

Bylaws

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League of Kentucky Sportsmen

Mission Statement

We consider the League "the lay arm" of The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. We work hand in hand with them for the upgrading of the KDFWR and exert every pressure and individual influence, as interested private citizens, to deter any legislation which we consider to be detrimental to the KDFWR or the organized sportsmen's programs.

Conversely, we put the Department on notice, "Keeping A Watchful Eye" on the KDFWR and Commission, using our influence, to correct any inefficiencies we may detect in The KDFWR.

This kind of cooperation, the KDFWR with the League and the League with the KDFWR has been a most compatible relationship and has been, we think, the greatest and largest single contribution to the sportsmen of Kentucky.

Article I--- Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization, incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation" shall be "The League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc."

Section 2. Purpose

The purposes of the Corporation are purely educational and charitable in nature and are as follows:

- A.** To develop, promote, and support a Comprehensive Educational Program based upon scientific study and technical research for the advancement, restoration, wise use, management, and conservation of wildlife and other natural resources.
- B.** To coordinate all agencies, societies, clubs and individuals which are or should be interested in the restoration, wise use, conservation, and scientific management of wildlife and other natural resources into a permanent, unified, active agency for the purpose of securing adequate public recognition of the needs and values of wildlife resources and other natural resources.
- C.** To simulate a proper public attitude and appreciation regarding sportsmanship and the wise use and management of all natural resources, enabling our people to appraise the value and importance of all resources;
- D.** To promote through education of the members and the general public, including especially the youth and sportsmen of Kentucky, an understanding of the importance of good sportsmanship and the conservation and wise use of the fish, wildlife, and other natural resources of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the United States of America as well as the rest of North America and the world;
- E.** No part of the Corporation's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual . Provided however the Corporation may engage in voter education activities about the purpose of the Corporation as set forth in this Article I section 2 including but not limited to public forums and publishing voter education guides conducted in a non-partisan manner . The Corporation shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of Section 501 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code as those provisions are presently constituted or may exist hereafter. If the Corporation is dissolved, all of its remaining assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors exclusively for educational and charitable purposes

Article II- Membership

Section 1. Qualifications

The members of this Corporation shall be persons and/or groups of persons who adhere to the conservation of our natural resources, such persons and/or groups of persons having complied with the requisites of membership as provided for in these Bylaws and further determined by the Board of Directors. All applications or membership shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Any person or group of persons whose application for membership has been denied by Board of Directors may appeal such action at the next annual meeting of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend any affiliated organization, member thereof, or any associate member for failure to pay dues or for conduct which in its judgement may be detrimental to the welfare, interests, or reputation of the League, provided that such members shall be given the right of a hearing before the Board before suspension. The suspended member shall have the right of appeal to the next annual convention, and the League on hearing the appeal in annual convention shall confirm, modify or annul the suspension, or may expel the offending member from any further participation int the League.

A.Suspension Hearing

Before the board of Directors exercises the right to suspend any affiliated organization, member thereof or any associate member, the affiliated organization, member thereof or associate member shall be advised in writing of the proposed action and the specific reason or reasons for said proposed action. Said written notice shall also advise said affiliated organization, members thereof or associate member of their right to a hearing before the Board of Directors. Said notice shall include the date, time and place of the next Board of Directors meeting. This notice shall be sent by regular mail or hand delivered to the affiliated organization, member thereof, or associate member at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting. If said notice is sent by regular mail, it shall be sent to the most recent address that the League has available. Upon receipt of said notice, the affiliated organization, member thereof, or associate member shall have fourteen (14) days to inform the League of their intent to have a hearing before the Board of Directors. This notice shall be in writing and shall be sent by regular mail to the central business office of the League of KY Sportsmen. At said hearing, a 2/3 majority of the eligible voters at the Board meeting shall determine whether the affiliated organization, member thereof or associate member is suspended or not.

