at all times and is encouraged to complete training in hunter safety.

\*Demonstrate your respect for the property rights of others. Make an effort to meet neighboring Landowners and develop good relationships. Promptly address and resolve concerns with neighbors, and others in the community. Always obtain permission before going onto a neighbor's property. The privilege of using THE LANDOWNERS lands ends at our property lines.

\*The President of each club is expected to act as your representative for issues that may arise with your neighbors, and in communicating issues or concerns to THE LANDOWNERS. To improve local communication, provide your neighbors with the name and phone number of your club president.

\*You are an ambassador for the future of hunting. Always consider how others will view your activities. Do not hunt, display, or discharge firearms in a careless manner or in close proximity to any residence, residential area, school, church, or place of business. Never hunt or erect stands within 50 yards of any public right-of-way or neighboring property. Never discharge a firearm from or across any public right-of-way.

\*All hunting activities should be conducted in an ethical manner. Hunters are the minority in an increasingly urban society comprised mostly of non-hunters. Avoid public display of harvested game. Dispose of carcasses and offal in a responsible manner.

\*Keep your leased lands free from garbage and litter and in compliance with company requirements, and local, state, and federal regulations. Promptly remove and properly dispose of abandoned camps, appliances, abandoned stands, and other refuse. Dumping or littering is expressly prohibited. You should periodically inspect and remove all trash and litter you find.

\*Alcohol and hunting do not mix. Hunting while under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any kind is a violation of your lease and will result in forfeiture of that privilege.

\*Develop and maintain a good relationship with local conservation and law enforcement officers. Know who to contact and what steps to take in case of a medical or other emergency, prepare for an emergency before it happens.

\*Recreating on THE LAND OWNER'S land is a privilege. All members, guests, and invitees are expected to conduct their activities accordingly.

### **MEMBER INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:**

WHEREAS, **Crane Bay Hunting Club** (Lessee) has entered into a Hunting Lease ("Lease") with "**The Landowner**", through its manager The Campbell Group, LLC, and Cross City Forest Company<sup>23</sup> (Lessor) concerning the "Lands" as described in that Lease and each guest/member/invitee of Lessee and desires to use the Lands for the purposes of hunting as authorized by the Lease.

**NOW THEREFORE, each member / invitee individually agrees as follows, (by signing Application, Sign in Sheet or by Letter):**

1. That Lessor, its agents, servants, employees and representatives have made no representations regarding the suitability of the Lands for the purpose of hunting, the relative safety or risks and hazards of entering upon said Lands and/or risks associated with participating in such activities. The member is fully aware of the general risks and hazards associated with the activities of hunting, and/or traversing improved and unimproved terrain and voluntarily has elected to enter upon said Lands, appreciating that the condition of the Lands may be and/or become hazardous or dangerous either with regard to the physical condition of the Lands and/or the hunting and related activities thereon.

2. The member understands and agrees that in furtherance of his/her safety (and that of others) the **Member** shall comply with all federal, state or local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to hunting laws and regulations.

3. The member, for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrators agrees to indemnify and save harmless Lessor, its agents, servants, employees, representatives, contractors, insurers, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, loss, damage, expenses (including without limitation, attorney's fees, and costs), litigation, injuries, deaths, property damage and liabilities resulting from or in any way arising out of the exercise of the Lease and use of the Lands. As a part of this indemnification, guest/member/invitee of Lease agrees, upon request by Lessor, to assume, without expense to Lessor and with counsel approved by Lessor, the defense of any such claim, demand, action or cause of action, including the payment of all attorney's fees, expert witness fees, and any and all other costs. This paragraph shall survive the termination of this Lease.

**Safety:**

These are suggestions not rules.

"The life you are saving is yours' or your loved one". Remember you cannot tell when you are too safe, only when you were not save enough.

1. Vehicles should be parked on the same side of road that dogs are running on. If another group is already there, park on the same side they are on. This permits a safe zone for everyone to shoot in.

2. Stand next to your vehicle with passenger door closed.

3. Do not walk into the woods without other members of you hunting party knowing you will be out there.

/s/Doyle Ridgeway, 06/02/18

/s/Pat Neenan, 06/02/18

Revised 06/02/18

**Board:**

President – Doyle Ridgeway  
Vice President - Robbie Rewis  
Treasurer - Tom LaFlam  
Secretary - Pat Neenan

**Directors:**

Charles Pinner, Sr.  
Aaron Dawson  
Johnny Ray Carter

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## Endnotes:

- <sup>1</sup> Approved at Feb. 2, 2019 meeting by ballot vote.
- <sup>2</sup> Wording corrected June 5, 2016 (tal).
- <sup>3</sup> Added due to omission in printing of rule book between 1992 and 1996, at May 12, 2018 Board meeting.
- <sup>4</sup> See Endnote <sup>2</sup>
- <sup>5</sup> Added at Special meeting March 10, 2018 by 2/3 vote of membership present.
- <sup>6</sup> Added at Special meeting March 10, 2018 by 2/3 vote of membership present. Added as (e) vs adding to (d) as suggested, since it is not specific to duties of Treasurer.
- <sup>7</sup> Added by vote of membership present at June 3, 2017 meeting per by-laws.
- <sup>8</sup> Added with Feb. 7, 2015 meeting.
- <sup>9</sup> Added with Feb. 7, 2015 meeting.
- <sup>10</sup> Added with June 4, 2016 ballot vote. Also see below under **Removed**.
- <sup>11</sup> Added with June 4, 2016 ballot vote.
- <sup>12</sup> Added wording May 13, 2017 for due date because it was omitted in error when rule passed. (tal)
- <sup>13</sup> Approved at June 6, 2015 meeting by ballot vote.
- <sup>14</sup> Added at Special meeting March 10, 2018 by 2/3 vote of membership present.
- <sup>15</sup> Wording corrected from Feb. 1, 2014 meeting.
- <sup>16</sup> Wording corrected at Jan. 16, 2017 board meeting.
- <sup>17</sup> Added per verbal rule from landowners.
- <sup>18</sup> Added with June 2, 2012 ballot vote.
- <sup>19</sup> Added with June 6, 2015 ballot vote.
- <sup>20</sup> Added "if bought 2 weeks prior to General Gun season, after that they will be \$100.00" at Jan 16, 2017 board meeting by majority vote.
- <sup>21</sup> Wording added due to sale of land from Campbell Group.
- <sup>22</sup> Wording added due to sale of land from Campbell Group.
- <sup>23</sup> Wording added due to sale of land from Campbell Group.

## Removed:

with June 4, 2016 ballot vote under:

### MEMBERSHIP

10. Crane Bay will not accept any new dog running groups. A new member may only join an existing group now established.

## Turkey:

1. Turn off all game feeders one week before spring turkey season and restart them after Turkey season is over. See endnote <sup>3</sup>

## Deer:

3. There will be a minimum fine of \$300.00 per deer plus probation and/or expulsion from club for all illegal deer killed in club. Replaced with Endnote <sup>11</sup>

With Special meeting March 10, 2018

## By-Laws

### Article VI

(a) by mail in ballot. See Endnote <sup>2</sup>

## General Rules and Regulations

## Elections:

by mail out ballots. See Endnote <sup>12</sup>