

**AREA NO. 1
OUTDOOR CLUB**



**CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS**

NOTICE

The following offenses may result in the immediate loss of your Club membership:

Permitting the use of your gate key by non-members.

Damage to Property

Stealing

Littering

Including: Any member who brings any garbage, junk, construction material or rubbish of any kind into the club for disposal without approval from the Board of Directors.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

-- GENERAL --

Section 1 - Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to own and develop an area consisting of land and lakes to provide outdoor recreation such as picnicking, swimming, camping, boating, skiing, hunting, trapping, fishing, etc., for members and their guests.

ARTICLE II

-- MEMBERSHIP --

Section 1 - Eligibility for Membership

Applicants for membership, if approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with Constitution ARTICLE II - SECTION 3, shall be selected in the following order:

- (a) Widows and widowers of deceased members.
- (b) Divorcees of members.
- (c) Sons and daughters of members.
 - (1) Son or daughter of a deceased member, who were minors at the time of the parent's death are eligible for a one-time member exemption between the ages of 18 and 23. Deceased had to be a member in good standing at the time of death and sponsor member is considered to be the deceased parent.
- (d) Special Applicants not classified under (a), (b), or (c) above. Under certain circumstances, an applicant may deserve consideration for membership priority regardless of the fact that said applicant is not classified under (a), (b) or (c) above. Any member who desires special consideration for an applicant must present all related data to the Board of Directors for investigation at least three (3) weeks prior to the Membership Annual or Special Meeting. Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, a majority vote of the Club Members present at the Annual or Special Meeting shall grant the Board of Directors authority to issue the requested membership.
- (e) Former members in good standing shall on receipt of a membership application be placed on a waiting list for a period of one year at which time they will become eligible for membership upon approval of the Board of Directors.

NOTE: This section applies only to those persons who were members in good standing at some date after the purchase of the Club property in 1967, and had made partial or total payment toward the purchase of a Certificate of Interest.
- (f) Blood relatives herein classified and for the purpose of this Constitution shall consist only of father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece and first cousin. There shall be no priority for types of relationship and applicants shall be considered for membership only in their order and application.
- (g) Friends of members who are sponsored by said members.

Section 2 - Application for Membership

All applicants for membership shall submit an "Application for Membership" to the Board of Directors. All said applications shall be signed by a Club member as sponsor and by the applicant. Members sponsoring applicants must be members in good standing and a certificate holder for the past three years prior to sponsoring applicant. The signing of an application for membership does not, until approval, grant any rights to an applicant.

Section 3 - Election of Members

All applicants for membership must be 18 years of age and approved by a majority vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors with a quorum present.

Section 4 - Classes of Membership

There shall be but one class of membership wherein all members have equal rights to vote, hold office, and enjoy Club privileges. Club privileges are extended to holder, husband or wife, and children; except those children who are either self-supporting or married or 22 years of age.

Section 5 - Transfer of Membership

The membership is not transferable except between husband and wife, upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 6 - Limit of Membership

The maximum limit of membership is established at 450, and this number can be exceeded only by approval of **SPECIAL APPLICANTS** as listed:

- (a) Widows and widowers of members when requirement of Constitution Article II - Section 8(c) are fulfilled.
- (b) Divorcees of members when requirements of Article II - Section 9 are fulfilled.
- (c) Children of members.
- (d) Applicants who are approved for membership in accordance with requirements of Constitution Article II - Section 1(d).
- (e) Former members upon approval of application by Board of Directors will become members upon receipt of payment for certificates and dues.

Section 7 - Termination of Membership

- (a) Resignation: Resignation of a member shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and accompanied with the Certificate of Interest, membership card, and gate key. The resigning member will receive no reimbursement for dues, special assessments, or special fees; but will receive the equity in the Certificate of Interest in accordance with Constitution Article III - Section 6. Any resignation received after the dues date of May 1 of each calendar year shall have one-half of the dues and special assessments applicable for that year withheld from the Certificate of interest. Any resignation received after June 1 of each calendar year shall have the total amount of the dues and special assessments applicable for that year withheld from the equity of the Certificate of Interest.
- (b) By Expulsion: The Board of Directors has the authority to expel a member if their investigation reveals that the member's conduct or violation of the Club Constitution or By-Laws prove that he or she is an undesirable member. The expelled member will receive no reimbursement for dues, special assessments, or special fees. The expelled member will, however, receive the equity of the Certificate of Interest in accordance

with Constitution Article III - Section 6, after delivery of said Certificate, membership card and gate key(s) to the Board of Directors, if all of the above is provided to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days from the date of expulsion. If the expelled member provides the Board of Directors with said Certificate, membership card and gate key(s) within thirty (30) days from the date of expulsion made for nonpayment of dues in accordance with Article III - Section 5, the expelled member shall have the dues and special assessment applicable for that year and a \$50.00 service charge withheld from the equity of the Certificate of Interest. If said certificate, membership card and gate key(s) are not provided within thirty (30) days of expulsion to the Board of Directors, then the entire equity of the Certificate of Interest is forfeited by the expelled member. In addition, the expelled member agrees to pay any and all attorneys' fees and associated costs incurred by the Club enforcing this provision. The expelled member has the option of presenting the case before the Club members at the following Annual Meeting and may be reinstated with a majority vote of members present.

- (c) If a member in good standing fails to pay by June 1st because of a severe diagnosis or medical condition or a comatose related injury the board has the power to grant leniency.

