

TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

Incorporated 1939

BY-LAWS

The purposes of Tri- County Sportsmen' s League are to provide and promote citizen action in the protection of our environment and the proper and wise use of our natural resources, and to dedicate ourselves to the protection of our interests as sportsmen, including the betterment of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, boating, shooting or other activities, to provide social activities to the members for their enjoyment and recreation, to encourage citizen involvement in legislative process of our local, state and federal government , as it involves our environment and natural resources, and to provide leadership and education for our youth and encourage their participation in our club.

ARTICLE 1- MEETINGS

SECTION 1. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.

SECTION 2. All meetings of the members of the Board of Directors will be held at the clubhouse unless otherwise specified and approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Regular meetings of the members shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at such hours as shall be designated by the President. The annual meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of February of each year.

There shall be no regular meetings of the members in July, August and November of each year.

SECTION 4. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at such hour as shall be designated by the President, and upon giving at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice to all directors. Notice can be provided via e-mail or first class mail.

SECTION 5. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors

and Officers at any time upon giving at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the time to all directors. Notice can be provided via e-mail or first class mail.

SECTION 6. The President shall fix the hour of all special meetings and the Recording Secretary shall promptly notify the members of the time so fixed. Notice can be provided via e-mail or first class mail.

SECTION 7. The President can in his or her sole discretion send out e-mails to all of the Board of Directors and Officers at any time to conduct business that is time sensitive by asking the Board of Directors and Officers to discuss the business, conduct business and vote via e-mail.

SECTION 8. The order of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Officers shall be as follows:

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reviewing and approving the minutes of the last Board of Directors and Officers meeting with the minutes made available to the Board of Directors and Officers prior to the start of the Board of Directors and Officers meeting.
- C. Reading and approval of New Members
- D. Finance Vice President Report
- E. Treasurer's Report
- F. Second Vice President Report on Hall Rental
- G. Old Business
- H. New Business

SECTION 9. The order of business at all meetings of the members shall be as follows:

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reviewing and approving the minutes of the last membership meeting with the minutes made available to the members prior to the start of the membership meeting.
- C. Report of the President
- D. Report of the Membership Secretary
- E. Report of the Recording / Corresponding Secretary

- F. Report of the Treasurer
- G. Report of the Standing Committees
- H. Old Business.
- I. New Business

SECTION 10. All retiring Presidents shall be retained as voting members of the Board of Directors for a period of three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2- QUORUM

SECTION 1. The presence in person of at least twenty (20) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members held for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2. Nine (9) Directors and /or Officers shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors held for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE 3- VOTING & ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Except as provided below each member (regular, young adult, life, senior, probationary or past president) in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the members in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. There shall be no voting by proxy. Associate members, junior members and honorary members shall not be entitled to vote.

SECTION 2. Voting at elections shall be by secret ballot, on all other questions in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION 3. At the November Board of Directors meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of two (2) members, none of whom shall be Officers or Directors. The Board of Directors shall approve said committee at this meeting. Within one week after being appointed the nominating committee shall meet with the Recording / Corresponding Secretary to obtain a list of those Officers and Directors whose terms are expiring. This list will contain information as to how many consecutive years they have served in their elective position. The nominating committee shall nominate at least two (2) members, if possible, for each Officer and Director to be elected at the Annual Meeting. Any member wishing to nominate another member for an elective office must furnish a statement signed by the

nominee to the effect that said nominee will accept this office if elected. Nominations from the floor may be made at the regular January meeting. Persons nominated at this meeting must be present or furnish a statement of acceptance. After all nominations from the floor have been made, the nominating committee shall certify such nominations in writing to Recording / Corresponding Secretary at this meeting. The Recording / Corresponding Secretary/ Nominating Committee shall announce all nominations at this regular January Meeting. This announcement will be final. In case of a death of a nominee before election, the nominating committee by special meeting will fill such vacancy. There will be no "write-in's" or "sticker" candidates. The Recording / Corresponding Secretary/Nominating Committee shall then prepare the ballots for the election of Officers and Directors for distribution at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4. Prior to the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint two (2) tellers who shall distribute, collect and count the ballots for the election of Officers and Directors. The teller shall distribute one ballot to each member and shall require the member to exhibit his or her membership card before delivering the ballot. If any member shall not have their card, they may request the Membership Secretary to certify as to their membership.

