

ARTICLE I

Last Amended 03-18-2008

NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the "Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc."

ARTICLE II

OBJECT:

Section 1 - To correlate the ideas of all members of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. for furtherance of conservation, promote goodwill, protect property rights, propagate game, promote safety, and wise use of natural resources.

Section 2 - To serve as a clearing house and present a united front to all Legislative Bodies (Local, State, and Federal) and effect legislation but not participate or intervene directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any political candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS:

Section 1 - Farm Member: Each farmer or landowner who leases land to the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. and whose lease is accepted will automatically become a member and shall be known as a "Farm Member" and shall not be liable for the payment of any membership dues.

Section 2 - Sportsman Member: Any person whose name is submitted and accepted and pays annual membership dues as hereinafter provided shall be known as a "Sportsman Member."

Section 3 - Life Member: Any member of the age of sixty five and has been a regular member in good standing, joining the WHC after January 1, 2006, and has paid his/her dues for the previous ten consecutive years will be a member and shall be known as a "Life Member" and shall not be liable for the payment of any membership dues.

Section 4 - Courtesy Member: Any person who is currently issuing hunting and/or fishing licenses and/or serving as deputy for patrolling the grounds will be a member and shall be known as a "Courtesy Member" and shall not be liable for the payment of any membership dues during the time he serves the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc..

Section 5 - All members shall be considered equal. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Equal voting rights.
2. Equal access to the Club grounds.
3. Equal opportunity to participate in all Club activities.
4. Equal right to be elected to and hold any office.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS:

Section 1 - The annual meeting for the election of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. officers and the Board of Directors shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each February at the hour and place to be announced by the President of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc.

Section 2 - Monthly meetings shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the hour and place announced by the President, except that the date of any particular monthly meeting may be changed by a vote of the membership.

Section 3 - All other meetings shall be held upon notice given by the President, or the Secretary, or upon demand made in writing to the Secretary by fifteen members in good standing.

Section 4 - Notice of any and all meetings shall be given by the Secretary in writing by letter or postcard placed in the United States Mail addressed to each member at his last known address at least seven days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 5 - All members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority vote shall decide all issues except a) any amendments to the Constitution and By-laws or b) any acquisition or disposition of club fixed assets or interest in fixed assets valued at \$10,000 or more.

Section 6 - The general description of such business covered in Article IV, Section 5b shall be given in the manner provided for notice of all meetings (Article IV Section 4) and further, passage of any motion requires two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at such meeting voting in favor of such motion

ARTICLE V DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

Section 1 -

A. The management of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall consist of nine members, three of whom shall be elected by the membership at the first annual meeting for a term of three years, three for a term for two years, and three for a term of one year.

B. Thereafter, three members shall be elected at each annual meeting and shall hold office until their respective successors are elected.

C. The board of directors shall consist of five non-farm members and four farm members.

D. In the case of a vacancy among the Board of Directors for any reason, the remaining Directors, by a vote of the majority thereof, may elect a successor to hold the office for the unexpired term from the proper classification of membership.

E. In order for the Board of Directors meeting to be official, a quorum must be met and a majority vote is necessary. Any decision over \$10,000 shall be decided by 2/3 rd's of the quorum.

Section 2 - The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Membership Secretary, a Webpage Administrator, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors from time to time may determine. One individual may serve Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the membership for a term of two years.

Section 3 - Duties of the officers are as follows:

A. The duties of the officers of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. shall be only those accredited to that of presiding officers.

B. The President shall preside at meetings of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. and the Executive Committee. He shall appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

C. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

D. The Recording Secretary shall make and keep a record of all meetings, the minutes thereof, have charge of all correspondence.

E. The Membership Secretary shall make and maintain a record of all members, supply that record for club purposes, and have charge of matters pertaining to membership.

F. The Webpage Administrator shall maintain and keep updated the website and any part thereof pertaining to the activities presented on the club website.

G. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse, with the approval of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc., all Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. funds, keep an accurate account of same, be responsible for having all reports to government bodies prepared, and will have the authority to pay all taxes.

H. At the end of each year, a committee of three, appointed by the President, shall audit the books and make a financial report to the general membership.

Section 4 - The Board of Directors shall govern the total of all members, recommend the appointment of Game Wardens and Deputies, pass upon all leases and applications for membership, and perform all and such other duties as will promote the purpose and object of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc..