Section 8 - Death of a Member

The membership card, gate key(s) and Certificate of Interest must be returned to the Board of Directors where the following action will be taken:

- (a) The cash value of the Certificate will be refunded by legal process to the rightful heir or to the estate of the deceased.
- (b) The widow or widower of the deceased, if they so desire, may apply for membership in accordance with Constitution Article II.
If elected for membership by the Board of Directors, the widow or widower, upon purchase of a Certificate, may continue to enjoy the privileges of the Club for the current year without additional payment of dues or special assessments or initiation fee.
- (c) The widow or widower of the deceased must make application for membership within one (1) year after the death of the deceased to be considered a Special Applicant as outlined in Constitution Article II - Section 6.
- (d) If the widow or widower does not apply for membership, there will be no refund of fees, dues, or special assessments.
- (e) Estate will be notified of the eligibility to apply for membership per Article II, section 1, sub-section c,1 at the time of certificate refund.

Section 9 - Divorce of a Member

In case of divorce, the member only shall retain membership. The member shall be that person whose name is entered on the Certificate of Interest. However, the divorcee of the member will be classified as a Special Applicant as outlined in Constitution Article II - Section 6 if application of said divorce is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval within ninety (90) days after the divorce has been legally granted.

Section 10 - Member or Spouse of Member in U.S. Active Military Service

If a member or spouse of a member is in the U.S. Active Military Service the following applies:

- (a) Any member in good standing for the year prior to the year they or their spouse enters Military Service may continue to enjoy the privileges of the club without payment of dues or special assessments.
- (b) Payment of dues and special assessments must be continued the first calendar year after termination of their or their spouse's active service.

ARTICLE III

--INITIATION, DUES, ASSESSMENTS, FEES, PENALTIES, CERTIFICATES OF INTEREST--

Section 1 - Initiation Fee

Each member must be the owner of a Certificate of Interest. Beginning October 16, 1989, each new certificate purchaser will pay a non-refundable initiation fee of \$120.00.

Section 2 - Annual Dues

The Annual Dues shall be \$50.00 payable on or before May 1 of each calendar year.

Section 3- Special Assessments

The annual Special Assessment shall be set by the Board of Directors, but cannot exceed \$190.00 unless approved by a majority vote of the Club Members at the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors. Notification of a special meeting to change the special assessment must be made to all Members at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The due date of the special assessment shall be set at that meeting.

Section 4 - Special Fees

Special Fees for specific activities including, but not limited to, hunting, trapping, and power boat operation, may be assessed by the Board of Directors. A schedule of Special Fees is listed in the Club By-Laws. Payment must be made on or before May 1 of each calendar year.

Section 5 - Penalties

- (a) Payment of Annual Dues, Special Assessment, Certificate of Interest:
A member defaulting on Annual Dues, Special Assessment or payment toward Certificate of Interest shall be barred from all privileges of the Club and shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - (1). A \$50.00 fine if payment is not made by **May 1**.
 - (2). Expulsion from the Club if payment is not made by **June 1**.NOTE: Such expulsion to be subject to the provisions of Constitution Article II - Section 7 (b).
- (b) Gate Keys: **Keys are considered valuable property.** Each member is entitled to receive one gate key at no charge and a second key, if requested by the member, for a fee of \$10.00. Gate keys are issued only at the time an applicant becomes a member in good standing or at times when the gate lock is replaced by action of the Board of Directors. An additional key will be issued only when the following requirements are satisfied:
 - (1) Lost or stolen Key card; in the event a member loses or has a key card

- stolen the member must report such event to the board at once and the board is to deactivate the Key Card immediately.
- (2) If a member request to have a lost or stolen Key Card replaced the secretary will issue a new Key Card after receiving a convenience fee of \$10.
 - (3) If a lost or stolen Key Card is not reported and is subsequently used by a non-member the Key holder will be brought before the board for possible disciplinary action.
 - (4) Key Cards confiscated at the gate from unauthorized holders can be considered lost or Stolen Key cards. Furthermore, any unauthorized (non-member) person attempting to access the club property with a lost or stolen Key Card may be charged with trespassing.
 - (5) All Keys and Key Cards are to be returned to the club within thirty (30) days from termination of membership or the Value of the Certificate of Interest will be forfeit. Club records will be considered the official documentation as to the number of Keys charged to the membership. Termination of membership must state that the Key(s) are lost. Use of such Keys will be considered trespassing, and legal procedures will be taken against any person using such Keys. The terminated member agrees to pay any and all attorney's fees incurred by the club enforcing this provision.
 - (6) The president may authorize a Key Card to be provided to contractors and venders as need for the purpose of doing work or making deliveries on club property. The card will be deactivated when the authorized work is complete.

Section 6 - Certificate of Interest

- (a) Sale Price: The price of the Certificate of Interest shall be \$540.00.
- (b) Transfer of Certificates: Certificates are not transferable except between husband and wife, upon approval by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Sale of Certificates: Certificates may be sold only to the Club and must be forwarded to the Board of Directors for refund. The amount of refund shall be the same as the sale price. Certificates returned to the Club will be redeemed in the order received at such times that adequate Club funds are available.
- (d) The sale price (\$540.00) of the Certificate of Interest shall be placed in a Certificate Redemption Escrow account to be accumulated and held in said account until the total funds are sufficient to pay or retire all certificates outstanding in excess of the authorized 450. Interest on the fund may be paid to the general account of the Club so long as the Redemption Escrow account is fully funded. In case of emergency, a 3/4 vote of the whole Board of Directors may use such fund only for emergency purposes; and thereafter the funds will be repaid as soon as possible from general funds.

