

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

EAGLE CREEK CONSERVATION CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I: "TITLE"

This organization shall be known as the "Eagle Creek Conservation Club Inc."

ARTICLE II: "PURPOSE"

The purpose of our organization is as follows:

- The protection, propagation and wise use of all wildlife.
- To increase and promote knowledge, education, safety and skills in the practice of wildlife related recreational opportunities for the youth.
- The stimulation of interest for the recruitment of adults into the shooting sports and wildlife related recreation.
- The assisting of all public officials and interested people in the enforcement of those laws enacted to protect wildlife and the rights of the landowner.
- To aid in the promotion of a fraternal spirit between those who own the land and those who use the woods, fields and streams.
- The general sharing of useful information in promoting or defeating legislation that best ensures the ideals and principals listed above.
- This association may foster hunting grounds, shooting clubs, game farms, or anything not inconsistent with the best interest of this organization.

ARTICLE III: "OFFICERS"

Sec. 1: The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Hunts Master and three (3) Trustees.

Sec. 2: All officers, except trustees, shall hold office for a period of one (1) year, or until their successor has been duly elected and installed.

Sec. 3: Trustees shall hold office for a period of three (3) years, or until their successor has been duly elected and installed. They shall be elected in such a manner that one trustee will be elected each year.

Sec 4: To hold office in the club, candidate for President, Vice President, Treasure must be a member for three (3) years. Secretary, Hunts Master and Trustees must be a member for one (1) year.

ARTICLE IV: "DUTIES OF OFFICERS"

Sec. 1: The Executive Board of this organization shall be composed of the officers named in Article III, Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to:

- formulate the policies of the organization
- safeguard the property of the organization at its regular business meetings.

Sec. 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of this organization and at all meetings of the Executive Board. He shall appoint all committees and perform such duties as may pertain to his office. He shall automatically be a member of all committees. Keys to the building and grounds will be issued only by the President of the Eagle Creek Conservation Club.

Sec. 3: The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall be vested with the same authority as the President, and shall perform the duties of that office. He/she shall be chairman of the rules, grievance, membership, and nominating and audit committees.

Sec. 4: The Secretary shall keep a correct and impartial account of the proceedings of this organization. He shall read the minutes and correspondence at each meeting. He shall maintain a correct roster of members. He shall carry on all correspondence of the organization. He shall perform such other duties as may pertain to his office.

Sec. 5: The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other monies from the members and keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall not authorize the payment of any bills with out a purchase order or receipt. He shall give a report at each meeting. His records should be audited once each year, or at any time the members of the Executive Board deem it necessary, or at any time a majority of the membership requests it to be done.

Sec. 6: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to take charge of the club property, to audit the books of the Treasurer, to take an active interest in the association, and to perform such other duties as may pertain to their office.

Sec. 7: The Hunts Master shall co-ordinate all hunting and fishing activities, shooting events, instruction clinics and classes and shall file reports of all such activities to the Executive Board. The Hunts Master shall not contract bills or contracts with out the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V: "MEMBERSHIP AND DUES"

Sec. 1 A: Any person who is interested in ARTICLE II above is eligible for membership in this organization.

Sec. 1 B: To become a new member, a candidate must fill out an application and attend an executive meeting for review of that application. Candidate must then attend a regular club meeting and his application be ratified by a majority vote of those members present. He/she than must serve one year probation

Sec. 1 C: Any member with fifteen (15) consecutive years in club, upon reaching age sixty-five (65) shall be awarded life membership, upon approval of the executive committee and a majority vote of members present at a regular meeting. They then shall be dues and work hours free.

Sec. 1 D: For sharing their property, landowners shall be given honorary membership status.

Sec. 2: Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and will be called to order at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as a quorum is in attendance.

Sec. 3: A quorum shall consist of two (2) officers and five (5) members in good standing.

Sec. 4: A special meeting may be called by a majority vote of any regular meeting, or by the President and a majority of the members of his executive board.

Sec. 5: Any member whose dues for any calendar year, is not paid by the May meeting will be taken off the roles. Further, to be reinstated, a member will have to follow the procedures set forth for any potential new member.

Sec. 6: Each new member will work twenty (20) Hours for his first year, starting from the date he/she joined or he/she will be Automatically Dismissed from the club.

Sec. 7: There will be a \$25.00 Initiation fee and dues will be \$25.00 a year.

Sec. 8: Each member over one (1) year will work twenty (20) hours per year or pay \$5.00 for each hour not worked.

Sec. 9: Transferring a members keys to any non-member will result in Automatic Dismissal from the club.

ARTICLE VI: "SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS"

Any member or officer shall be suspended for an act unbecoming to a sportsman or whose act would bring discredit upon the club. In case his membership card is revoked, the unused portion of his membership fee shall be forfeited to the association.

Suspension charges against members and officers must be made in writing and notice shall be served on any member having charges preferred against and, at the time, the member shall answer to said charges before the Board of Trustees. After the report of the Board of Trustees it shall take a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting to suspend a member.

Any officer may be removed from office upon a vote of two thirds of the members present at regular meeting and upon the approval of the Boards of Trustees; and any officer may be removed by a two thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting if such officer has been absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause. No vote on removal can take place until the Officer has been given a 7-day notice as to why he/she is being removed.

ARTICLE VII: "ELECTION OF OFFICERS"

Sec. 1: A nominating committee shall be appointed at the regular October meeting. Nominations will run through November and elections for all officers shall be held at the regular December meeting. Any contested race shall be voted on by secret ballot. Only members in good standing will be permitted to vote. Votes by proxy shall not count. Only members in good standing are eligible to hold office.

Sec. 2: Installation of officers shall be at the regular January meeting, and new officers shall take office at that time.

ARTICLE VIII: "FISCAL AND OFFICIAL YEAR"

Sec. 1: The fiscal and official year of this organization shall begin on January 1.

ARTICLE IX: "AMENDING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS"

Sec. 1: Amendments to the by-laws shall be proposed in writing with two (2) signatures, at regular meetings of the club, and shall be read in two (2) successive meetings previous to the meeting in which they are voted upon. A two third vote of all members present shall be necessary to amend these by-laws.

ARTICLE X: "OATH OF OFFICE"

Sec. 1: I, _____, do hereby promise that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected. I do further promise that upon the expiration of my term of office, my resignation, or when my successor has been duly elected, I will turn over all records, equipment and property which are owned by this organization.

ARTICLE XI: "RULES GOVERNING THE MEETINGS"

Sec. 1: Members must notify the secretary and the treasurer of any change in residence at the next regular meeting.

Sec. 2: During the temporary absence of any officer, the President shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 3: Any member desiring to speak on a subject under consideration must address the chairman and cannot proceed until the chair recognizes him.

Sec. 4: Roberts Rules of Order shall be authority on all questions not covered by Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 5: Order of Business:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Reading of the minutes
4. Roll call of officers
5. Treasurer's report
6. Proposals for membership
7. Communications
8. Reports of officers and committees and agents
9. Report of the organization
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Adjournment

ARTICLE XII: "DISBANDING OF ASSOCIATION"

Upon disbanding, closing or folding of Eagle Creek Conservation Club, the club and all properties, along with all monies, cash and investments are to be dispersed by the current four board members (Pres., V.P., Sec., & Treas.) to a wildlife conservation fund or clubs or organization dealing with wildlife, with in a 6 month period.