The Membership Secretary shall certify that such person is a member in good standing. The teller shall deliver the ballot. The polls shall be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. on Annual Meeting Day.

SECTION 5. If a tie vote shall occur for any office, "cutting a regular deck of cards" shall decide the election. The high card shall determine the winner (Ace shall be the highest card in the deck.)

SECTION 6. If the results of any election are to be challenged, a member must make that challenge prior to the certification. This certification shall be made by motion following the election. The individual who lost the election is the only one who can make a call for a recount.

SECTION 7. After the election results are certified the ballots shall be destroyed.

SECTION 8. After the election results are certified the results shall be published in the monthly newsletter or via e-mail.

QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION 8. Qualification of officers

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

- A. Must be a member in good standing for at least three (3) years
- B. Must have served at least two (2) years as an Officer or Director or on a Standing Committee at any time prior to his/her Nomination for this office.

TREASURER:

- A. Must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years.
- B. If possible, must have bookkeeping knowledge and /or experience.
- C. Must have served at least one (1) year as an Officer or Director or on a Standing Committee at any time prior to his/her Nomination for this office.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

- A. Must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years.
- B. Must have served at least one (1) year as an Officer or Director or on a Standing Committee at any time prior to his/her Nomination for this office.

RECORDING/ CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

- A. Must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years.

SECTION 9. An absentee Ballot shall be made available upon request of any member. Such request must be made in writing thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting and shall include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the ballot to be returned in. The Membership Secretary shall validate the eligibility of the member requesting an Absentee Ballot. The ballot shall be of a significantly different color from the Regular Ballot as to be easily identified as an absentee ballot. It shall be delivered to the Clubhouse in a specially marked envelope by 8:00 p.m. the day of the Annual Meeting by Postal Service, personal service or other recognized courier.

SECTION 10. Any Director who shall elect to run for an office or any Director who cannot remain seated for their full term shall announce their Director resignation at the December Board of Directors meeting effective the date of the annual February meeting / election.

SECTION 11. In the event no member runs for First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary or Recording/Corresponding Secretary the President elected at the election where the vacancy exists shall have the sole authority to appoint any member to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting / elections.

ARTICLE 4- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The business, property, policies and affairs of this association shall be managed by the President, Vice-Presidents, Recording / Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and twelve (12) Directors, three (3) each from the regions of Region I, Region II, Region III and Region IV.

SECTION 2. Directors shall come from four geographic areas. The geographic areas will be divided by I-94 north and south and by US-23 east and west. That area located northeast of the intersection of US-23 and I-94 shall be designated as Region I, that area located southeast of the intersection of US-23 and I-94 shall be designated as Region II, that area located southwest of the intersection of US-23 and I-94 shall be designated as Region III, and that area located northwest of the intersection of US-23 and I-94 shall be designated as Region IV.

No Director can serve for more than two (2) successive three-year terms unless they shall be elected to serve as an officer or after they have vacated their seat for at least one (1) year after serving two successive terms. No Director can serve for more than six (6) consecutive years including those years served as a "fill-in" Director as provided in Section 4 of this article.

SECTION 3. Any Director who shall be absent from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors, without acceptable excuse and suitable notice, shall automatically be deemed to have vacated their office.

SECTION 4. In the event that a Director does not complete their term of office, the person who finished second in the balloting at the most recent election shall fill that vacancy. That person shall finish that year only, after which a Director shall be duly elected at the next annual election to serve the remainder of the three (3) year term or the next full term whichever is appropriate. In the event that the last previous election had only one person in nomination and therefore had no candidate to consider, then the vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the Board of Directors for the remainder of that year only, after which this appointee or new Director shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting

to fill the office for the remainder or the three (3) year term or the next full term whichever is appropriate.