ARTICLE IV

--BOARD OF DIRECTORS--

Section 1 - Authority

Management and control of the affairs and funds of the Club are vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the following:

- (a) Enforcing the Constitution and By-Laws.
- (b) Enacting or amending By-Laws and Rules as necessary for control of the Club activities.
- (c) Approve the hiring of employees, setting of wages, and other compensation.

Section 2- Limitation of Authority

The Board of Directors can at no time make any of the following decisions, unless approved by three-fourths of the total membership and subject to the following:

NOTE: The members shall be notified by mail at least two weeks prior to the Annual or Special Meeting and describe the authority requested by the Board of Directors.

- (a) To rent, encumbrance, lien, mortgage, lease, trade or sell any portion of the Club Real Estate.
- (b) Special assessments for capital improvements exceeding \$5,000.00. If the Board of Directors of the Area No. 1 Club deem it necessary and prudent for the members of the Club as a whole to seek a special assessment from the Club membership for the purpose of capital improvements exceeding \$5,000.00, the following procedures must be complied with to give the membership sufficient information on the proposed expenditure necessary for the membership to make an informed decision on the proposed expenditure:
 1. The Board of Directors shall notify the membership in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote on the special assessment.
 2. The notice shall contain the following information:
 - a. The nature and an estimate of the costs of the proposed improvements.
 - b. That the proposed project must be advertised for by sealed bid and three written estimates must be obtained prior to the awarding of the contract.
 - c. That prior to awarding the contract and the commencement of work, all necessary permits issued by the appropriate agencies of the State of Illinois or its subdivisions, insurance riders, architectural drawings must be filed with the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Number and Tenure

The Board of Directors shall consist of thirteen (13) members. Directors shall be elected for a three year term by a plurality vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting. They are to be elected in the following sequence and repeated for each three (3) year period.

- (a) 2017 Elect four Directors
- (b) 2018 Elect five Directors
- (c) 2019 Elect four Directors
- (d) 2020 Elect four Directors
- (e) 2021 Elect five Directors, etc.

Section 4 - Meetings

- (a) Quorum: Nine Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. All officers are counted in determining whether a quorum is present.
- (b) Voting Procedure: All Directors present may vote or abstain from voting if they so desire. The President can vote as any other Director when the vote is by ballot. If the vote is not by ballot, he can (but is not required to) vote either to break or cause a tie.

Section 5 - Vacancies

A vacancy in the Board shall result from the death or resignation of a Director or from the unexcused absence for three consecutive meetings of a Director and shall result in the following action.

- (a) The Club President is authorized to appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the fiscal year subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- (b) At the next Annual Meeting of the Club Members, a Director shall be elected to serve the remainder of the term.
- (c) If a board member resigns from the board or is removed from the board before his/her term is up: that person can not run for the board for two years. Personal reasons will be considered by the board.

ARTICLE V

--OFFICERS--

Section 1 - General

From the Board of Directors, the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected.

- (a) No Board member can hold the office of President for more than two consecutive years.
- (b) No board member shall hold more than one office at the same time.
- (c) No board member can be an officer unless they have served at least one year on the board within five years.

Section 2 - Election

- (a) The officers shall be elected for a period of one year by a majority vote of the new Board of Directors at a special meeting to be held immediately after the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The officers of the previous year shall retain their responsibilities until after the election of officers.
- (c) Immediately after the election, the newly elected officers shall assume the responsibilities and duties of their offices.

Section 3 - Vacancies

A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4 - Duties of Officers

The officers shall supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Club as directed by the Board of Directors. Briefly, duties are as follows:

(a) President:

1. As the principal executive officer of the Club, he shall preside at all the meetings of the members and Board of Directors.
2. Supervise and control the activities of people employed for the purpose of maintaining Club facilities.
3. Appoint a Nominating Committee.
4. Appoint Committees to assist in the development and maintenance of Club facilities such as park area, beach, roads, etc.
5. Appoint committees to assist in the promotion and regulations pertaining to such outdoor activities as hunting, fishing, trapping, skiing, swimming, target shooting, etc.
6. With the assistance of the Treasurer, Secretary and Legal Authorities as required, he shall direct the legal aspects of the Club relative to corporate procedures, land title, insurance, taxes, etc.

(b) Vice President:

1. Perform duties assigned to him by the President.
2. Assume all the responsibilities, duties and authority of the President in case of his absence or illness.

(c) Secretary:

1. Process all official Club correspondence.
2. Record minutes of Club meetings.
3. Issue membership cards and decals.
4. Issue Certificates of Interest or receipts for Equity in Certificates.

(d) Treasurer:

1. Keep accounts and pay all bills.
2. Present financial report at the Annual Business Meeting.
3. Prepare and deliver financial reports as requested by the Board of Directors.

Section 5 - Salaries of Officers:

The Club President, Secretary and Treasurer shall receive annual Salaries as follows:

- (a) President - \$1,000.00
- (b) Secretary - \$3,000.00
- (c) Treasurer - \$1,200.00

Section 6 - Authority of Officers to Sign Checks Against Club Funds

The Treasurer and President, or Secretary and President must sign all checks issued by the Club. All bills in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) must be approved for payment by the Board of Directors.

- (a) All purchases, services, or work proposals in excess of \$100.00 must have prior approval by the board.
- (b) Any work in excess of \$500.00 must be by written contract and include proof of appropriate insurance and bond.

