

Bylaws of the Treasure Lake Sportsman's Club, Incorporated Revision 4 Dated 2/2/2021

The **Treasure Lake Sportsman's Club, Inc.**, is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation whose primary location is 41 Treasure Lake, DuBois, County of Clearfield, Pennsylvania 15801. The Bylaws were enacted on March 7, 2003 by the incorporators of the **Treasure Lake Sportsman's Club, Inc.** These Bylaws shall constitute the regulations governing the operation of the **Club**. Further, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings in case of any disagreements. Other rules, regulations and processes that fall outside of these Bylaws may be developed and implemented from time to time. They shall not be in conflict with the latest revision of the **Club** Bylaws. Each new member will be provided a copy of the Bylaws and each officer upon election shall be given a copy of the latest revision to the Bylaws for familiarization and to ensure that the elected officer understands the Bylaws and the duties of the officers and memberships.

Article I - Name

The legal name of this organization shall be the **Treasure Lake Sportsman's Club, Incorporated** (also referred to herein as "**Sportsman's Club**" or the "**Club**").

Article II – Objectives

The **Sportsman's Club** will provide a forum for members to enjoy the fellowship of other residents of the community who have similar interests. The **Club** will act as an advocate in the community to:

- Provide opportunities for club members to engage in the sports of hunting, fishing, archery and other forms of outdoor recreation.
- Promote of hunting, fishing, boating and firearm safety.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and compliance with local, state and federal fish and game laws.
- Support and assist fish and wildlife conservation and management programs.
- Strengthen cooperation and understanding between Treasure Lake residents and sportsmen.
- Increase the knowledge and practice of hunting and fishing skills and other outdoor recreation skills that relate to the objectives outlined herein.
- Cooperate with other organizations that share similar objectives.

Article III – Membership

The following paragraph outlines the criteria and categories for Club membership. A *'property owner'* or *'renter'* of Treasure Lake property (renters must present a lease of not less than six (6) months with their application for membership) may become a member. Individual resident owners (not including corporations, partnerships, LLC's and similar entities) of wholly owned condominiums are also eligible for membership.

A *'spouse'* or *'minor child'* (under age 21) of a property owner or long-term renter may also become a member of the **Club** after payment of the prescribed dues. Children under the age of 25 who are full time students and whose legal residence is Treasure Lake are also eligible for membership

A *'significant other'* of a property owner or long-term renter residing in the same household may also become a member of the **Club** after payment of the prescribed dues.

'Other residents' of Treasure Lake that do not meet the foregoing requirements will be considered for membership upon submission of a membership application indicating thereon why they should be considered for membership. *'Other residents'* will be considered and approved individually by the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Rev February, 2, 2021-A new class of membership was instituted. The "Legacy Membership." This is a special membership for someone who has been a member in good standing of the Treasure Lake Sportsman's Club for a minimum of five (5) years, and has moved out of Treasure Lake. The individual must request this membership, and it will be voted on at the next club meeting. A Legacy Membership is a FREE lifetime membership and has the following privileges:

1. Ability to attend meetings; however, it is a non-voting membership.
2. Able to attend all social events, but must pay non-membership pricing for meals, etc.
3. May not use the range unless accompanied by a club member with guest privileges.

Club Officers must be 21 years of age or older, Junior members, 16 years of age or younger may be enrolled and participate in **Club** activities under the supervision of adult members who are at least 21 years old.

No person may be denied membership in this organization based on gender, race, religion, creed, color, or national origin.

To be considered "a member in good standing" and to participate in **Club** activities, including but not limited to voting for officers or activities to be undertaken by the **Club**, the individual must have paid the prescribed dues for the current year and otherwise not be subject to any **Club** imposed sanction(s) for violating **Club** bylaws, rules, regulations, policies or protocols. Additionally, an individual must

be a “member in good standing” of the **Club** for at least 30 days prior to voting for any **Club** officer, activity or the expenditure of funds.