B. Appealing Hearing

If, after the hearing before the Board has been held, the Board decides to suspend the membership of the affiliated organization, member thereof or associate member, the suspended party shall be provided in writing the reason or reasons for said suspension. This notice shall also include notification to the suspended party of their right to appeal said suspension to the next annual convention as well as the date, time, and place of the convention. The suspended party shall have fourteen (14) days from the receipt of the notice of suspension to file, in writing, their intent to appeal the suspension to the next annual convention. Said appeal shall be filed with the central office of the League of KY Sportsmen. At the annual convention, the appeal hearing shall be placed on the agenda to be taken up by the voting delegates. The appeals hearing shall be supervised by the Chairman of the Resolution Committee. The League Board shall designate who will present their reasons as to why the suspended member was suspended. The League's position shall be presented first and shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. At any time during said presentation or after said presentation, any voting delegate may direct any questions relating to the suspension to the presenter of the League's position. After the League has presented its position, the suspended party shall present their defense to the position. This presentation shall be given by the suspended party or their representative and shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. At any time during said presentation or after said presentation, any voting delegate may direct any question relating to the suspension to the presenter of the suspended party's positions. After the parties have presented their positions, a vote shall be taken of the voting delegates. The deciding vote shall be by simple majority of the voting delegates. The voting delegates must decide whether to confirm, modify, or annul the suspension, or may expel the offending member from any further participation in the League.

Section 2. Classification

There shall be the following classes of members, all generally hereinafter referred to as "Members".

Class A, "Member Clubs" are those organized groups of sportsmen and wildlife conservationists, such as clubs, societies, and associations, of a local character consisting primarily of adults, twenty-five (25) or more League dues-paying members in number, excluding associate members, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Local Units". In counting membership, Local Units may include one or more League Life Members under the provisions of Article 11 Section 2, G. The League dues of Life Members shall be considered as having been paid for the Local Unit indicated by the Life Member as his/her primary affiliation. No other Local Unit may list his/her as a member unless the prescribed annual League membership fee shall have been paid on his/her behalf through the secondary Local Unit(s).

Class A,2 "Associate Clubs" are those organized groups of sportsmen and wildlife conservationists, such as clubs, societies, and associations, of a local character consisting primarily of adults, fifteen (15) to twenty-four (24) in number League dues-paying members, excluding associate members, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Local Associate Clubs". Local Associate Clubs shall be allowed one voting delegate to the Annual Meeting, such delegate to have all rights and privileges and to be subject to all regulations applicable to other delegates.

Class B, " Junior Member Clubs", are those organized groups of persons, local in character, consisting primarily of boys and/or girls eighteen (18) years of age and under, twenty-five (25) or more- in number, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Local Units".

Class C, "State Member Associations" are those groups of sportsmen and wildlife conservationists organized on a state-wide basis hereinafter referred to as " State Units"

Class D, "Sustaining Members" are those persons who shall annually contribute a minimum amount as determined by the Board of Directors to the Corporation; they LKS Bylaws – Page 4 may or may not be members of Local or State Unit.

Class E, " Non-Voting Clubs" are those clubs with fewer than fifteen (15) League dues-paying members who may not send voting delegates to the annual meeting.

Class F, "Associate Members" are those persons who are members of a household of any regular member of a Class A member club.

Class G, "Life Members", are those people who contribute a one-time fee as Determined by the Board of Directors. Those people shall be entitled to a voice in any of the annual meetings but shall not have the right to vote unless otherwise qualified. Those persons shall also be entitled to other privileges as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. A Life Member may qualify as a Class A League dues-paying member for only one Local Unit. To qualify, the Life Member must inform the League Office, in writing, which Local Unit is his/her primary affiliation and has been authorized to list him/her on its roster as a League dues-paying member, and should so notify all other Local Units with which he/she may be affiliated. Except for the Local Unit indicated by the Life Member as his/her primary affiliation, no other Local Unit may list him/her as a member unless the prescribed annual League membership fee shall have been paid on his/her behalf through the secondary Local Unit(s).

Class H, "Family Members" are all the members of a family, living at one address, who annually contribute an amount and receive benefits as determined by the Board of Directors.

Class I " At Large Members"

Section 3. Representation

All members may attend and, with the Chairman's consent, have privilege on the floor at any meetings of the Corporation. Only Local and State Units, as hereinbefore described, through their regularly appointed delegates, shall be entitled to vote. No person may act as a voting delegate for more than one Local or State Unit. Members of Classes A and C shall be entitled to two (2) votes each. Members of Class B, D, E, F, G and H shall not be entitled to vote unless otherwise qualified. Such representation and number of votes shall apply to all meetings of this Corporation.

