

CLUB BYLAWS  
(MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IN BOLD LETTERS)  
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1. The name of this organization shall be Bear Creek Hunting Club and shall be a non-profit organization and at no time will its business be conducted for private or personal gain.

ARTICLE II  
OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the Association is to promote and foster a general and continued movement for conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

To promote sportsmanlike methods of hunting, fishing and trapping, and outdoor living with proper respect to landowners and the property of others.

To acquire and protect an area of land so that members of the Association may use it as set forth in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP

1. Members must be acceptable to the membership as hereinafter provided, and shall pay dues and fees as directed by the Board. All Members must be 18 years old or older.
2. Annual dues must be paid in advance every year on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>. All dues shall be payable to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.
3. Failure to pay dues on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> will cause member's name to be deleted from the rolls.
4. **Any increase in membership rates will be decided upon the Board of Directors.**
5. New member shall make application for membership by letter to the Secretary/Treasurer, which letter must be accompanied by a check or money order for the current year's dues and membership fee. All applications shall be signed by the person seeking membership. The applicant must pledge his support to the Association, its rules and regulations and all game laws. All applications are subject to the approval or rejection of the Board of Directors, Campbell Timberland Management and Forestar Group, or a committee thereof. Applications shall be acted upon as soon as convenience permits the Board to do so.
6. Each applicant shall be notified of the action taken upon his application by the Secretary and in the event that any application is rejected; all money paid by the applicant to the association shall be returned.
7. Each applicant who has been accepted and has paid the required dues and membership fee shall be issued a membership card good until the following May 1, which card shall be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

8. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to take the immediate members of his family into the enclosure of the Association to hunt, fish, or picnic without additional cost to the member provided the following terms and conditions are considered.
  - A. The family member shall mean husband or wife, children under 17 years of age, living with parents and unmarried.
  - B. Member only must carry an identification card to be issued by the Secretary/Treasurer.
9. Violations of a membership agreement by any member shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors and if deemed appropriate, said Board may cancel an individual membership or may specify other penalty. No money shall be returned for violation of membership agreement.
10. The Secretary shall have the membership cards printed each year. These cards shall be signed by the Secretary and issued to each member upon payment of dues. Under no condition shall a membership card be issued to any individual before the payment of dues. Members must carry membership cards at all times when inside the enclosure of the Association.
11. Upon request of any identified Association members, warden, officer, director caretaker, or employee, an individual shall at any time show his membership card. Failure to do so will be regarded as a membership violation.
12. **A complete list of members shall be kept current at all times by the Secretary and all individuals to whom cards have been issued shall be listed.**
13. Any member may resign at any time, but such action must be in the form of a written notification to the Secretary who shall keep same, and drop the individual from the rolls as of that date. No refund of dues or fees shall be made in this event.
- 14, **Any member commits or any intentional violations of the State or Federal Game Laws, or of a violation of laws regarding property within the enclosure of the Association, shall upon committing or conviction be expelled or suspended from the Association by the Board, either temporarily or permanently.**
15. Known violations and convictions of members by sources other than the Association, shall be recorded in the member's permanent record and if deemed appropriate shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Board.
16. The membership of the Association shall have the right to set limits, seasons, hours, and means and methods of taking game within the enclosure of the Association provided such action is not over and beyond the regulations as set by the State Parks and Wildlife Department and Campbell Timberland Management or Forestar Group.
17. **No dog or dogs shall be allowed to hunt, run, tree or bay any wildlife in the Association's enclosure except during open season or seasons as provided by law and in accordance with the provision as made by the Board of Directors. However, at no time shall a dog or dogs be used in hunting of deer. Any member who shall permit any dog or dogs, either owned or contracted by said member, to violate the above provisions shall be in direct violation of the membership agreement and may be expelled or suspended or punished by other methods as directed by the Board.**
18. **At no time shall a permanent camp or building be constructed by any member or members.**
19. The Board of Directors shall have authority to close all camping areas at any time deemed necessary by the Board.

20. **Every member, officer, director, caretaker, employee, and warden shall make every possible effort to protect the landowner's property from fire, theft, and all forms of damage.**
21. All members will read and abide by the policies set forth by Campbell Timberland Management and Forestar Group. Any violation of these policies will be grounds for termination of membership.

#### ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The government of the club and the direction of its work, internal affairs and activities generally shall be vested in a Board of Directors herein referred to as the "Board".
2. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members, (President, Vice-President, and 5 Board Members) to be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting.
3. All Directors shall be nominated and elected by the membership at the general meeting thereof each year as hereinafter provided.
4. Any member in good standing is eligible for election as director.
5. All Directors shall sever (3) three year terms except Vice President of the first Board elected after the adoption of these Bylaws, who will serve two years.
6. The general membership shall choose one of the Board as their President.
7. The Board shall be and is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations by resolution as may be deemed advisable for the government of the Board; the proper conduct of the business of the club guidance and conduct of all committees, officers, employees, caretakers, overseers, and members and generally the Board shall be empowered to do whatever in its judgment may be necessary to preserve the best interest of the club or calculated to increase the efficiency of the club and to carry the main purpose of the organization.
8. **The Board shall meet once a year and the secretary shall notify the general membership of the time and place.**
9. The Board shall have the power to appoint one or more advisors to the Board and these advisors shall be present at all Board meetings, but shall not have a vote in the decisions that come before the Board. Said advisors may be employees of the State or other private institutions but shall not receive pay from the club for their services.
10. **The Board shall have the power to expel or suspend, either temporarily or permanently, any member for violation of any Bylaw, or any State Game Law, but no members shall be suspended or expelled without being given a hearing and an opportunity to be heard by the Board.**
11. The Board shall have the power to appoint by resolution any and all committees and shall authorize and define the powers and duties of such committees.
12. **The Board may call membership meetings whenever it may consider it necessary or advisable; notice of any such meeting shall be given each member whose name appears in the membership rolls by mailing such members a post card or email advising time, place and purpose of such meeting.**
13. Any of the Board who is absent from as many as three (3) consecutive duly called meetings of the Board, his position may be held vacant at the discretion of the Board. He shall be so notified by the Secretary and unless an appeal is made before the next meeting of the Board, the Board shall then appoint a member to fill the vacancy. This appointment shall be good until the next general

- membership meeting, when a vote shall be taken to fill the remaining term of the Director.
14. Under any and all subjects not covered by these Bylaws, the Board shall be empowered to act in the best interest of the Association.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

1. **The officers shall consist of President and Vice President. There shall also be a Secretary and Treasurer, who may be one person or may be two persons.**
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and the Board and shall perform all duties pertaining to this office and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
3. The Vice President shall act in absence of the President. In the absence of both President and Vice President, a member of the Board shall be chosen to act temporarily.
4. The Secretary shall conduct official correspondence, preserve and keep and manage all books, membership rolls, documents, communications, account books, sign all membership cards, and keep and maintain generally the records of the club, and record and keep a record of the meetings of the Board.
5. The Treasurer, who may also be the Secretary, shall receive, keep and disburse the funds of the club. No disbursement shall be made unless authorized by the Board. All disbursements shall be made by check, which shall be signed by the Secretary and the countersigned by the Treasurer.
6. **At annual membership meetings, the Treasurer shall make a financial report to the members.**
7. All elected officials shall commence their duties on the first day of May following their election and shall serve until their terms of office expire and/or until their successor has been duly elected and qualified.

## **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

1. The Board shall call membership meetings whenever it may be considered necessary or desirable and notice thereof be given as provided in these Bylaws.
2. **The Board shall call a Special Meeting of the members upon being presented with a petition therefore signed by a majority of the members of the club. The petition for said meeting shall state the purpose for said meeting and no other purpose or other subject matter shall be considered at said meeting.**
3. **There shall be a membership meeting held annually prior to May 1 of each year. Notice of such meeting shall be given each member whose name appears on the membership rolls by email or mail.**
4. The majority of the members of the Board or membership, shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum at any such meeting, unless otherwise specified in relation to Special Meetings for special purposes as set out in other articles and section of these Bylaws.
5. **At least seven (7) days notice of all general or called meetings shall be given each member by postcard or email.**
6. On the very last page of Bylaws and Rules there will be a signature page. These signature pages should be signed and returned each year.