

# Constitution and Bylaws

## Article I

**NAME:** The name of this Association shall be the Elstonville Sportsman's Association Incorporated.

## Article II

**OBJECTIVES:** The purpose for which this Association is organized is the stock game, to conserve, restore and manage the game, fish and other wildlife and promote and maintain friendly relations with landowners and sportsman; to cooperate in obtaining proper respect for, an observation of, Fishing and Game Laws. The Association shall operate without profit, shall be Non-Political and Non Sectarian.

## Article III

**MEMBERSHIP: Section 1.** Any citizen of the United States, of suitable character and interest, after his or her application has been signed by an active member of the Association and endorsed by another member maybe voted into membership buy a majority of the active members of the Association present at any stated meeting.

**Section 2.** The Association may, by a majority vote of the active members present at a regular or special meeting, adopt a policy of selecting social members to the organization. Any member so elected to the membership shall have all the privileges, enjoyment by active members and will be permitted to participate or attend in the proceedings of any regular or special meetings of the Association, but **will not** have the ability to participate in the majority vote.

**Section 3.** The annual dues of each member of the Association shall be \$35.00 (renew) and \$75.00 for new members payable on such dates as is designated by the board of directors.

**Section 4.** Buy nomination of the Board of Directors, and by the majority vote of the active members present at any stated meeting, any suitable persons may be elected to the honorary membership in the Association, no dues shall be required of such honorary members.

**SPONSORING A GUEST: Section 1.** Guest not permitted to make purchases of any kind, not even on a receipt or membership application. You must have a Club membership card to make any purchases. Bartenders are not permitted to sponsor a new member while he or she is working behind the bar.

**Section 2.** A guest may be signed in three (3) times in a calendar year, after the third visit, all guest must join the Association in order to be permitted to enter the Association during that calendar year. Guest under the age of twenty one (21) do not need to sign in, but they must be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian over the age of twenty one (21).

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Section 1.** The annual dues Junior member of the Association shall be \$5.00 dollars (renewal) and \$15.00 for applications for new junior memberships. Payable on or before the date as so designated by the Board of Directors. Any person's age twelve (12) years of age or older is permitted to join the Association.

**Section 2.** Junior members and children under the age of Twenty one (21) are not permitted to be seated at the bar at any time and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.

**LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIPS:** Any Club member sixty five (65) years of age and is a club member for ten (10) consecutive years shall be eligible for a lifetime membership. If a club member is on permanent disability and is a club member for five (5) consecutive years, they would receive a free Club membership yearly until the age of sixty five (65). This rule will be under the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any club member serving as an elected club officer for ten (10) years or more shall be eligible for a Lifetime Membership.

## **Article IV**

**MEETINGS: Section 1.** The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the fourth Sunday of each year, that's such time in place as the border directors may designate.

**Section 2.** At such meetings the order business shall be: 1) Minutes of the previous meeting. 2) Report Officers, Board of Directors and Committees. 3) Old Business. 4) New Business. 5) Election of Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Regular meetings of the Association shall be held ones each month at such places and dates as maybe deemed suitable by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** A special meeting of the Association maybe called by the President or whenever twenty-five (25) members of the Association, in good standing shall make a written request for the same, specifying the object of the meeting provided that said written request is past upon favorably by a majority of the Board members present at a Board meeting.

**Section 5.** All meetings shall be conducted according to Parliament rules and open discussion from the floor and all measures shall be permitted and encourage.

**Section 6.** The Board of Directors shall meet on this same day as a regular meeting of the Association, and its annual meeting shall be held coincident with the annual meeting of the Association.

**Section 7.** No person not an active member of the Association shall be present at a meeting of the Association unless specially invited by the President or the Board of Directors.

## **Article V**

**QUORUM: Section 1.** At membership meetings, not less than fifteen (15) active members, in good standing, so constitute a quorum. (Social members attending a meeting will not count as part of a QUORUM)

**Section 2.** At meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the total member of the board shall constitute a Quorum and a majority vote of the board of directors present at any meeting shall prevail.

## **ARTICLE VI**

**MANAGEMENT: Section 1.** The management of the Association shall be vested in a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Board of Directors.

**OFFICERS AND HOW ELECTED: Section 1.** The term of office for the members of the Board of Directors shall be three (3) years. The membership of the present Board shall stand and the term of office of two (2) members shall expire each year. All members elected hereafter shall be elected for a term of three (3) years.

**Section 2.** All Board members and Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Association. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected at a regular or special meeting.