Club members must also agree to accept and abide by the **Treasure Lake Sportsman’s Club, Inc.** Code of Ethics that follows:

- I will obey the rules of safe hunting, fishing, and boating and will courteously but firmly insist that others do the same.
- I will obey all fish and game laws and regulations and insist that my companions do likewise.
- I will do my best to acquire those hunting and fishing skills that assure good stewardship of our natural resources.
- I will support conservation efforts that will assure good hunting and fishing for future generations.
- I will pass along to younger hunters and fishermen the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.
- I will adhere to shooting and archery range rules and protocols.

Article IV – Annual Dues and Membership

- (a) **Annual Dues:** The Annual Dues fees shall be determined each year by majority vote of the “members in good standing” present at the October meeting and shall be payable not later than the last day of January each year.
- (b) **Membership Year:** The **Club** “membership year” shall be January 1st through December 31st. Membership dues shall not be prorated.
- (c) **Voting Eligibility:** All “members in good standing”, except Junior Members and Legacy Members, may vote in elections, motions pertaining to the use of funds and the adoption of rules, regulations and Bylaw changes.
- (d) **Arrears:** A member whose membership dues are not paid on or before the regularly scheduled February meeting of the current year is considered in arrears and the member loses his “good standing” status and shall not be eligible to vote or participate in or receive any of the privileges or benefits of the **Club** until 30 days after the dues are paid.
- (e) **Late Fees:** A \$5.00 late fee shall be assessed for all renewals received after the regularly scheduled February meeting. Individuals not listed on the **Club** roster as of December 31st of the previous year, are considered to be inactive and do not qualify as a new member and are subject to any late fee regardless of the date of the membership renewal.

Article V - Meetings

- (a) **Regular Meetings:** The regular meeting of the **Club** for the transaction of business shall normally be held on the first Tuesday of each month. The Executive Committee shall designate the place of such meeting.
- (b) **Special Meetings:** A special meeting of the **Club** may be held at any time upon the call of the President or the Executive Committee, or upon a request in writing from a “member in good standing”, stating the purpose of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than ten (10) “members in good standing” excluding junior members. The Executive Committee shall provide notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting to all “members in good standing” either by phone, email or in writing not less than five days prior to the date designated for the meeting. The Executive Committee shall hold the special meeting not later than 15 days after receipt of a request for such meeting. The Executive Committee shall designate the location of the special meeting.
- (c) **Quorum:** Fifteen (15) **Club** “members in good standing” including one Officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Article VI – Election of Officers and Executive Committee

- (a) **Election of Officers:** Election of **Club** Officers shall be by ballot cast only by **Club** “members in good standing” (excluding Junior Members) at the regular March meeting. Candidates for **Club** office will be elected by majority vote.
- (b) **Officers:** The officers of the **Club** shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and Vice-President shall be elected and hold office for a term two (2) years and may not hold two consecutive terms. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected but have no stated term limits. Officers must be 21 years of age or older. Officers may not miss more than 3 regularly scheduled and special meetings in any membership year. Upon missing the fourth (4th) meeting the officer shall be removed from office and precluded from running for office in any subsequent special elections held during the current year and in the next annual election. An election for the vacated position shall be held at the next regular meeting or at a special meeting.
- (c) **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the **Club** officers and, if willing to serve, the immediate Past President. They shall exercise general supervision and control of the general business activities of the **Club**. The Quorum for an Executive Committee Meeting shall be (3) officers. The Executive Committee, with confirmation by the “members in good standing” at a regular or special meeting of the membership, may enter into agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out the objectives and/or general business of the **Club**.

Article VII - Limits on Personal Liability of Club Officers

- (a) An Officer of the Club shall not be personally liable for monetary Damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take action, unless:
1. The Officer has a breach or failure to perform the duties of his or her office under Section 8363 of the Director's Liability Act, Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to standard of care and justifiable reliance);
 2. The breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness; and,
 3. Provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to the responsibility or liability of a Director pursuant to any criminal statute or liability of a Director of the payment of taxes under state or federal laws.
- (b) **Mandatory Indemnification.** The Club shall, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, including, but not limited to, the Director's Liability Act, Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, indemnify and make advances on behalf of any person who was or is a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal administrative or investigative (including any action by or in the right of the Club) by reason of the fact he or she is or was an Officer of the Club, or is or was serving at the request of the Club Association as an Officer, committee member, employee or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding. Indemnification may be denied if a majority of the Executive Committee vote disapproval thereof, at a Special Meeting, with ten (10) days notice given, called for that purpose, upon a determination made by the Executive Committee that the person seeking indemnification was not attempting to advance the best interest of the Club.