Section 4. Past Presidents

All Past Presidents of the League shall be honorary members thereof, without being required to pay dues, and entitled to a voice in any of the annual conventions, but such honorary members shall not have the right to vote unless they are otherwise qualified. Each President as he retires from office shall receive a Past President's plaque, and such other benefits as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The membership of Past League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. Presidents in Local Units, for the purpose of tabulating Local Unit membership totals, shall be controlled by the same regulations that apply to Life Members. (Article 11, Section 2,A and G).

Section 5. Honorary Members

The Board of Directors may elect to honorary life membership any person being worthy of the honor, who shall be entitled to a voice in any of the annual conventions but who shall not have the right to vote unless otherwise qualified, and who shall not be required to pay dues. Honorary Members shall receive such other benefits as the Board of Directors may prescribe. No more than two persons shall be elected to such honorary membership in any one year. The membership of Honorary League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. Members in Local Units, for the purpose of tabulating Local Unit membership totals, shall be controlled by the same regulations that apply to Life Members. (Article 11, Section 2,A and G). The Board of Directors may elect to honorary membership any corporation being worthy of the honor. Said corporation may elect to send one (1) representative to the annual convention. That representative shall be entitled to a voice in any of the annual conventions, but shall not have the right to vote unless otherwise qualified, and who shall not be required to pay dues. There shall be no limit to the number of such corporations elected to such honorary memberships in any one year.

Article III- Officers

Section 1. Officers

The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors may appoint any additional Officers and Agents it deems necessary, prescribing their duties and authority and providing for their compensation. No person shall hold more than one Corporation office and District office at any one time except the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined by order of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election of Officers

- A. The President and the National Rifle Association Representative shall be elected at the annual meeting by secret ballot. No member shall hold more than one Corporation office or District office. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall, at the annual meeting, elect from their membership a Vice- President. Neither the National Rifle Association Representative, the Secretary nor the Treasurer shall be a District Director or Officer in any District.
- B. Nominating Committee: Nominations for President and National Rifle Association Representative shall be made by a Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) members, two (2) of whom may be Past Presidents, and three (3) appointed by the President, no two (2) of whom shall be from the same District. The President shall designate the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Said Committee shall be named not later than the last day of December of each year. Nominations for these offices may be made from the floor of the Convention.
- C. Election Procedure: During the election of President and National Rifle Association Representative, the Chairman shall direct the Credentials Committee to require all persons not entitled to vote to go to a place in the room separate from those entitled to vote.

Section 3. Qualifications

Any member in good standing of a Member Club shall be eligible for office in this Corporation.

All individuals nominated or appointed to any officer position within the League of Kentucky Sportsmen must undergo a comprehensive criminal background check.

Disqualifying Convictions – Individuals with any felony convictions or any convictions or pending charges that are sexual in nature will be ineligible for officer positions.

Implementation – This amendment shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Delegation and shall apply to all current and future officers.

Section 4. Terms of Office

Terms of elected Officers shall commence immediately upon adjournment of the annual meeting of the Corporation and shall continue for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and shall have qualified, **PROVIDED**, the Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The President shall be restricted to three (3) one-year terms in aggregate. The District Directors shall be restricted to three (3) two year terms in aggregate.

Section 5. Duties of Officers

- A. The President shall be chief executive officer of the Corporation and subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have general charge of its affairs. He shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, and shall have such other powers and duties as are incident to his office and not inconsistent with these Bylaws, or

as at any time shall be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. He may attend the National Rifle Association annual meeting, at the expense of the Corporation, and serve as alternate delegate.

- B. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in the performance of his duties when called upon to do so by the President or the Board of Directors. In the event of the disability of the President or his absence from any place in which business on hand is to be done, the Vice-president shall all have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President. The Vice-president shall have such other powers and duties as may at any time be assigned him by the Board of Directors.
- C. The Secretary shall perform the duties assigned by the President and those duties that usually pertain to said office or as defined by and under direction of the Board of Directors.
- D. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and deposit all money, checks and other obligations to the credit of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors; he shall disburse the funds of the Corporation only in accordance with due authorization of the Board of Directors; and shall furnish security satisfactory to the Board of Directors in an amount fixed by them, and shall make a complete annual statement for the past fiscal year at each annual meeting or the Corporation, which annual statement shall, on determination of the Board of Directors, be verified by a Certified Public Accountant, to be selected by the Board of Directors, and in addition, perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer subject to the control of the Board of Directors. They shall make such other reports at such time as the Board of Directors may determine, one of which shall be a complete annual report of the membership of the organization. This report shall list all clubs by district and show the total number of members in each club. It shall also list Life Member totals, State associations totals, and any other special group totals.
- E. The NRA/FNRA (National Rifle Assoc./ Friends of National Rifle Assoc.) Representative duties will include but are not limited to a quarterly report to the Board of Directors during their quarterly meetings on any and all issues related to NRA/FNRA, will fill out and send any and all grants that are available to the LKS (League of Kentucky Sportsmen) along with any duties as seen by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in an elected office, the Board of Directors shall, at its next meeting, elect a qualified member to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting. If and when the office of the Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant, the President shall immediately cause their books and accounts to be audited and transfer all funds and properties to their successor upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Article IV- Board of Directors