SECTION 5. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers and agents as the Board may deem necessary for the transaction of the business and affairs of this association.

ARTICLE 5- OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The members at the annual election shall elect the President. He or she shall be the chief officer of this association. He or she shall have general and active management of all of the business, and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of President of a corporation. He or she shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect.

The President may not serve more than four (4) successive one-year terms, after which he or she would have to step down for one year.

Upon completion of the term of office the President shall become a life member of the club.

No member may be nominated for the office of President unless that member has served at least two (2) years as an Officer or Director or on a Standing Committee at any time prior to his/her Nomination for this office and is a member in good standing for at least three (3) years as of the date of the election.

SECTION 2. The members at the annual meeting shall elect two Vice-Presidents. They shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

Vice-Presidents (1st and 2nd) may not serve more than four (4) successive one-year terms. After which they would have to step down for one year.

No member may be nominated for the office of Vice President unless that member has served at least two (2) years as an Officer or Director or on a Standing Committee at any time prior to his/her Nomination for this office and is a member in good standing for at least three (3) years as of the date of the

election.

The nominating committee shall nominate candidates for first Vice-President and Second Vice-President. The First Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee; the Second Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Hall Rental Committee

SECTION 3. The members at each annual meeting shall elect the Membership Secretary. He or she shall have charge of membership, applications, renewal applications, distribution of membership cards and keep up-to-date records of the names, addresses and membership status of all members, and perform such other duties as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. The Membership Secretary shall keep up-to-date records of volunteer hours earned by the members.

No member may be nominated for the office of Membership Secretary unless that member has served at least two (2) years as an Officer or Director or on a Standing Committee at any time prior to his/her Nomination for this office and is a member in good standing for at least two (2) years as of the date of the election.

SECTION 4. The Record / Corresponding Secretary shall be elected by the members at each annual meeting. He or she shall attend all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and preserve in the books of this association true minutes of all such meetings. He or she shall give all notices required by statute, bylaws or resolutions. He or she shall perform such others duties as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

The Recording/Corresponding Secretary may not serve more than four (4) successive one-year terms. After which he or she would have to step down for one year.

No member may be nominated for the office of Recording/Corresponding Secretary unless that member is a member in good standing for at least two (2) years as of the date of the election.

SECTION 5. The members at each annual meeting shall elect the Treasurer. He or she shall have custody of all corporate funds and shall keep in the books of this association full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. He or she shall deposit money in the name of this association in such bank as may be selected by the Board of Directors. He or she shall disburse corporate funds only

for the purposes and in the manner ordered by the Board of Directors.

Whenever requested by the President, he or she shall render an account of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of this association. He or she shall, if ordered by the Board of Directors, deliver to the President a surety bond in such form and amount and upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

There is no term limitation for the Treasurer.

No member may be nominated for the office of Treasurer unless that member has served at least two (2) years as an Officer or Director or on a Standing Committee at any time prior to his/her Nomination for this office and is a member in good standing for at least three (3) years as of the date of the election. If possible, no member shall be nominated for the Office of Treasurer unless he or she has prior bookkeeping knowledge or experience.

SECTION 6. Other officers appointed by the Board shall have such powers and duties, as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

SECTION 7. All officers shall be members in good standing and shall hold office for one (1) year.

SECTION 8. No officer or director shall receive any compensation whatsoever for their services as an officer or director. Officers and Directors shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the exercise of their duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 9. In the event that an Officer does not complete their term of office, the President shall select a member to fill that vacancy. That person shall finish that year only after which this appointee or new Officer shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting to fill the office.

SECTION 10. Use of revenue: All funds and assets of the club shall be used only for purposes consistent with the purposes of the club and for actual administrative expenses in conducting the affairs of the club under the direction and with the approval of the Board of Directors or the President. The Board of Directors may purchase land, buildings and equipment and operate and maintain the same as required to further the purpose of the club.