ARTICLE VI DUES:

Section 1 - All present Sportsman Members annual dues shall be due annually on January 1st of each calendar year. The annual dues shall be \$50.00. Any Sportsman Member not renewing his membership by the 3rd Tuesday of May will be dropped from the membership roll and all rights and privileges will be forfeited by the member.

Section 2 - A Sportsman Member may pay his/her dues for the succeeding five years at one time and receive a discount. The cost for five years due shall be equal to four times the then current annual dues fee.

Section 3 - A Sportsman Member may pay his/her dues for life. The cost of a Life Membership shall be equal to twelve times the then current annual dues fee.

Section 4 - A Sportsman Member who has been dropped due to non-payment of dues may be reinstated during the year he was dropped from membership upon the payment of the full years dues, plus \$25 reinstatement fee. Once full payment is made, the member will be immediately reinstated and action by the Board of Directors is not required.

Section 5 - All other persons desiring to become a Sportsman Member shall tender their application, including the initiation fee of \$20.00, the first years dues, and NRA dues (if the applicant is not an NRA member) with the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. Membership Secretary at any time throughout the year. Applicants will be notified in writing by the Secretary of the actions of the Board of Directors. The initiation fee and dues will be returned to any applicant not elected to membership. Each new applicant shall be sponsored by a member in good standing.

Section 6 - Any Sportsman Member in good standing who temporarily relocates out of the area due to military service, etc., may suspend his/her membership and not be subjected to payment of dues. They shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership while suspended. Upon returning to the area, they may reinstate membership by paying the current year's dues. The member will be immediately reinstated and action by the Board of Directors is not required.

Section 7 - Any son or daughter, under the age of 21, who is living with a Member in good standing of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. may become a Sportsman Member by paying that year's club dues and NRA dues if the applicant is not a current NRA member. The member will be immediately instated and action by the Board of Directors is not required.

ARTICLE VII RULES:

Section 1 - Any member whose connection with the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. is severed by non-payment of dues, resignation, death, expulsion, or otherwise, shall forfeit all interest in any property or funds of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc..

Section 2 - Six Directors of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. at any meeting may ask for, receive and accept, or demand the resignation of any officer of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. and upon his or their refusal to tender such resignation or voluntarily resign, the Board of Directors may dismiss such officer from office, declare said office vacant, and elect his successor.

Section 3 - Six Directors of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc., at any meeting may ask for, receive, and accept, or demand the resignation of any member of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. and upon his/her or their refusal to tender such resignation or voluntarily resign, the Board of Directors may dismiss such member from the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc..

Section 4 - The President with consent and approval of the Board of Directors may appoint such standing and special committees as the Board of Directors may direct.

Section 5 - Members hunting must park their vehicle at a Farm Member's residence unless directed otherwise by the Farm Member or landowner and request a courtesy card to hunt from the Farm Member or landowner before starting to hunt. The courtesy card must be returned to the Farm Member or landowner at the completion of hunting.

Section 6 - No member shall take a non-member carrying a gun or using a dog without the courtesy card from the Farm Member.

Section 7 - No alcoholic liquors shall be carried or indulged on hunting grounds except by permission of the Farm Member on whose land the member may be hunting.

Section 8 - No hunting or shooting shall be permitted within 500 feet of buildings unless the Farm Member personally gives permission to do so.

Section 9 - The Board of Directors may expel any member who violates the rules of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. provided ten days notice is given such member and the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. has opportunity for hearing.

Section 10 - No member shall take more than two guests per member at any one time hunting on leased land.

Section 11 - Spouses, and other family members under the age of 21, living with a Member in good standing of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. may accompany the member in any Club activity and not be considered a guest.

Section 12 - The officers with a majority vote, may allocate up to \$1,000.00 in an emergency without bringing it before the general membership to preserve the integrity of the club or the Conservation League grounds.

ARTICLE VIII LIABILITY:

Persons accepting membership to the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. waive their rights for any personal injury incurred while trespassing upon any Farm Member's land or upon property owned or leased by the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc.. Any member who takes a guest on a Farm Member's land or on land owned or leased by the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. shall be responsible for the acts of that guest to the Farm Member and to the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. and shall hold the Farm Member and the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. free from any claims from personal injury by that guest.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be amended only by giving notice to the Secretary in writing of the proposed amendment at least thirty days before such meeting and upon the further condition notice of such meeting and the text of such amendment shall be given in the manner provided for notice of all meetings and upon further condition, two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at such meeting vote in favor of such proposal.

ARTICLE X
LIQUIDATION:

The funds from liquidation shall be disbursed equally to all Sportsman Members who are in good standing or to a Section 501.c (3) organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service Code.