Section 1. Composition and Tenure

The Board of Directors shall be composed of : (a) the President and (b) The Director from each District provided for in Article V. The Board may also include a Director representing any State Member Association (State Unit) as defined in Article 11, Section 2,C if the Association has a minimum of 1,500 dues-paying League members as defined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Authority

The Board of Directors shall manage the property and transact the business of the Corporation and shall possess such powers and authority, in addition to the powers and authority herein specifically prescribed, as may be necessary to the complete execution of the purposes of the Corporation, limited only by the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have authority to affiliate this Corporation with any other organization having interests, aims or purposes.

Section 3. Meetings

A. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold at least four (4) meetings each year at such times and places as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, PROVIDED, one of such meetings shall be held during, and at the place of the annual convention, and shall be the Boards's annual meeting. Meetings shall be held in person, through conference calls, or by any electronic means. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President upon three (3) days' notice. Special meetings may also be called on written request of the Secretary by a 2/3 majority of the members of the Board of Directors. The purpose of said special meetings shall be contained in the notice of the meeting.

B. Electronic Meetings

At any time that the President or a 2/3 majority of the members of the Board of Directors determine that an issue has arisen that needs immediate action by the Board, a special electronic meeting may be called. Notice of said meeting shall be emailed to all members and shall include the specific issue to be addressed. The caller of said meeting shall be specifically identified. A quorum for said meeting shall be a 2/3 majority of the Board of Directors. Once the notice of the meeting has been sent, the chair of the meeting shall call the meeting to order by sending a message containing a subject line stating: " The email meeting will come to order". The call to order message shall again state the specific issue or issues to address. The floor will then be opened for discussion. The discussion period shall be for seventy-two (72) hours or closed by a motion, and a vote, whichever occurs first. All discussions are not required to be electronic in nature, i.e., phone discussions or face to face discussions are allowed. However, all email discussion messages shall be made part of the minutes of the meeting. Upon closure of the meeting, a motion for action shall be

made. After the motion for action has been made, voting will begin. For a vote to be valid at said meeting, a quorum of votes must be returned. A vote shall state specifically that, " Yes I (Name of Board Member) vote for said action" or " No I (Name of Board Member) vote against said action". Voting shall remain open for twelve (12) hours or until a majority vote has been received, whichever occurs first. If there is an equipment malfunction among the Board of Directors that significantly interferes with the reading, writing or delivering emails, the chair shall recess or adjourn the meeting without a vote. Email meetings shall not be held when equipment malfunctions is a significance hindrance.

C . Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Corporation may be called on written request of the Secretary by a 2/3 majority of the members of the Board of Directors , provided that three (3) days' notice shall be given to all members as to time, place, and purpose . The purpose of said special meetings shall be contained in the notice of the meeting. Nothing shall take place at any special meeting that is not consistent with these Bylaws, or that has not had prior approval of the Board of Directors. In case of an emergency the President and Secretary will poll all Board members if a decision needs to be made in less than 72 hours.

D. Executive session

Executive Session will consist of the 9 Board of Directors and the President or at least a 2/3 quorum of Board of Directors. At no time will a fill in for a director be allowed to set in Executive Session unless approved by a 2/3 majority vote from the Board of Directors. In case of an absence of a director said director may contact the President after meeting in regard to closed executive session. In the absence of the President the Vice- President will chair the executive session.

