

BIRCH HILLS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB INC.  
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I  
MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held each year on the 2nd Saturday of September unless adjusted, at a time and place to be designated by the President; one of the purposes of which shall be the election of officers. The Spring Meeting will be held on the first Saturday of May, unless adjusted by the President. (Amended 5/3/75, revised 9/30/17)

Section 2. Notice of Meetings

The Secretary shall send written notice (either hard copy or electronically) of the spring and fall annual meetings to the members at least 10 days prior to such meeting, or of any adjournment thereof. (Revised 9/30/17)

Section 3.

Special meetings may be called at any time by direction of the President.

Section 4.

The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President.

ARTICLE II  
Quorum

Section 1.

Those members present at either the annual or the spring meeting shall constitute a quorum. (Amended 9/3/77, revised 3/13/2017)

Section 2.

At least 3 of the Board Members being present shall constitute a quorum for director' meetings. (Revised 3/13/2017)

ARTICLE III  
OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Section 1.

The officers of the Corporation, which consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as three or more directors, shall be elected by the members and serve for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are elected. Normally, the immediate past President is included as a board member in order to provide organizational continuity. Said officers, plus the elected directors, shall constitute the Board of Directors for said Corporation. The elected Officers and Directors are to conduct the business of the Birch Hills Sportsman's Club as directed by the majority vote of the attending membership of the spring and/or fall meetings. (Amended 5/2/92, revised 5/4/13, revised 3/13/2017)

Section 2. Vacancies

Vacancies in the Board of Directors and officers shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining directors. Each person so elected to fill vacancy shall remain a director and officer until his successor has been elected by the members, who make such election at their next annual meeting or at any special meeting duly called for that purpose and held prior thereto.

Section 3. Power to Appoint Other Officers and Agents

The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint such other officers and agents as the Board may deem necessary for transaction of the business of the Corporation.

Section 4. President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the directors, and shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the members are carried into effect. The President is authorized to sign all contracts and agreements on behalf of the Corporation. (Amended 5/2/92)

Section 5. Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

Section 6. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of the proceedings of the Corporation and Directors, shall give all notices as required by these by-laws, have custody of all books, papers and records of the Corporation, except such as shall be in the custody of the Treasurer.

Section 7. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all corporate funds and securities and shall keep in books belonging to the Corporation full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements; he shall deposit all moneys, securities and other valuable effects in the name of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors at the regular meetings of the Board, and whenever requested by them, and account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV  
EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

Section 1.

The Treasurer or such other officers as designated by the Board of Directors shall sign all checks. (Revised 5/2/92)

Section 2. Contract and Conveyances

When the execution of any contract, conveyance or other instrument has been authorized without specification of the executing officers, the President or Vice President and the Secretary or Treasurer may execute the same in the name and on behalf of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have power to designate the officers and agents of this Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the authority and power to conduct and manage the affairs of the Corporation. (Revised 5/2/92)

ARTICLE V  
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The membership of this Corporation shall consist of the owners of lots in Birch Hills Sportsman Club Subdivisions on Section Thirty-two (32) and Thirty-three (33) of Hamilton Township, Clare County, Michigan.

Section 2.

Each lot shall be entitled to one vote. If a lot has multiple owners, the one vote must be cast by a designated representative for the lot. The representative must be one of the owners. A vote may be cast by proxy or written vote on topics listed on agenda for the next meeting. (Amended 9/5/87, amended and revised 5/2/92)

Section 3.

The annual assessment of members shall be determined by the members and shall be payable at the annual meeting.

Section 4.

Membership in the Corporation shall terminate in the following manner: (1) Sale, transfer or assignment of the members' lot or lots in said subdivision; (2) Failure to pay annual dues and assessments for more than two years. (3) The Board of Directors are authorized, by majority vote, to seek legal advice in order to ensure protection of members' rights and to enforce the clubs bylaws, rules and protective covenants. (Revised 9/4/2017)

Section 5.

Upon the sale, transfer or assignment of lots as set forth in the preceding paragraph, the new owners shall be entitled to membership.