AMENDMENTS

AMENDED 1987
General editorial changes throughout.

ARTICLE I
Deleted all references to The Wadsworth Hunt Club being a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II
Deleted all references to The Wadsworth Hunt Club being a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III
Section 3 - Added "in good standing and has paid his/her dues:"
Added "and shall be known as a "Life Member"

Section 4 - Added "and shall be known as a " Courtesy Member"

Section 5 - New Section

ARTICLE V
Section 1
Paragraph C. New paragraph

ARTICLE VI
Section 1 - Changed dues from \$10.00 per year to \$15.00 per year. Added second paragraph assessing \$5.00 penalty for not attending four meetings per year.

Section 2 - New section.

Section 3 - Initiation fees are now due with the application instead of within sixty days of being accepted as a member. Changed initiation fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Changed dues from \$10.00 per year to \$15.00 per year. Added last three sentences.

Section 4 - New section.

Section 5 - New section.

ARTICLE VII
Section 2 - Deleted "or member"

Section 3 - New section to cover expulsion of member.

Section 5 - Section rewritten.

AMENDED 1989

General editorial changes throughout

ARTICLE VI

Section 1 - Rewritten to raise the dues to \$20.00 per year and delete the delinquent charges. Raised the penalty for not attending four meetings per year to \$20.00.

Section 2 - Rewritten to require only the payment of that years dues and to limit the grace period to the year dropped only.

Section 3 - Raised the initiation fee to \$20.00. Raised dues to \$20.00

AMENDED 1989

ARTICLE VI

Section 2 - New: allows discount for paying five years dues at one time.

Section 3 - New: allows for paying for a Life Membership.

Remainder of sections renumbered.

AMENDED JULY 18 1994

ARTICLE IV

Section 5 - Replaced "persons" with "members".

ARTICLE VI

Section 1 - Deleted "Any member not attending a minimum of four meetings during the preceding year will be assessed a \$20.00 penalty. Total dues and penalty will be \$40.00."

AMENDED JANUARY 16 1996

Article V

Section 2 - deleted the sentence "The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of one year unless authority to do so is delegated to the general membership by the Board of Directors." and replaced with "The officers shall be elected by the membership for a term of one year"

AMENDED FEBRUARY 13 1996

Article VI

Section 5 - replaced "January 1st" with "December 1st", and replaced "May" with "April", and in the second sentence of Article VI Section 5 replaced "May" with "April".

Section 7 - replaced "Any son or daughter of a member in good standing and who is a member of his household may become a member by paying that year's dues." with "Any son or daughter, under the age of 21, who is living with a Member in good standing of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. may become a Sportsman Member by paying that year's club dues and NRA dues if the applicant is not a current NRA member."

Article VII

Section 11 - replaced "Members of the immediate family living with the member of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. can accompany the member and not be considered a guest." with "Spouses, and other family members under the age of 21, living with a Member in good standing of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. may accompany the member in any Club activity and not be considered a guest."

AMENDED JANUARY 21 1997

AMENDMENT 97-1

Article IV, Section 2- added “, except that the date of any particular monthly meeting may be changed by a vote of the membership.”

AMENDED JULY 15 1997

AMENDMENT 97-2

Article IV, Section 5 - All members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority vote shall decide all issues except a) any amendments to the Constitution and By-laws or b) any acquisition or disposition of club fixed assets or interest in fixed assets valued at \$10,000 or more.

Article IV, Section 6 - The general description of such business covered in Article IV, Section 5b shall be given in the manner provided for notice of all meetings(Article IV Section 4) and further, passage of any motion requires two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at such meeting voting in favor of such motion

AMENDED SEPTEMBER 16

AMENDMENT 97-3

ARTICLE V, section 3 D. The Secretary shall make and keep a record of all meetings, the minutes thereof, have charge of all correspondence. and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc.

ARTICLE V section 3 E. The Membership Secretary shall make and maintain a record of all members, supply that record for club purposes, and have charge of matters pertaining to membership.

Re-number E to F and F to G

AMENDED November 18 1997

AMENDMENT 97-5

ARTICLE VI, Section 4 - A Sportsman Member who has been dropped due to non-payment of dues may be reinstated during the year he was dropped from membership upon the payment of the full years dues, plus \$5 for each month after May that the full dues payment was received by an Officer. The member will be immediately reinstated and action by the Board of Directors is not required

AMENDED December 30 1997

Amendment 97-9

Change Article VI section 1 to read:

Section 1 - All present Sportsman Members annual dues shall be due annually on January 1st of each calendar year. The annual dues shall be \$20.00 \$40.00. Any Sportsman Member not renewing his membership by the 3rd Tuesday of May will be dropped from the membership roll and all rights and privileges will be forfeited by the member. Membership badges from the previous year shall be returned with renewal dues as they are reused.