Section 4. Quorum

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a 2/3 majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the actions of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the Board of Directors: PROVIDED, that if a majority of the whole Board of Directors shall severally and/ or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by the Corporation, such action shall be as valid a corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Any vote not unanimous will be recorded by District

Section 5. Executive Committee --- removed

Section 6. Removal of Members

Any member of the Board of Directors who shall absent himself from two (2) Consecutive Meetings of the Board of Directors, unless permission to do so has been granted by the President, or unless at the next meeting he shall present an excuse satisfactory to the President, shall cease to be a member of the Board of Directors, and the President shall declare the office vacant and a successor shall be elected as herein provided. The Board of Directors at any time may call a vote requiring a 2/3 majority to remove any officer for misconduct unbecoming of the LKS or representing the LKS without the Board of Director's consent.

Section 7. Report to Convention

The Board of Directors shall, through the President or other Officer designated by the Board of Directors, make a complete but concise report of its activities and actions during the immediate past year, including any recommendations for future action, at the annual meeting of the Corporation.

Section 8. Vacancy

In the event of a vacancy of a District Federation Director, such District shall within sixty (60) days, call a special meeting to elect a Director for the unexpired term.

Article V- Districts

Section1. Number of Districts

The Corporation shall be divided into the same number of Districts as that of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission (Kentucky Revised Statutes Sec. 150.022), said Districts to be coterminous in boundary with the districts of said Commission, and each District Federation shall be known as the " ____ District Federation , of the League of KENTUCKY SPORTSMEN, INC."

Section 2. District Federation Bylaws

Each District Federation shall, upon affiliation with the Corporation, adopt Bylaws which shall not (except as to class members) be inconsistent in any regard with the Articles and Bylaws of the Corporation and shall contain, as minimum, the following provisions:

A. Annual Meetings

Provide for an annual meeting of the District Federation at which Officers of the Federation will be elected. Also, a Director will be elected to serve as Director of this Corporation as provided by the following: District Directors in even-numbered Districts shall be elected in even-numbered years, and odd-numbered Districts shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Each such Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may be re-elected. The District Directors shall be restricted to three (3) two (2) year terms in aggregate .

B. Delegates

At each meeting of any District Federation, each member club shall have the same number of voting delegates, the number thereof to be set forth in the Bylaws of each District Federation.

C. Alternate District Directors

If any District Director finds he is unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Corporation, he shall appoint an alternate to attend such meeting. That appointment shall be a League member in good standing and a member of a club of that Director's District.

D. Conflicting Positions

If any Officer of a District Federation, or its League Director, is appointed to the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commission, he shall forthwith resign as such Federation Officer or Director.

E. Membership Requirements

No club or other member may be accepted as a member of a District Federation unless such member is, or becomes, a member of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. , and no club or Class A member will be accepted as a member of the League, unless such Club or Class A member belongs to the District Federation in which it is located. Clubs and Class A members in violation of these provisions will not have Voting and Resolution privileges at the annual convention.

Article VI- Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting or Convention

A. Date and Place

The Corporation shall convene in annual regular meeting or convention each year. The definite date and place of said meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors with due notice given to all members at least forty-five (45) days in advance thereof.

The annual election of Officers and such other activity as may be determined by the Board of Directors shall take place at the annual meeting. In the event of an emergency so that the annual meeting cannot be legally held, the Board of Directors may direct that election of Officers shall be held by mail or other electronic means. The minutes of the annual meeting shall be properly edited and published, subject to approval by the Board of Directors at its next meeting following the annual meeting.

B. Agenda

The agenda of the annual meeting shall be prepared by the President with the cooperation and approval of the Board of Directors. All Members shall be notified of said agenda at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, and no matter excluded from said agenda shall be considered at the meeting except by an Affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the convention.

C. National Rifle Association Delegate

The delegate of the National Rifle Association shall be elected immediately before the election of the President.

Section 2. Voting

Only qualified delegates or alternates, may vote at a meeting of the Corporation. An alternate delegate, if registered with the Credentials Committee, may vote in the absence of the delegate he is representing. Voting shall be viva voce, unless a roll call or secret ballot is prescribed by these Bylaws, or called for by the Convention or Chairman.

A majority vote shall be sufficient for the adoption of any motion that is in order except as these Bylaws and Parliamentary Law as contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall otherwise prescribe, and except the a three-fourth (3/4) majority vote shall be necessary on any proposal for a change in State or federal Laws.

Section 4. Quorum

At any annual meeting of this Corporation a majority of delegates registered with the Credentials Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business

Section 5. Parliamentarian

The Corporation's legal advisor, and in his absence the Secretary, shall serve as Parliamentarian at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors.