Section 7 - Bonding of Officers:

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall each be bonded for \$50,000.00; the premium for which shall be paid by the Club.

Section 8 - Balanced Budget:

The Board of Directors shall adopt and present at the annual meeting a 2 year balanced budget. The balanced budget shall include all committee expenses and breakdown of any club improvements and equipment to be purchased.

ARTICLE VI

--MEETING OF CLUB MEMBERS--

Section 1 - Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Club Members shall be held **annually on the second Sunday of October at 1:00 p.m.** Each member shall be notified by mail of the exact date, time and place.

- (1) General order of business shall be as follows:
 - (a) Reading of minutes of previous annual meeting.
 - (b) Financial Report.
 - (c) Report of Committees.
 - (d) Election of Directors.
 - (e) Discussion of general business.
- (2) For each certificate held, that holder of the certificate or their spouse has the right to cast their vote at the annual meeting: **one vote per certificate**

Section 2 - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Club Members may be called by the Board of Directors. Each member shall be notified by mail of the exact date, time and place.

ARTICLE VII

--AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION--

Section 1 - General:

Amendments may be made at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Club Members by a majority vote of those members present and subject to the following:

- (a) The members shall have been notified by mail at least two weeks prior to the meeting, of the nature of the proposed amendment.
- (b) Any member desiring an amendment must present it to the Board, in writing, at least six (6) weeks prior to the meeting at which the member desires the amendment to be considered.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

--PURPOSE--

The following rules have been developed by the Board of Directors to guide and direct club activities for the mutual benefit of all members. It is not intended that these rules list the multitude of objectionable acts which could be detrimental to the best interest of the Club. Each member, as part owner of the entire property of the Club, is expected to make every effort to improve, rather than to destroy its beauty; to protect it against any activity which might injure the Club; and to govern their actions with due courtesy and consideration for each of their fellow members.

If a Bi-law or Constitution infraction is committed, a letter with the accused name, key number, date, times, and a detailed explanation of the infraction must be written. The letter must be signed, dated, and have key number by the accusing member. The letter will then be sent to the club's address to be reviewed by the board of directors at the next monthly meeting.

ARTICLE II

--GUEST PRIVILEGES--

Section 1 - General Activities (Hunting, Boating and Camping Excluded):

All members shall have the right to entertain any friends or relatives in Club grounds. The only requirements are as follows:

- (a) The guests must be accompanied by a member throughout their stay on Club grounds. Member will be held responsible for guest's actions.
- (b) Special permission is required from the Club Secretary before a member is permitted fifteen (15) or more guests on any one day. See Article II - Section 6.
- (c) No guest pets allowed at swimming beach, ski beach, picnic area or camping area.
- (d) Youth member is allowed only three (3) guests.

Section 2 - Camping: Guest privileges are identical to Section 1, except guest campers are not permitted on holiday or holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day).

- (a) Each member must limit their guests to one (1) RV per outing. This is in addition to the member's RV unit. NOTE: An RV unit consists of a camping trailer, truck camper, motor home, tent, 5th wheel or pop-up.
- (b) Guest campers must display the club members key # in plain sight on the camping unit.
- (c) The Certificate holder must send a letter to the secretary stating the days they will have a guest camper, their name, unit, and license plate number along with payment of \$10.00 per day

Section 3 - Boating: Guest privileges are identical to Section 1. However, club members are allowed a **MAXIMUM** of one (1) guest fishing boat per outing. Guests fishing boats over 10 HP must be 18 ft. or less with a bag on the prop or the prop removed. **No guest Speed boats or pontoon boats are allowed.**

Section 4 - Hunting: Guests are not permitted to hunt deer on Club property. For all other legal game, Club members are allowed a maximum of two (2) hunting guests per outing.

Section 5 - Snowmobiles and All Unlicensed Motor Vehicles: Guests are not permitted to have snowmobiles or unlicensed motor vehicles such as mini-bikes, dune buggies, ATVS (all terrain vehicles), etc., on Club property.

- (a) All unlicensed vehicles must display key number at a minimum of 3 inch letters
- (b) All unlicensed vehicles must comply with Article III section 8.

Section 6 - Organizations: Special organization gatherings, picnics or camp-outs are to be regulated as follows:

- (a) The request for a permit must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary three weeks in advance of the desired date.
- (b) Members requesting a permit for an outing must supply a list of guests and club members with the request before the permit will be considered.
- (c) The organization must be sponsored by a member who will remain on the Club grounds during the outing.
- (d) The request, if approved, shall apply to a group not to exceed fifty (50).
- (e) No permits will be granted for Holidays between June 1st and October 1st.
- (f) The Club Secretary will issue a written permit to the sponsoring members for each approved group outing.
- (g) If the member does not clean up after their party, they will be fined \$50.

ARTICLE III

--SPECIAL FEES--

Section 1 - General: Until such time that the Board of Directors deems it necessary for the best interest of the Club, there shall be no Special Fees assessed for any approved Club activity.

