

BY-LAWS
OF
ROWAN COUNTY WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

ARTICLE I.

OFFICE

The principal office of the Rowan County Wildlife Association, Inc. shall be in Rowan County, State of North Carolina. All records of this association together with the minutes and corporation seal shall therein be kept.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person, to be eligible for membership in this association, shall conform to all requirements of the Constitution, and they must further agree with the purposes and agree to abide with said Constitution and with the By-Laws. Provided that the approval of the membership committee hereinafter created shall be obtained before the acceptance of any new member.

Types of Membership:

A. Individual member: Sportsman, hunter, fisherman, or other individual who complies with the terms of membership set out herein.

B. Honorary member: Individuals whose outstanding work on behalf of the association entitles them to special attention or award for merit and who have been voted on and approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

Terms of Membership:

1. An initiation fee may be charged as determined and set by the Board of Directors.

2. Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in January of each year.

3. Potential members shall pay initiation fees and annual dues for the current year. Said applicants shall also furnish any additional information requested by the membership committee or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be terminated by resignation, by failure to pay annual dues by August 1, or by expulsion from the association for whatsoever reason. Provided that the membership committee shall be empowered to pass upon the termination of the membership of any member and in so doing said committee shall seek the advice or counsel of the Board of Directors and after reaching its decision must refer the membership in question to the members of the association at a general meeting or at a special meeting called for this purpose at which a quorum is present. Provided further that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the association at such meeting shall be required before any membership may be involuntarily terminated.

Members who allow their membership to lapse through failure to pay annual dues may be reinstated by payment of current year dues and all unpaid prior years, up to a maximum of two (2) unpaid prior years.

ARTICLE IV.

(a) The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membership in January of each year and shall be charged with the duty of doing whatever is necessary to further the purposes of this association. The Board shall exercise general control and supervision over all the activities of this association and shall be the policy making body of this association.

(b) In case of vacancies on the Board of Directors, the remaining Directors shall elect a Director to fill the unexpired term. Further, any Director failing to attend three or more consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

(c) The Board of Directors shall meet immediately following the annual meeting of the association and shall further have at least one meeting each calendar month, at such time and at such place as the Board may by resolution decide.

(d) The Directors shall receive no remuneration for their services.

(e) There shall be fourteen (14) members of the Board of Directors. Initially seven shall be elected for one year and seven members elected for two years, and thereafter, seven members shall be elected each year for a two year term.

(f) The President may vote only to break a tie.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this association shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, elected from the Board of Directors immediately after each annual meeting.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees and shall be the chief spokesman of the organization in all dealings with other groups or individuals.

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the President. He shall perform such other and further duties as may be conferred upon him by the President of the Board of Directors of which he shall be a member.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of this association. He shall keep accurate books of accounts showing at all times the amount of money in his possession and shall from time to time render full and complete reports as to income, disbursements, and as to the balance on hand. The Treasurer shall designate an official depository which shall be any bank in the County of Rowan, State of North Carolina and shall maintain therein an account in the name of the association. These funds will be disbursed only as directed by the Board of Directors, and all checks or drafts shall be executed and countersigned by any two of the Association's Officers, before they shall be valid. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall keep a record of membership and shall be a member of the Board of Directors and the membership committee. A record of membership shall be open to the inspection of any member at any time and from time to time reports shall be made and rendered to the Association and all emblems indicating membership therein. The Secretary alone shall have the authority to affix the seal.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Rowan County Wildlife Association, Inc. on the first Tuesday in January, after January 1, of each year. At this meeting the new members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and such business as is necessary shall be transacted.

Immediately following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall meet and elect the Officers to serve for the following year.

Additional regular or special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors. Notice shall be given to the membership of special meetings at least one (1) week in advance, stating the purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

ELECTIONS

All candidates for office shall have been members in good standing for at least twelve (12) months prior to election.

For the purpose of all elections, either annual or special, of this Association, the voting body shall consist of individual members and honorary members as defined in these By-Laws. Voting shall be by secret ballot and the largest number of votes shall prevail in any election. The term of the Board of Directors to be filled under the Constitution and By-Laws shall be two (2) years or until the successors are properly chosen and qualified. Notice of all elections shall be given at least four (4) weeks preceding the date of the election and in such a manner as the Board of Directors may by resolution adopt.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President shall appoint both standing and special committees, for such uses and purposes as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

Among the standing committees shall be the following: Wildlife Conservation, Public Relations, and Membership.

ARTICLE IX.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE MEMBERS

(A) Voting rights and other privileges accorded to members of this Association shall be limited to members in good standing. No member, other than a member in good standing, shall be eligible to hold office in this Association.

(B) Upon liquidation of this Corporation the members in good standing of the Rowan County Wildlife Association, Inc. shall be entitled to a pro rata distribution of the assets of said Corporation as determined by the Directors or membership at that time.

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at an annual meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, at which a quorum is present and only by the affirmative action of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE XI.

QUORUM

At all annual or special meetings of the Association, ten (10) percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum. One (1) officer must be present.

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of said Board.

ARTICLE XII.

VACANCIES

Vacancies caused by death, resignation, or other reason, in an office of the Association or on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Association shall commence on the 1st day of May each year and end on the 30th day of April of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE XIV.

These By-Laws shall not take effect until it has been approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at a general meeting called for that purpose, at which a quorum is present.

Adopted this the 3 day of Jan, 1978

Hansy Maza Jr
PRESIDENT

Scott Sha, Selby
SECRETARY-TREASURER

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, are all of the Directors of the Rowan County Wildlife Association, Incorporated, a corporation and that the above and foregoing are the By-Laws of said Corporation which was duly considered and adopted by said Corporation as its By-Laws on the 1st day of January, 1928.

Joseph S. Shaver
Wayne M. Cline
George F. Shinn
Roy Fleming
Jack By Ellen
W. H. Walker
R. S. Alexander
Locke O. Long
Alfredman
Harry M. Byrd
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