ARTICLE VI  
RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The memberships under Article V are not assignable or transferable except as set forth therein.

Section 2.

A membership entitles the holder thereof and one additional person (a total of two persons) plus family minors to hunting privileges on the 1,000 plus acres of unplatted land (known as "the commons"). Family children of the landowner under 21 years of age are defined as a minor, but has no voting privileges. For these purposes, non-family hunting minors are considered as an adult guest. If a member has guests, he/she must be present on the property while guests are hunting. If lot owner plus minor hunters exceeds two hunters per lot that member is not entitled to have a guest hunter. The member is responsible to brief any guests about the Club hunting rules and bylaws. (10/12/74, 9/6/75, amended 9/3/77, revised and amended 5/2/92, Revised 9/30/17)

Section 3.

One person may acquire as many hunting privileges as he owns lots, and the same provisions as set forth in the preceding section shall apply.

Section 4.

A lot owner may remove a maximum of four trees per year from the property to plant on his lot. (Amended 5/21/81, revised 5/2/92)

Section 5.

Other than in deer gun season and for the two days preceding this season, the owner of a lot or lots may use the property for all general recreational purposes. During deer gun season, the use of the off road vehicles (ORV's) or recreational vehicles on the property shall be only allowed in the interior of the property between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. During archery and muzzle load deer season, the use of the off road vehicles (ORV's) or recreational vehicles on the property shall be only allowed in the interior of the property between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. (Amended and revised 5/2/92, revised 3/13/2017)

Section 6A.

All members are prohibited from transferring their hunting or property access rights to another member which includes; their number of allowable hunters, their number of deer blinds, and the loaning or selling of I.D. badges. (Revised 9/30/17)

Section 6B.

Also members shall not use any of the Common's Area for disposal of refuse, destruction of timber, or for any purpose not in keeping with good conservation practices. Yard waste (lawn clippings, brush, etc) must be kept as invisible as possible and never placed on, or alongside Club trails. (Revised 3/13/2017)

Section 7.

Permanent ground hunting blinds, are to be made of natural dead forest materials. For this case, a roof covering of impermeable material may be used against the weather; otherwise, lumber, plastics, metal sheeting and other lumber yard materials are not allowed. Tree hunting blinds shall conform to the current game laws and rules established by the State of Michigan. Temporary ground hunting blinds, are permitted in the COMMONS area only during the deer and turkey seasons. All blinds must be clearly identified with the member's lot number and current year. During deer season, hunting tree stands and blinds must be kept at least 50 yards from Club food plots. Any guest hunting in the COMMONS area is not allowed to add another, additional blind in the COMMONS area. A member's right to establish a hunting blind is not transferable to some other member or to any guest. (5/6/78, revised and amended 5/2/92, revised 5/4/13, revised 3/13/2017)

Section 8.

During any firearm season, a firearm hunter must wear hunters orange that complies with the game laws and rules established by the State of Michigan. (9/1/84, revised and amended 5/2/92)

Section 9.

There shall be no removal of fill sand and/or gravel from the interior. One cubic yard per year of fill sand may be removed from the interior to an owner's lot for personal use. (5/2/92)

Section 10.

At all times of year, every member has the right, should he/she encounter another person in the Common's area, to request to see appropriate Club identification. If no such I.D. is presented, the member has the right to call 911 in order to guard against trespass. Members should respect and avoid approaching another member who is "on stand" or actively hunting. (Added 3/13/2017, Revised 9/30/17)

Section 11.

During all deer hunting seasons, owners must keep their dogs leashed while recreating in the common area except while utilizing dogs for lawful game hunting. (Added 3/13/2017)

ARTICLE VII  
AMENDEMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1.

The By-Laws may be altered, amended changed, added to, or repealed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the membership present at either the annual fall or spring meeting. Proposed alterations, amendments, changes, additions to, or repeal motions, must be published with the annual fall or spring meeting announcement and agenda by the Secretary. (Amended 9/3/77, 8/30/80, revised and amended 5/2/92)