ARTICLE IV

--CLUB RULES--

Section 1 - General:

- (a) Control your gate key carefully. It is to be used by you and eligible members of your family only. See Constitution Article II - Section 4 Classes of Membership for eligible members.
- (b) All posted speed limits shall be observed.
- (c) Swimming is permitted only at the swim beach and within the area of the Safety Lines.
- (d) Skin or scuba diving is not permitted outside the swim beach area except

- by special permission of the Club President.
- (e) State and Federal Game and Fish Laws must be obeyed.
 - (f) Privately owned structures such as boat docks, boat houses, cabins, etc., are not permitted. All such facilities will be owned and controlled by the Club.
 - (g) All members and eligible children must have in their possession a valid membership identification card, and produce it when requested.
 - (h) Rifles, pistols, air guns and BB guns shall be barred from the grounds at all times, except in areas set aside by the Board of Directors for target practice and with exception to Article IV section K.
 - (i) Shotguns shall be barred from the grounds except during the Hunting season, or in area set aside by the Board of Directors for target practice.
 - (j) All firearms must be properly unloaded and encased when being transported on Club property.
 - (k) Conceal Carry Weapons (CCW) will be allowed on Area No. 1 Outdoor property according to State of Illinois Statues (430ILCS 66/). Any violation of State Statutes will result in automatic expulsion from Area No.1 Outdoor Club.
 - (l) Pets must be on a leash at all times except for the purpose of hunting and hunting training.
 - (m) No horses are permitted anywhere on club premises.
 - (n) No excessive noise in the camping, picnic or swim beach area after 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. Quiet Time will be extended to 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday nights of a three day weekend.
 - (o) Any use of illegal fireworks on Club property will result in expulsion from the Club.
 - (p) Trapping is not permitted on Club property except by approval of the Board of Directors.
 - (q) The taking of frogs is prohibited.
 - (r) Membership decals must be properly displayed in the left front windshield where they are readily visible on all automobiles, motorcycles and other licensed and unlicensed motorized vehicles when such vehicles are to be used on Club property. This pertains to vehicles owned by members, spouse of members and children who enjoy Club privileges as outlined in Constitution Article II - Section 4.
 - (s) All membership decals must be displayed by June 1st. If decals are not properly displayed, there will be a \$25.00 fine.
 - (t) No one shall cut and remove trees from Club property unless approved by the Board of Directors.
 - (u) All members are responsible for properly disposing of garbage in designated containers.
 - (v) "Bad" check fee will be charged to any member whose check is returned for any reason to the Club. Repayment of original amount plus fee must be made by certified check or money order.
 - (w) Any member or guest involved in any personal injury or property damage accident or incident must notify Club Secretary or President immediately, if possible, but not later than 24 hours after the accident or incident. Upon notification, the President or Secretary with the assistance of one other officer and the Board Member responsible for the assigned area related to the accident or incident will perform a preliminary investigation. The report will be given at the following board meeting. Any Club member that does not cooperate with the investigation and/or gives false information may lose their membership.

- (x) 5 MPH speed limit on all pits except west of the island in Pit 1 known as the ski boating area.
- (y) No one is allowed to dump anything on Club property without prior approval of the Board.
- (z) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold on the Club premises. Public intoxication which unreasonably alarms or disturbs other members is prohibited.
- (aa) Use or possession of illegal drugs is prohibited.
- (bb) No campfires or parking on boat ramps.
- (cc) The Club is not responsible for lost or damaged property.
- (dd) Any person who uses profanity or shows disrespect to a Board Member or any Club member, in regards to Club business, is subject to a reprimand before the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Swim Beach and Shelter Area:

- (a) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 1, relative to guest privileges.
- (b) Swimming is permitted only when a lifeguard is on duty. Hours will be posted.
- (c) Lifeguard has full authority on the beach and adjacent area.
- (d) Use of the Beach Life Preserver or Safety Boat is for emergency use only.
- (e) Boats other than Safety Boats are not permitted on the beach inside the safety line unless approved by the Board of Directors. Boats with gas motors may not be operated within 200 feet of the safety line.
- (f) Pets are not permitted at the beach, or shelter area adjacent to the beach.
- (g) Campfires are not permitted on the beach. Food and drink are permitted above the wall area only not on the sand. Glass containers are not permitted under the shelter or area adjacent to the beach as posted.
- (h) Floatation devices are permitted in the roped off shallow area of the beach
- (i) Swimming is permitted only within the area of the Safety Line.
- (j) All persons must take a shower before entering the beach waters.
- (k) No swimming is permitted in street clothes.
- (l) All children twelve years old and under must be escorted and attended by an adult while in the beach area.
- (m) No Frisbee, balls or throwing objects are permitted on the beach. Accept with Life Guard authorization.
- (n) Any disabled person may use an approved life vest at Swim Beach when accompanied by an adult and a Physician's statement requiring the use of life vest.
- (o) No throwing sand on swim beach and beach shelter area.
- (p) No fishing between posted signs at Swim Beach and Ski Beach.

Section 3 - Camping:

- (a) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 2, relative to guest privileges.
- (b) All campers must register in the Camper's Log Book and re-register when moving to a new camp site.
- (c) Camping is permitted ONLY in the following areas:
 1. On either side of the park area road in designated areas. Camp sites are no more than 75 feet deep from the electrical box.
 2. All Campers on the Northside of the park camp road must be parked vertical to the road, **No Exceptions.**
 3. In isolated camp areas and posted by the Board of Directors as "Camping Area."
- (d) Campfires permitted only in designated fire pits in the picnic and camping areas. Stones are not to be used for campfire enclosures.