Section 6. Credentials Committee and Delegates

A. Credentials Committee

No later than the first day or the month of any meeting of the membership, the President shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of three (3) delegates or alternates. Any person who has given notice of his candidacy for the office of the President, as provided in Articles III, Sec. 2B, may designate two (2) additional delegates or alternates to serve on such Committee.

B. Delegates and Alternates

All delegates and alternates to the annual meeting of the Corporation, to be able to vote, must be certified to the Board of Directors by delegate card from the Units they represent, such delegate card to be in hands of Secretary not later than the last day of the month preceding the meeting. Such delegates and alternates must properly identify themselves to the Credentials Committee and have their credentials checked against the list of members furnished to the Secretary by their sponsoring Units. Any Local Unit containing 400 or more dues-paying League members shall be allowed an additional voting delegate to the annual meeting for each 200 members over 400. In no case shall any Local Unit be allowed more than five (5) additional delegates, for a total of seven.

C. Director-at -Large and District Directors

The Director-at -Large (Article 2 , sec 2 , para C)and the Director of each District shall serve as voting delegates. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of each District Federation. Upon assuming office shall serve as a voting delegates.

The Director- at -Large , since he serves *ex officio*, may appoint an alternate by advising the League Office/Credentials Committee in writing no later than the end of the month preceding the annual meeting.

The Director of each District and the President and Vice-President of each District Federation may appoint alternates by advising the League Office/Credentials Committee of their intentions in writing no later than the end of the month preceding the Annual Meeting. All such appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Credentials Committee.

Article VII- Committees

Section 1. Appointment and Duties of Committees

The President shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint all necessary committees, including the Standing Committees provided in Sec. 2 of this Article. He shall determine the composition and tenure of such committees. The Standing Committees shall, except as otherwise provided herein, perform the usual functions pertaining to such committees and shall have such additional duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the President.

Section 2. Standing Committees

A. Articles and Bylaws Committee

This committee shall review all proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Corporation. The Committee shall have the right to initiate changes in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and shall review and put in proper form any amendment submitted to it by any member and shall submit same to the Board of Directors.

B. Budget and Finance Committee

This Committee shall periodically review the financial status of the Corporation and submit its recommendations to the Board of Directors pertaining to sources of revenue and dues structure of the Corporation.

C. Membership Committee

This committee shall work with District Federation committees on increasing Membership and shall bring to the attention of the Board of Directors problems presented and recommendation made by members.

D. Convention Committee

This committee shall make all necessary arrangements for the holding of the annual meeting or convention of the Corporation.

E. Public Information/Public Relations Committee

This committee shall cooperate with all news media in seeing that the activities of The League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. are brought to the attention of the public.

F. Credentials Committee (see Article VI, Sec. 6)

G. Resolutions Committee

1 Standard Resolutions:

The committee shall review all resolutions to be submitted to the annual meeting. The Committee shall assist in drafting resolutions submitted to it but shall have no power to change the intent or meaning of a resolution submitted by any District or Member Club, and adhering to the requirements of Article V, Sec 2e

1. Emergency Resolutions will be accepted provided:

- a. The Emergency Resolution meets all other requirements of The League of Kentucky Sportsmen's Bylaws for resolutions, and,
- b. There are 100 copies or the number of copies determined by the Board of Directors listed in the Convention Packet at the registration desk of the Annual Convention prior to 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the Convention.
- c. The Convention body will vote to allow or disallow the Emergency Resolution. This will take place during the regular business session. Vote will be by simple majority. The only motion from the floor on an Emergency Resolution that will be accepted by the chair will be a motion to pass Emergency Resolution.

H. National Wildlife Week Committee

I. Conservation Education Committee

J. Farmer/Sportsman Relations Committee

K. Natural Resources Committee

L. National Hunting and Fishing Day Committee

M. Ways and Means Committee

N. Legislative Committee

O. Sportsman of the Year Committee

This committee shall consist of the current President of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen and all living past recipients of the Sportsman of the Year Award in good standing of the League. Good standing shall be defined as a member that is a current member of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen. This committee shall meet at least once a year and select, from the current Nominations submitted to it, the recipient of the Sportsman of the Year Award for that year.

P. Website Committee

This committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the Secretary of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen. This committee shall be exclusively responsible for the maintenance and content of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen's official websites. This committee can request the assistance of anyone necessary for them to complete this task.