Article VIII - Duties of Officers

All Officers shall be responsible to insure that all meetings and activities are conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and other applicable Club rules, regulations and documents all of which must be in accordance with these Bylaws.

- (a) **President:** The President shall establish the agenda and preside at all meetings of the **Club** and the Executive Committee. The President shall

- be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform any other duties that pertain to the office.
- (b) **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence or at his request.
 - (c) **Secretary:** The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the activities of the **Club**. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify the members of meetings as required in Article V. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the **Club** and have custody of all books, papers and records of the **Club** except the Treasurer's book 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 for the **Club** and place same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such funds shall only be withdrawn by check for payment of such bills as have been approved. Such checks for payment shall be signed by the Treasurer and President or in the Presidents absence one other officer. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at **Club** meetings at least once each quarter. A quarterly financial report to the membership shall also be provided. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting all fees and dues and shall ensure proper receipt and recording thereof and shall issue the appropriate **Treasure Lake Sportsman's Club, Inc.** Membership Card keeping a record of cards issued by member name, address, section, lot number, phone number.

Article IX – Removal of Officer or Expulsion or Suspension of Member

- (a) **Filing Charges:** any 'member in good standing' may originate Charges against a **Club** officer or member. Charges must be in writing clearly stating the facts and accompanied by any affidavits and/or exhibits that are to be used in support thereof. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charge(s). The Secretary will provide at least 15 days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, the accuser and the accused. Such notice shall be in writing and include a copy of the charges and any supporting affidavits and exhibits. With regard to a **Club** officer, the Executive Committee must refer the charges to a special meeting conducted in the presence of **Club** 'members in good standing' as outlined in paragraph VIII (b). In the case of a member, other than a

Club officer, the Executive Committee by majority vote may dismiss the charges, suspend, expel or refer the charges to the **Club** members for their action at a regular or special meeting called for this purpose.

- (b) **Removal of Officer:** A **Club** officer may only be removed by a two-thirds vote of the “members in good standing” present at a special meeting called for this purpose. A vote to remove may not be taken unless at least 15 days notice in writing has been provided to the accused **Club** officer citing the alleged reason(s) for removal and the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on removal may be taken. At such meeting, the officer shall be accorded a full hearing.
- (c) **Expulsion or Suspension of Member:** Any member may be expelled or suspended 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. A vote to suspend or expel may not be taken unless at least 15 days notice in writing has been provided to the accused member citing the alleged reason(s) and the time and place of the meeting at which such ballot on suspension or expulsion may be taken. At such meeting, the member shall be accorded a full hearing.
- (d) **Appeal By Member:** Any member expelled or suspended 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 15 days notice in writing to all **Club** ‘members in good standing’ indicating the date, time, place, and reason for the special meeting. At this meeting, the Secretary will read the original charges, all of the supporting affidavits, and read or display any accompanying exhibits. The Secretary will also 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 accused. The accuser must testify at this meeting. A vote will be taken by ballot of the “members in good standing” present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

Article X - Amendments

Any **Club** ‘member in good standing’ at a regular or special meeting may introduce proposed amendment(s) to these Bylaws. A copy of the proposed amendment(s) must be made available for review and comment by the membership. At the next regular monthly meeting a two-thirds vote of the “members in good standing” present is necessary to pass or reject the proposed amendment(s). When passed the amended bylaws become effective seven (7) days thereafter.

Article XI - Amendments - Expenditures and Reimbursements

The Club Officers, by majority vote in affirmation, may approve expenditures of \$50.00 or less. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the club, the membership shall be informed by the Treasurer of any such vote and whether the expenditure was approved or disapproved.

The Club Membership must approve all expenditures over \$50.00 in advance. Original receipts must be furnished for the expenses to be reimbursed. No reimbursements shall be made for expenditures in excess of \$50.00 that have not been previously approved by the Club membership.