- (e) All camping units must be identified by Club member's key number. Key numbers must be displayed by paint or decal, at least 3" high, and in contrasting color on the main entrance side of camper where readily visible.
- (f) Only one picnic table is permitted for each camping unit.
- (g) No excessive noise after 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. Quiet Time will be extended to 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday nights of a three day weekend.
- (h) Camping units are to be discharged at the toilet area station or by approved totes only.
- (i) All other pets must be kept on a leash at all times. Barking dogs must be quieted or removed from the camping area.
- (j) All campers must be in attendance for a cumulative time of 8 hours in every 48 hours from Sunday through Saturday. Time can be broken in any manner as long as it adds up to 8 hours in every 48 hours for that week. Camping units must be moved every 21 days during camping season which is from Memorial Day through the end of Labor Day. The gate log will be used to determine if anyone is in violation. You must swipe your card when entering or leaving. All board members will have access to the gate log. If a violation is found 2 board members will fill out a form, sign it and forward it to the club President for his signature. He will notify the offending camper with a telephone call notifying him or her that they have 48 hours to remove the camper for 1 month suspension of camping privileges. If the unit is not removed in 48 hours, suspension will go to 2 months and so on until removed. Camping suspension may apply to next camping season. Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Board.
- (k) No camping unit may remain in any campsite more than 21 days. Members may camp on the grounds for longer periods; however, the camping unit must be moved **AT LEAST 40 FEET** to a new site at the expiration of each 21 day period.
- (l) Camping units do not have to be moved every three weeks during the end of camping season - Labor Day until the beginning of the new camping season.
- (m) Tent and pop-up campers only are allowed on Caretaker's Hill.
- (n) No electrical cords may be run across the road.
- (o) Each camper is allowed one 9'x 12' breathable rug at the camper. The rug is to be rolled up each night and all rugs must be picked up when the camp is not occupied.
- (p) To prevent killing of grass, tent campers must move their tents to a new foot print, not Necessarily a new campsite at least every 5 days and to a new campsite every 21 days.

Section 4 - Hunting:

- (a) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 4, relative to guest privileges.
- (b) All State and Federal Game Laws must be obeyed.
- (c) Annual Hunting Meeting is to be held on the last Sunday of July at 1:00 p.m. at the Club Maintenance Shed.
- (d) All hunters must sign register upon entering the Club, and must complete a kill report before leaving Club property.
- (e) No youth under 16 years of age will be allowed to hunt unless licensed and accompanied by an adult.
- (f) No one under 18 years of age will be allowed to bring guest hunters.

- (g) Guests are not permitted to hunt deer on Club property. For all other legal game, Club members are allowed a maximum of two (2) hunting guests per outing.
- (h) All small game hunters must wear blaze orange hat and vest (or coat) while hunting on Club property.
- (i) No hunting in park or beach area (including Maintenance Shed Area).
- (j) No hunting will occur from a ½ hour after Sunset to a ½ hour before Sunrise of the next day.
- (k) Dove hunting is permitted south of Pit 1 only.
- (l) Fox and/or coyote hunting season will only be allowed with Board approval.
- (m) Squirrel hunting permitted only with board approval.
- (n) Trapping on Club property is not allowed without prior Board approval.
- (o) Deer hunting is permitted by bow and arrow only.
- (p) Archery deer hunting is permitted 1/2 hour after sunset.
- (q) No deer stands shall be put up before September 1.
- (r) All deer stands must be portable and must have key number on it.
- (s) No hunter may have more than 2 deer stands.
- (t) No one shall hunt in another member's deer stand without permission.
- (u) All deer stands must be removed within ten days of the close of deer hunting season or there will be a \$50 fine.
- (v) Duck hunting is allowed in the club, you must be registered with the Duck Hunters Committee and follow all guide lines that have been establish by the Hunting Committee, & all State & Federal laws.
- (w) Duck Blinds may only be under the certificate holder's name.
- (x) Duck blinds must be maintained in serviceable condition and grassed at least 2 weeks prior to opening day of duck hunting season or loss of blind will result.
- (y) Movement of duck blinds must be approved at the Hunters Meeting & by the Board of Directors.
- (z) Vacant duck blinds to be allocated at the annual Hunter's Meeting.
- (aa) When a duck blind is lost or obtained by the club, the name of the member will go to the bottom of the duck blind waiting list, however, if a blind is given back to the club voluntarily, the name of the member will not change on the list.
 - (1) The next opening in the duck blinds will come from the top of the duck blind waiting list.
 - (2) If a duck blind holder does not chose a partner when that blind comes open, the first two members on the waiting list that want the duck blind will become partners in that blind.
 - (3) Blind holders may choose to select another Club Member on the duck blind waiting list to join them as co-holders of a duck blind. No member may have their name on more than one duck blind.
 - (4) Co-blind holders that are picked go to the bottom of the duck blind list.
 - (5) When a blind has co-holders, if one drops out, the remaining blind holder can stay or move to another blind if there are openings, and the member next on the waiting list becomes a co-holder.
- (bb) No Turkey hunting unless approved by the Board of Directors.
If approved, Bow & Arrow hunting only.