Article VIII- Finances

Finances of this Corporation shall be under the control of the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws

Section 1. Dues

Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be paid in such manner and at such times as are prescribed by the Board of Directors. Under no circumstances will dues be refunded once they have been received by the League. All Dues are to be paid in full by Jan 31 of each calendar year. A club will be considered in default on March 1 thereafter. Clubs in default will lose access to License Plate funds and delegates at the annual convention.

Section 2. Use of Corporation Funds

All funds and assets of the corporation shall be used only for purposes that are consistent with the purposes of the Corporation, and for the actual administration expenses in conducting the affairs of the Corporation, under the direction of and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may purchase land, buildings, and equipment whenever the general interests of the Corporation require same. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer.

No elective Officer, no Director or firm of which he is member or employee, shall receive or be paid a salary or other compensation for services rendered in behalf of this Corporation during his term of office, provided, that actual expenses incurred by such officer or Director engaged in the work of the Corporation, if authorized by the Convention or Board of Directors, shall be valid claims against the Corporation.

Section 3. Payments of Accounts

No bills or accounts against the Corporation shall be paid until approval of the Board of Directors has been granted unless covered by the annual budget approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Borrowing Power

The Board of Directors may, whenever the general interests of the Corporation require the same, borrow money and issue its promissory note or bond for the repayment thereof with interest and may in like case mortgage its property as security for its debts or other lawful engagements.

Section 5. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from May 1st to April 30th.

Section 6. Audit

The financial accounts of this Corporation shall be audited as herein provided and whenever the Board of Directors shall so determine.

Section 7. LKS License Plate Fund Distribution

The LKS License Plate Funds shall be distributed as follows:

All checks received in the future shall be divided 10 equal ways with the Lks receiving 1 portion and the Federations each eligible to receive 1 equal portion.

However, if the LKS balance drops below \$20,000.00, the LKS share shall be 10% or the amount necessary to bring the balance to \$20,000.00, whichever is the greater amount. All funds will be divided and maintained by the League of Kentucky Sportsmen. The League shall create an application form to be used by the Federations in requesting funds for appropriate projects. In addition to the application form, the League will provide each Federation with a list of guidelines consistent with the Kentucky Revised Statute and Transportation Department regulations.

Request for funds by the Federation will be presented to the Board of Directors for review. The Board will determine if the project is within guidelines. A simple majority by the Board at a business session shall be required before the funds can be released to the Federation.

Invoices for each project and proof that they have been paid shall be presented within 6 Months of the Federation reception of the funds. Federations must have an approval vote of yes from current LKS members in good standing at a Federation meeting before the Federation can request funds for a project that meets criteria.

Along with the proposal form, the President of the Federation must submit a statement

certifying the date of the Federation meeting and the fact that the Federation approved of The project. Federations may combine funds for a joint project with other Federations. However, there must be approval by each individual Federation in the joint venture. Each Federation's funds shall roll over from year to year for a period not to exceed 10 years. At that time Federations may combine funds for a joint project with other Federations. However, there must be an approval by each individual Federation in the joint venture. Each Federation's funds shall roll over from year to year for a period not to exceed 10 years. At that time the money reverts to LKS to be added to next disbursement. In the event a project needs funding before the League regular scheduled business session meeting, a conference call at the convenience of the Board for approval can be held. Approved permanent signage recognizing the LKS and the district Federation(s) shall be installed or erected at each approved project in an area conspicuous to the public if permitted. Funding for the appropriate signage shall be included in the total for project proposal.

Article IX- Amendments and General Provisions

Section 1. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended as provided in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, as amended. No amendment may be acted upon unless the Secretary or Chairman of the Bylaws Committee has mailed notice of the proposed amendment to each member of the Board of Directors not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

Section 2. Interpretation of Bylaws

If any question shall arise relative to the interpretation of these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall decide after having been referred to the Bylaws Committee for study and recommendation. Any member aggrieved by such decision of the Board of Directors may appeal at the next annual meeting of the Corporation.

Section 3. Parliamentary Guide

The *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the Corporation in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with Corporation's Articles and these Bylaws.

The foregoing Bylaws update, incorporating amendments approved by the Board of Directors was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc. at Louisville, Ky on June 18, 2026 and became the official Bylaws document on approval.

Doug Ramey
President