**Section 3.** Elected Officers of the Association may not hold a hired position. Hired position is anyone who is employed by the Elected Officials or Manager of the Association for which they are paid a salary. Any Officer seeking a position of a hired position must resign from an elected position immediately and prior to submitting a resume for said position. The Manager of the Association may not hold a position as an Officer of the Club. Secretary and Treasurer are not considered a hired position. They are paid elected positions. If they elect for a higher position they must resign from the elected position immediately and prior to submitting a resume for any hired position.

**SPECIAL ELECTION: Section 4.** The President and or Vice-President shall have the authorization to call for and hold a special election if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or the Board of Directors. In the event the vacancy is that of the President, the Vice-President will assume the role of President and will proceed forward with the holding a special election to fill the vacancy of Vice-President.

The vacancy shall be filled by a special election, the successor so elected shall serve until at which elections are held to fill vacancies occurring upon the expiration of terms in accordance with these bylaws. A person elected in any such special election shall hold office only until the end of the unexpired term in accordance with the terms outlined in these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS: Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to manage all affairs of the Association and to make contracts necessary the transactions of all business.

**PRESIDENT: Section 1.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors and enforce all laws and regulations of the Association. He or she shall perform such other duties as shall be imposed upon he or she by resolution of the Board of Directors. The President shall, with the Secretary, sign all written obligations of the Association.

**Section 2.** The President shall have the power to appoint the following Committees whenever it becomes necessary. Each Committee to consist of not more than five (5) active members of the Association in good standing. 3-D Archery Committee, awards Program Committee, B-B Team Committee, Block Shoot Committee, Cards and Flowers Committee, Cowboy Action Committee, Entertainment Committee, Fishing and Game committee, Grounds Committee, Investigation Committee, Rifle Range Committee, Sporting Clays Committee and Trap Shoot Committee.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Section 3.** In the absence of the President his or her duties shall be performed by the Vice President. In the event of death disability or the resignation of the President the Vice President shall act until the office has been filled by majority vote of the active membership present at a regular for special meeting.

**SECRETARY: Section 4.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes and any other official reports of the Association. He or she shall conduct the official correspondence of the Association and shall keep all records books documents and papers related to the Association and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

**TREASURE: Section 5.** The treasurer shall keep a count of all monies received and deposit the same in the name of the Association in such bank as designated by the Board of Directors. He or she shall not pay out any of the money of the Association except in such manner and for such purposes as shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall not be responsible for money or funds of the Association which have been properly deposited in the bank or which have been dispersed upon checks or vouchers which have been properly signed. At each monthly meeting of the Association the Treasurer shall make a statement of the financial conditions of the Association, and at the Annual Meeting of the Association the Treasurer shall submit a detailed report of the financial conditions of the Association for the preceding fiscal year. The annual financial report will be audited by an accountant designated by the Board of Directors.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Section 6.** In case of a tie vote for any office in the Annual Election, the person in charge of the meeting will flip a coin immediately after the election results are read to break the tie.

**VOTING: Section 7.** You must be an active member of the Association, (a member being part of the Association in good standing for more than two (2) years.) You must have a Club Membership Card at the time voting. Junior Members may vote if they are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

**ABSENTEE VOTING: Section 8.** Voting by absentee ballot may be utilized for the election of Officers and Board of Directors by First Responders only. **(Military Personal, Police Offices, Fire, EMT, Doctors and Nurses)** They must be an active member in good standing to be able to request an absentee ballot. The ballot can only be requested after the second-floor meeting has concluded, in which nominations for open positions have been closed. That request shall be made in writing to the secretary of the club. The secretary, after confirming the membership status of the individual presenting the request, shall provide a ballot to the member either by mail or in person. It is the responsibility of the member to return the absentee ballot to the secretary not less than five (5) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting in October in which the elections are held

## **ARTICLE IX**

**DUES: Section 1.** Any member who shall fail to pay the annual dues within thirty (30) days after same shall become due and payable or who shall fail to pay any indebtedness to the Association within thirty (30) days after a bill for same has been rendered, shall be suspended until the full amount of such indebtedness has been paid. Any active member in good standing my pay the annual dues at the cost of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) by January 31<sup>st</sup> to retain their membership and years of service.

## **ARTICLE X**

**AMENDMENTS: Section 1.** Amendments, hereto may be made at the annual meeting, at regular meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose by two-thirds vote if all members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the whole Board, and provide that notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to all members by the Secretary.