Section 5 - Fishing:

- (a) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 1, relative to guest privileges.
- (b) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 3, relative to guest boats.
- (c) Refer to By-Laws Article IV - Section 9, relative to boat identification and to boats equipped with inboard motors or outboard motors of 10 HP or larger.
- (d) All State Fishing and Boating Laws must be obeyed.
- (e) Annual fishing meeting will be held on the last Sunday of September at 1:00 p.m. at the Club Maintenance Shed.
- (f) Guest privileges are identical to Section 1. However, club members are allowed a MAXIMUM of one (1) guest fishing boat per outing. Guests fishing boats over 10 HP must be 18 ft. or less with a bag on the prop or the prop removed. **No guest speed boats or pontoon boats are allowed.**
- (g) No fishing between signs at swim beach or ski beach.
- (h) Fishing by means of trout lines, throw lines or by bottle fishing is not permitted in any Club waters.
- (i) Hare and Bone Lakes are closed from March 1st to Father's Day Kids Derby.
- (j) Do not transfer fish from one lake to any other Club waters.
- (k) Return no rough fish to any waters.
- (l) Fish limit and sizes or any changes will be posted at the Club entrance.
- (m) Bass Fishing, Club wide will be catch and release only from Ice off till June 1st.
- (n) Daily limit on Bass, Pit 1 is Catch & Release all other pits are limited to two bass 12" and under per day.
- (o) There is a creel limit on pan fish of 10 per day.

Section 6 - Shooting Range:

- (a) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 1, relative to guest privileges.
- (b) No alcohol, drugs, or any substance that may impair a shooter may be used prior to or during practice on the range.
- (c) Because of the continued and Malicious Vandalism to the shooting range target supports, the Area No.1 Outdoor Club will only provide targets for the range at the discretion of the Shooting Range Committee. Members may now supply their own targets.
- (d) All shooting is to be done at targets placed in front of, and within 6ft of the berms. All target placement is to be such that the projectiles trajectory terminates in the berms.
 - (1) All target shooting (rifles and pistols) is to be at approved targets only.
 - (2) A list of approved target types will be posted at the sign-box at the range. In general; approved targets are of Spinner type, Pop-up type, Paper type, Clay Disc type, and Gongs suspended by chains type. Ground Strike Bouncing Ball or Cube types are not permitted as they will not stay in front of the berms.
 - (3) Members are free to construct their own portable paper hanger type target support, crafted from Wood or PVC pipe, provided it is removed from the range after shooting. (All targets left behind will be confiscated).
 - (4) Shooting at bottles, rocks, tin cans, explosive devices (garbage) etc., will not be permitted and may be construed as littering. (Refer to the inside cover of your By-Laws book).

- (5) Area No.1 Outdoor Club will continue to provide a suitable shooting range for the membership by grooming the berms, mowing the lawns and maintaining the shooting benches.
- (e) No center fire rifles to be fired at the 25 yard target, rim fire rifles and hand guns only at the 25 yard target range.
- (f) All shooting must be from shooting stations on the range. Shooting from the road is not permitted.
- (g) Guns must be unloaded and encased at all times except when on the shooting range.
- (h) Shooting range will be closed until 11:00 a.m. during duck hunting season.
- (i) No lead mining on the shooting range.
- (j) Maximum of 2 guests per outing are allowed to discharge at the shooting range.
- (k) All members and guests must register at the range before using shooting range.
- (l) No unauthorized vehicles allowed past parking area.
- (m) Glasses are to be worn when on the shooting range.
- (n) Ear plugs are to be worn when on the shooting range.
- (o) Shooting caps must be worn when using clay birds.
- (p) All guns on the shooting range when not in use are to be stored in the gun rack.

Section 7 - Archery Range:

- (a) Archery range rules:
 - (1) No guns allowed - Archery only.
 - (2) No deer hunting on Archery range.
 - (3) No alcohol, drugs, or any substance that may impair a shooter may be used prior to or during practice on the range.
 - (4) Shooting Hours- February to September-sunrise to sunset.
October to January - 10:00 a.m. till 2 hours before sunset.
 - (5) No horseplay on range.
 - (6) Field or practice points only- no razor broad heads.
 - (7) A total of one person shooting out of tower at one time.
 - (8) Archers must shoot from shooting stations only.
 - (9) No mid-range shooting.
 - (10) No random shooting shots will be directed down range at designated targets only.
 - (11) More than one archer- if more than one archer arrows must be pulled out simultaneously.
 - (12) 3-D targets can be used with a backstop no more than five feet behind.

Section 8 - Motorized Vehicles:

- (a) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 5, relative to guest motorized vehicles.
- (b) Club members who wish to operate snowmobiles, mini-bikes, or any other unlicensed motor vehicle on Club property, must comply with the following regulations:
 - 1. The owner must register the vehicle with the Club Secretary.
 - 2. The owner must submit to the Club Secretary a Certificate of Insurance indicating that said owner carries minimum personal liability insurance, for that vehicle as follows:
Bodily Injury - \$250,000.00 each person \$500,000.00 each accident.
Property Damage - \$100,000.00 single combined unit \$500,000.00.

3. The Club Secretary will then issue to the owner a Special Decal. This Decal is not transferable and must be attached to the vehicle where it is readily visible.
4. All unlicensed motor vehicles may be operated on Club property only between the hours of sunrise and sunset, and only on established roads, unless properly equipped with tail lights and headlights.
5. Snowmobiles may be operated after sunset only on established Club roads.
6. Motorcycles may be operated only on established Club roads.