Amendment 97-10

Change the first sentence in Article VI section 5 to read:

Section 5 - All other persons desiring to become a Sportsman Member shall tender their application, including the initiation fee of \$20.00, the first years dues of \$20.00, and NRA dues (if the applicant is not an NRA member) with the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. Membership Secretary after December 1st and no later than the 3rd Tuesday in April.

AMENDED March 17,1998

Amendment 98-1

Change Article V Section 2 to read:

Section 2 - The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors from time to time may determine. One individual may serve Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the membership for a term of one two years.

AMENDED August 15, 2000

Amendment 00-1

Change article V Section 2 to read:

Section 2 - The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Membership Secretary, a Webpage Administrator, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors from time to time may determine. One individual may serve Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the membership for a term of two years.

Change article V Section 3D, E, F, G, & H to read:

Section 3 - Duties of the officers are as follows:

D. The Recording Secretary shall make and keep a record of all meetings, the minutes thereof, have charge of all correspondence.

E. The Membership Secretary shall make and maintain a record of all members, supply that record for club purposes, and have charge of matters pertaining to membership.

F. The Webpage Administrator shall maintain and keep updated the website and any part thereof pertaining to the activities presented on the club website.

Renumber F to G and G to H.

AMENDED September 18, 2001

Amendment 01-1

Add Section 12 to Article VII. It will read:

Section 12 - The officers with a majority vote, may allocate up to \$1,000.00 in an emergency without bringing it before the general membership to preserve the integrity of the club or the Conservation League grounds.

AMENDED August 20, 2002

Add to ARTICLE V

E. In order for the Board of Directors meeting to be official, a quorum must be met and a majority vote is necessary. Any decision over \$10,000 shall be decided by 2/3 rd's of the quorum.

AMENDED April 20, 2004

Amendment 04-1

Change article VI Section 5 applications dates to be:

Accepting applications and fees January 1st, and no later than the 3rd Tuesday of April.

AMENDED July 19, 2005

Amendment 05-01 Article III Section 3

Change: Life Member: Any member of the age of 65 and has been a regular member in good standing, joining the WHC after January 1, 2006, and has paid his/her dues for the previous five ten consecutive years will be a member and shall be known as a "Life Member" and shall not be liable for the payment of membership dues.

AMENDED October 18, 2005

Amendment 05-02 Article VI Section 5

All other persons desiring to become a Sportsman Member shall tender their application, including the initiation fee of \$ 20.00, the first years dues, and NRA dues (if the applicant is not an NRA member) with

the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Inc. Membership Secretary after January 1st, and not later than the 3rd Tuesday in April. At the first Board of Directors meeting on or after the 3rd Tuesday of April, the Board of Directors will act upon the application for membership and either accept or reject at any time throughout the year. Applicants will be notified in writing by the Secretary of the actions of the Board of Directors. The initiation fee and dues will be returned to any applicant not elected to membership. Each new applicant shall be sponsored by a member in good standing. No member may sponsor more than two new applicants per year.

AMENDED March 18, 2008

Amendment 08-01 Article VI Section 1 **Effective May 1, 2008**

Changed dues from \$40.00 to \$50.00 (see below)

Section 1 - All present Sportsman Members annual dues shall be due annually on January 1st of each calendar year. The annual dues shall be **\$50.00**. Any Sportsman Member not renewing his membership by the 3rd Tuesday of May will be dropped from the membership roll and all rights and privileges will be forfeited by the member.

Amendment 08-02 Article VI Section 4 Effective May 1, 2008

Changed from:

Section 4 - A Sportsman Member who has been dropped due to non-payment of dues may be reinstated during the year he was dropped from membership upon the payment of the full years dues, plus **\$5 for each month after May that the full dues payment was received by an Officer**. The member will be immediately reinstated and action by the Board of Directors is not required.

Changed to:

Section 4 - A Sportsman Member who has been dropped due to non-payment of dues may be reinstated during the year he was dropped from membership upon the payment of the full years dues, plus **\$25 reinstatement fee**. **Once full payment is made, the** member will be immediately reinstated and action by the Board of Directors is not required.

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