SECTION 11: Use of revenue for lawful purpose: Revenues of the club shall not be used for the benefit of any individual, member or shareholder of the qualified organization except to further the lawful purposes of the club as stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP & DUES

SECTION 1. Any person 18 years of age or older, may become a full member of this association upon subscribing to the aims and purposes thereof. The applicant must pay to the Treasurer all fees and dues as have been determined by the Board of Directors and is subject to probation for one year and must put in 20 volunteer hours of work during their probationary year. The 20 volunteer hours cannot be purchased and must be worked.

SECTION 2. As a dues paying member, each full member is required to perform ten (10) hours of work on any activity or standing committee of Tri-County Sportsmen's League during each year of their membership. It is the responsibility of each member to have the work performed documented and submitted to the Membership Secretary. If the ten (10) hours of work are not performed by the end of each volunteer hour year the membership becomes null and void unless the volunteer hours are purchased by the member at a rate established by the Board of Directors and Officers.

Members affected by this provision who feel they should be excused from complying must appear before the Board of Directors or President to state their case.

The Decision to grant an extension is up the discretion of the Board of Directors or President and may be denied for any reason.

If more than ten (10) hours are worked in a single year the additional hours will be considered voluntary and cannot be applied to the following years required hours. Attending Tri-County Sportsmen's League membership meetings accounts for one (1) hour per meeting and a directors' meetings accounts for one (1) hour per meeting. The Board of Directors may approve other activities that count as volunteer hours.

Any time participating on the Board of Directors, as an Officer, on a committee or in another Tri-County Sportsmen's League Official capacity or activity will be applied towards a member required work hours.

Dues paying members over 65 years of age and all life members are exempt from these requirements

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors / Officers shall have the sole power to increase or decrease the annual dues if in the judgment of two-thirds of the directors/officers such action shall be for the best interest of this association. Provided, further, that the Board of Directors/Officers shall have the sole power to establish and require a membership fee. Those persons admitted for membership shall pay a membership fee, plus the current year's dues.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors may expel a member from membership for any cause whatsoever, whenever the Board shall deem the member undesirable. Any conduct of a member which is, or is likely to be, injurious to this association and its members or is convicted of any willful violations of any fish or game laws of the State of Michigan and / or the United States or America may be cause for expulsion. The action of the Board of Directors in expelling a member shall be subject to review by the membership as a whole, if requested in writing or e-mail by the expelled member within thirty (30) days of being expelled.

SECTION 5. In the event of the death of a member, the membership will be offered to the surviving spouse. This option can be exercised one (1) time only. Life Members are not included in this provision.

SECTION 6. Associate members are those members whose spouse is a full dues paying member or life member in good standing who shall apply and be accepted as an associate member of the club. The associate member shall pay 1/5 the annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors. Associate members shall not be eligible to vote or hold elected office. Associate Members can serve as committee members. Associate membership shall not be counted in determining total club membership.

Associate members shall not receive separate club mailings. They shall have all other rights and privileges of a full member.

An associate member may become a full member by paying the full annual membership dues.

Membership cards issued to associate members shall bear the membership number of the spouse with the designation "A" following the number.

Volunteer hours worked by an associate shall be applied to their spouse's volunteer hour obligations/accounting.

SECTION 7. JUNIOR MEMBERS: With the consent of a parent or legal guardian, children may become junior members if they have attained the age of 12 years. They shall pay 1/5 the annual dues determined by the Board of Directors.

Junior members must be under the direct supervision of an adult member when participating in any club function or when utilizing any range.

Junior members, who attain the age of 18, must pay the full young adult annual dues in order to continue as a full member.

Junior members do not have the privilege of voting nor may they hold elective office. They shall not receive club mailing.

Junior members shall not count in determining the total club membership. Junior members may serve as members of committees.

Membership cards issued to junior members shall bear the same number as the parent or guardian with the designation "J" following the number.