Section 9 - Speed Boating and Water Skiing:

- (a) Refer to By-Laws Article II - Section 3, relative to guest privileges and guest boats.
- (b) Refer to By-Laws Article IV - Section 9, relative to boat identification and to boats equipped with inboard, inboard/outboard or outboard motors larger than 10 HP.
- (c) State laws relative to skiing, safe boat operation, safety equipment, and registration must be closely adhered to.
- (d) Speed boating and water skiing are permitted only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset.
- (e) Only board approved inflatable devices can be pulled behind a boat.
(See web site or posting at ski beach)
- (f) No personal water crafts (PWC) allowed.
- (g) Swimming is not permitted at the Ski Beach area, or in any waters other than **Swim Beach**.
- (h) Children under the age of 13 must have a life jacket on according to new **Illinois law**.
 - (i) No fishing between posted signs on Beach area.
 - (j) No picnic tables on sand line, 15' off of water at Ski Beach.
 - (k) Open campfires are not allowed on the Ski Beach or parking area.
 - (l) Vehicles are not to be parked on the Ski Beach. Park only in the designated area north of the beach, adjacent to the road.
- (m) Jumping from docks or structures into water is not permitted at the Ski Beach, or in any other waters other than the Swim Beach.
- (n) Boat docks are to be used only while launching and while loading or unloading passengers and equipment. Boats may not be moored at the docks when the beach is crowded.
- (o) No one under 18 years of age is to bring in a boat for the purpose of recreational skiing or speed boating purposes.
- (p) No standing in boat or sitting on edge of boat when in excess of 5 MPH speed.
- (q) Speed boating and water skiing is permitted only in the south outer lake (called Pit 1), from the west end of the lake to 200 feet east of the island.
- (r) All boats operated in the portion of Pit 1 east of the speed boating and water skiing area (200 feet east of the island), must not exceed a speed of five MPH.
- (s) Boats are to take off to the WEST, and drop off skiers from the EAST. All left hand turns.
- (t) Dropped ski or board must be picked up immediately by following boat.
- (u) Boats must slow down and skiers must keep parallel to beach when dropping off.
- (v) Ski ropes must be pulled in before beaching boat except when pulling approved inflatable.
- (w) Boat operator must check Southeast corner of Pit 1 before docking boat.

Section 10 - Boat Identification and Registration:

- (a) ALL boats must be identified by paint or decal to display the member's Key number. Key numbers should be 3" high of contrasting color, and displayed on left and right side of ALL boats - away from state registration numbers.
- (b) Club members wishing to use boats equipped with motors larger than 10 HP must comply with the following regulations:
 - (1) Board approved registration is needed for all boats to be operated on Club waters. Maximum permissible size length is 18' according to the boat's registration/title, maximum motor size is 150 H.P. outboard, and any 6 cylinder inboard/outboard or inboard. Boats must be capable of the size of the motor installed per manufacturer certification. **NOTE:** *This size rule applies to registration of new boats, and to boats under new ownership. Approval prior to purchase is suggested to all members considering a new craft.*
 - (2) All boats must be registered and inspected. Current Certificate of Insurance must be furnished, as required in (3) below.
 - (3) The owner of all previously inspected boats must submit to the Club Secretary a Certificate of Insurance with their yearly dues, indicating that said owner carries minimum personal liability boating insurance as follows:
Bodily Injury - \$250,000.00 each person each accident - \$500,000.00
Property Damage - \$100,000.00 or single combined limit of \$500,000.00.
 - (4) The Club Secretary and/or Boating Chairman will then issue to the owner a Special Boat Decal. This Decal is not transferable and must be properly attached to the outside of the approved boat, where it is readily visible.
- (c) No jet boats are permitted.
- (d) No boat or any other water craft to have a motor that exceeds the OBC rating of the watercraft.
- (e) No boat or any other watercraft to exceed passenger rating of the watercraft.
- (f) All boats must be properly marked with key numbers by June 1st of each year. If not they will be fined \$25.00.

Section 11 - Trapping:

- (a) Trapping on Club property is not allowed without prior Board approval.
- (b) Only approved water set traps are allowed on the Club property.

ARTICLE V

--MEMBERSHIP POLICY--

Section 1 - General:

- (a) An applicant for membership must be sponsored by an existing member. Once an application is received the Secretary will review the sponsors file to ensure the member is in good standing for at least three years. If in good standing the Secretary will issue a letter to the applicant informing him or her to set an appointment up with the Interview Committee and to bring the appropriate fees and documents to the appointment. After the interview the new applicants will be voted on at the next Board Meeting

- to approve there membership. If the sponsoring member is not currently in good standing the Secretary will present the application to the Board of Directors at the next meeting for discussion.
- (b) An applicant has ninety (90) days from time he received the letter to set up an interview and remit all monies due. If not completed within the 90 days the Board approval will be voided and the applicant cannot reapply for a period of one (1) year.
 - (c) If an applicant fails to appear for a scheduled interview without prior notification to a Board Member, the application approval is voided and the applicant cannot Re-apply for a period of one (1) year.
 - (d) A certified letter will only be sent for the notification of acceptance for membership. If the appicate is not at the Board Meeting.
 - (e) If there is a tie vote in the election of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, the tie will be broken with a coin toss.
 - (f) Any one that runs for election for the Board of Directors may NOT count the ballots.
 - (g) Anyone found falsifying information on club forms or reports could jeopardize your membership.

ARTICLE VI

--BOARD OF DIRECTOR POLICY--

Section 1 - General:

- (a) When a By-Law change is brought to the Board of Directors it shall not be voted on until the next Regular scheduled meeting. The proposed By-Law change shall be posted on the club website. If any changes are made to that By-Law proposal it then shall again automatically go to the next scheduled Board Meeting after being posted on the website. Passage shall be by a Board majority of the quorum present.
- (b) The Board may supersede the provision above in (a) provided the matter at hand is related to a safety concern or other emergency situation.



