

CUBA BAY HUNT CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – INCORPORATION

- (a) The name of this organization shall be CUBA BAY HUNT CLUB, INC.
- (b) The principle place of business shall be the address of the president.
- (c) The period of duration of this corporation is continuing unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

- (a) To provide opportunities for club members to engage in the sport of hunting.
- (b) To encourage the practice of hunter safety, good sportsmanship, and compliance with all game laws.
- (c) To support wildlife conservation programs and to assist wildlife management programs.
- (d) To strengthen landowner cooperation and understanding.
- (e) To increase the knowledge and practice of hunting skills, marksmanship, and other outdoor recreation skills that are in harmony with the sport of hunting.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) The proposed member must first be presented before a regular or special meeting by a sponsoring member and submit a completed application form.
- (b) A membership committee of three, appointed by the president, will investigate the proposed member and rule as “recommended” or “not recommended”.
- (c) During the next meeting, either regular or special, the proposed member will be voted on. A “recommended” member will require a majority vote of those present. An “not recommended” member will require a 2/3-majority vote of those present for acceptance.
- (d) Agree to abide by all state and federal hunting and fishing laws
- (e) Agree to abide by all Cuba Bay Hunting Club By-laws and Rules.
- (f) Payment of the appropriate dues within two weeks of acceptance.
- (g) For a member to resign his membership in good standing, a letter of resignation must be submitted to the secretary and accepted by the board.
- (h) A person convicted of a felony will not be considered for membership.
- (i) Members will be accepted in the order which completed applications are received.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

- (a) The board of directors shall set membership dues and the due dates each club year. A minimum of thirty days notice must be given prior to any due date.
- (b) Members admitted prior to the end of Spring Gobbler Season of any club year, June 1 to May 31, must pay dues as designated by the board.
- (c) An initiation fee will be charged for all new members after the 90/91-club year.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- (a) All meeting will be conducted under the guidelines of the Robert’s Rules of Order.
- (b) ANNUAL MEETING – The annual meeting will be held within six weeks of the close of Spring Gobbler Season at a time and location chosen by the president.
- (c) REGULAR MEETINGS – Regular meeting will be held on an as needed basis at a time and place set by the president.
- (d) SPECIAL MEETINGS – A special meeting may be called at any time by the president or by notification of at least 50% of the membership notifying any member of the executive board. All members must be notified either orally or in writing at least 15 days prior to any special meeting as to the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.
- (e) QUORUM – Shall be constituted by those present at the meeting.
- (f) At any meeting of the membership, each membership represented is allowed to cast one vote.

ARTICLE VI – THE GOVERNING BOARD

- (a) The number of board members shall be seven.
- (b) The length of term of a board member will be two years. There is no maximum number of times a board member may be re-elected.
- (c) Board members will be elected during the annual meeting.
- (d) The initial board will be comprised of four two-year terms and three one-year terms.
- (e) The board, the first board meeting following the annual meeting, will elect the officers of the board.
- (f) The officers to be elected are President, Vice-president, and secretary-treasurer.
- (g) The board meeting will be held quarterly. The president will set the time and place.
- (h) The president may call a board meeting anytime he deems it necessary.
- (i) Five board members will constitute a quorum.
- (j) A vacancy on the board may be filled by a majority vote of the board with any current member to fulfill the unexpired time.
- (k) The board will set all operating rules and procedures.
- (l) Board members will serve without financial reward.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS DUTIES

- (a) President – The president shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board of directors. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to his office.
- (b) Vice-president – The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence or at his request.
- (c) Secretary/Treasurer – The secretary/treasurer shall notify the members of the board of directors of meetings and shall notify the members of special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. He/she shall keep a true record of all meetings of the board of directors and of the club and have the custody of the books and papers of the club. All applications of membership in the club shall be made to the secretary. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues. The secretary/treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the board of directors. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check

signed by the secretary/treasurer and for payment of such bills shall have been approved by the board of directors. The secretary/treasurer shall keep an accurate account of meetings of the board of directors when requested and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP

- (a) A membership shall be comprised of the member, their spouse, unmarried dependent children under the age of 24 and the parents of the member or spouse 70 years of age or older.
- (b) A member will be exempt of dues upon turning 70 years of age or older if the member has paid dues for at least ten years, effective with the 2008/2009 season. Members who joined prior to the 2008/2009 season and who maintain their membership will be grand-fathered in under the by-law wording current at that time, age 62 prior to the 2002/2003 club-year. The exemption age for those joining in the club-years 2002/2003 through 2007/2008 will be 65. If a member has paid dues for a minimum of 3 years and attains the age of 75, the member will be declared a senior member and will be exempt of dues.
- (c) August 1 will be the date used to establish all ages.
- (d) The board of directors will set the maximum number of memberships each year. Immediate family members of current members will fill available memberships first.
- (e) Memberships above the maximum will be allowed due to children of current members reaching the age of self-membership. Memberships, which become void, will not be filled until the number reduces below the maximum number again.
- (f) Memberships may not be sold or transferred by an individual member.
- (g) In the event of death of a member after the annual dues have been paid and prior to January of the club year, the dues will be refunded to the surviving spouse as soon as funds become available. No one other than a surviving spouse may receive this refund.
- (h) The board may make special membership designations other than that defined in Article III (a). Such designations should be for the benefit of the club and not establish a negative impact.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

- (a) Any member may propose a by-law change by notifying the secretary/treasurer at least 60 days in advance of the meeting at which the amendment is to be presented.
- (b) The secretary/treasurer is to notify each member in writing or email at least 15 days in advance of the meeting as to the proposed amendment.
- (c) By-laws change may be presented at an annual, regular or special meeting called for the purpose.
- (d) A 2/3-majority vote of the members present will pass or reject the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE X – SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- (a) Probation, suspension or expulsion may deal with charges brought against a member by the board of directors. Charges, which can be resolved through probationary action, may be done so immediately upon the boards meeting with the member.
- (b) Any officer may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least 15 days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.
- (c) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the board of directors by a 2/3 affirmative vote. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least 15 days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the board of directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.
- (d) Any member in good standing may prefer charges against any officer or member. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges are to be filed with the secretary, who will immediately notify the president. The president will call a meeting of the board of directors to hear the charges. The secretary will give at least 15 days notice of the meeting to each member of the board of directors and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and other supporting affidavits and exhibits.
- (e) Any member suspended or expelled by the board of directors may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the secretary who will notify the president. The president will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The secretary shall give at least 15 days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting the secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the board of directors at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a 2/3 vote shall be required to reverse the action of the board of directors.

ARTICLE XI – MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) No one under a membership or guest may partake or be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drug during club meetings or on club properties.
- (b) All deer and turkey taken on club property are to be appropriately signed in on the register as set forth in the rules. A summary of game taken will be presented at the annual meeting. The club rules will establish the quotas for game each year.
- (c) A guest policy is to be established in the club rules. A member is always responsible for his guest.
- (d) All disputes, which cannot be amicably resolved in the field between members, which is in any way affiliated with the club, are to be reported to and settled by the board of

- directors. Should members of the board of directors be involved in the dispute, the president will appoint members from the board first, then from the membership to serve on a committee to resolve the dispute. The ruling of this committee will be final.
- (e) Each member has the authority and obligation to enforce the trespass laws on the club. Specific trespass procedures will be provided in the club rules, and each member is responsible for understanding and administering the procedures when necessary.

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