SECTION 7A: YOUNG ADULTS: A single person who has attained the age of 18 years of age and is below the age of 23 will be assessed a fee of ½ of the Regular Membership dues. Young adult members do have the privilege of voting and may hold elective office.

SECTION 8. Any member of the Armed Services of the United States of America may be admitted for membership while in the Service or within one (1) year after his or her honorable or medical discharge upon payment of the current year's dues. Dues for members of the Armed Services shall be suspended for the period of active duty. Military members shall pay no dues and they do have the privilege of voting and may they hold elective office. They shall receive club mailing.

SECTION 9. The Board of Directors may name any individual who has displayed outstanding service to the club as an Honorary Member. Persons who hold public office or positions within the Department of Natural Resources who in the opinion of the Board of Directors would benefit either party through membership

in this organization may also be designated as an Honorary Member. This membership must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the directors present and voting. Honorary members shall pay no dues and they do not have the privilege of voting nor may they hold elective office. They shall not receive club mailings.

SECTION 10. Any full member who has been a full member of this organization for not less than fifteen (15) consecutive years and shall have attained the age of 65 shall become a Senior Member and shall be presented a special membership card bearing this designation. And these members shall be assessed a fee of One Half (1/2) of the General Membership dues.

This amendment shall not effect nor include the Life Membership bestowed upon Presidents completing His or Her terms, or the Life Memberships in effect as of this date.

SECTION 11. A member in good standing is one who has his dues paid to date.

SECTION 12. Any person becoming a member on or after November first of any year will automatically receive the following year's membership card.

SECTION 13. The membership shall consist of not more than 1200 dues-paying members, which will be determined by count on the first of April each year.

SECTION 14. Dues shall be payable on or before February 1 of each year.

SECTION 15. Any member who becomes in default in his or her dues as of February 28th shall be removed from the membership list and will have no further rights and privileges of said Club, and his membership will be automatically cancelled. He or she forfeits all dues and fees of any nature paid by the member upon he or she being dropped from the club.

Any member dropped for non-payment of dues can within one year of the termination of their membership apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement. The Board of Directors can reinstate by two-thirds majority vote for just cause shown and for no other reason; otherwise, the member shall apply for a new membership.

SECTION 16. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP:

The Board of Directors may recommend to the Membership, that a Special Membership be given to a person or persons making an outstanding contribution to the club. If such recommendation is accepted by majority vote, such special member

shall enjoy the privileges, terms and condition as specified by the Board.

ARTICLE 7- STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The President shall have the power to appoint such standing committees and chairs of the committees as may be deemed necessary or advisable, with the approval of the Board of Directors and to prescribe their function, powers and duties. The Board of Directors shall determine any compensation for any services rendered to the club.

GROUND	PISTOL	FINANCE
RIFLE	LEGISLATIVE	IDPA
TRAP	MEMBERSHIP	MEMORIAL
KITCHEN	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	RANGE SAFETY
LATHERS YOUTH FUND	NEWSLETTER	MARKETING
PUBLIC RELATIONS	BUILDING	ARCHERY

The above committees must be established each year and the chairman of each committee will make an annual report of the activities of his or her committee at the January meeting.

ARTICLE 8- AUXILIARY GROUPS

SECTION 1. All activities of auxiliary groups shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9- CLUB ASSETS

SECTION 1. Should Tri-County Sportsmen's League be dissolved, the remaining assets of this Organization shall be donated to another non-profit organization as deemed qualified by the State of Michigan and designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10- AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1. These bylaws and any amendments thereto may be amended, altered, changed, added or repealed by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the membership present in person at any regular meeting provided, that notice of the complete text of such changes or repeal shall have been given/available to all members at least two (2) months in advance, and that the complete text of such amendment, action, alteration, change or repeal shall have been provided/available at two (2) preceding regular meetings, posted on the TCSL web page and that an announcement in the newsletter and via e-mail must be made to all Members that a change to the bylaws is to be considered.