



BY-LAWS of Feather Buster Gun Club Inc.

Article 1

Name and Object of the Corporation

1.1 Name

This Corporation shall be known as the Feather Busters Gun Club, Inc., Hereinafter called the Club.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the club shall be: to promote interest in hunting, the shooting sports, fishing and lawful outdoor sports and related activities; to aid in the conservation of fish, birds and other wildlife; to promote good sportsmanship; and to provide high quality safe hunting, fishing and similar opportunities for the benefit, enjoyment, instruction, well-being of its members and their immediate families.

1.3 Operation

The Club shall be operated on a not-for-profit basis.

Article 2

Membership

2.1 Incorporators

The membership of the club shall consist of those persons who have signed the Certificate of Incorporation as incorporators together with all persons who, on the date of incorporation, are members in good standing of the unincorporated association known as Feather Busters Gun Club and all persons who are hereafter received in or elected to membership as hereinafter provided

2.2 Applications

Other members may become members only after favorable action by the board of Directors of the club after making application to and receiving the recommendation of the membership committee as provided in section 5.4 of Article 5 upon the form prescribed by that committee. The application must be signed by two members in good standing. The first signing member shall be known as the prime sponsor of the applicant and the second signing member shall be known as the co-sponsor for the applicant. A member may not be the prime sponsor for more than one applicant, nor be co-sponsor for more than one applicant at the same time. No application shall be accepted or continued as a member unless he satisfies the requirements of Article 10 regarding Application Fees, Dues and Membership Requirements.

2.3 Death of Member

Upon the death of a member, his membership shall cease.

2.4 Membership Nonassignable

Membership in the Club and the rights and privileges of a member shall not be assignable.

2.5 Vote

Each member shall have one vote only at a meeting of members.

2.6 Priority of Applications

All applications shall be considered for acceptance in chronological order of receipt by the membership committee except, however, in the case of a child of a member in good standing. Applications of children of members in good standing shall have precedence over all other applications but shall also be processed in chronological order of receipt by the membership committee.

Article 3 ***Government***

3.1 Officers

The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Officers, who shall be elected as provided in Section 5.1 of Article 5 of these Bylaws. The number of Officers shall be 6.

3.2 Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Sergeant-at-Arms and a Treasurer.

3.3 The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall assist in the operation of the Club.

3.4 President as Committee Member

The President shall be a member, ex officio, of all committees.

Article 4

Meetings

4.1 General Meetings

The General Meetings of members of the Club shall be held 3 times per year. Notice of the time and place of holding the General Meetings shall be mailed to each member at least ten days previous thereto.

4.2 Special Meetings of Members

Special meetings of members may be called by the President at any time on his own initiative or by the President or Secretary upon request of thirty members in good standing to such officer made in writing signed by all thirty members. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed to each member at least ten days previous to the meeting, and at such special meeting there shall only be considered such business as is specified in the notice of meeting. Special meetings may be schedule in advance by the President.

4.3 Quorum for Members' Meeting

At all meetings of the Club, either regular or special, one-third of all members and two officers, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum.

4.4 Lack of Quorum

If a quorum is not present, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting to a day, hour and place fixed by him.

4.5 Order of Business

At all meetings of the Club, the order of business shall be as follows:

- a) Reading of minutes of immediate prior meeting for information and approval.
- b) Reports of officers.
- c) Reports of committees.
- d) Election of directors as provided in Section 5.1 of Article 5.
- e) Unfinished business.
- f) New business.
- g) Reading and approval of minutes of meeting just held, if requested.

4.6 Meetings of Board

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President on his own initiative whenever in his judgment it may be deemed necessary, or by the Secretary upon the request of any two members of the Board of Directors. Five days' written notice of meetings of the Board shall be given to all directors, and shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meetings.

Alternatively, the President may schedule meetings of the Board of Directors in advance by giving notice to the directors at a regular board meeting and the recording of such scheduling in the minutes of the board of directors meeting shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting.

4.7 Quorum of Board Meeting

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article 5

Election of Directors and Officers

5.1 Election of Directors

The Directors of the Club shall be appointed by the Board from a slate of nominees selected by the Nominating Committee.

5.2 Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee shall elect from among the membership a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, A Secretary, A Treasurer and a Sergeant-at-Arms. No member may be elected to or serve in office who has not been a member in good standing for at least two years. The meeting of the Nominating Committee to elect officers shall be held within one month following the annual meeting of members. Except for the President, Officers elected shall hold office until new officers are elected. The President shall be elected for a term of two years. A member who has been elected President may be elected to succeed himself for one additional term only, after which he will not be eligible to be elected President again until the passage of at least one intervening presidential term of two years.

5.3 Membership Committee

There shall be a Membership Committee which shall be elected by the Directors at the same meeting at which they elect the other Officers. This Committee shall be composed of three persons, at least tow of whom must be Directors. An action by a majority of the Committee shall be deemed to be the action of the whole Committee.

Article 6

Vacancies in Office

6.1 Vacancies in Office

If a vacancy occurs among the officers or in the Board of Directors, the vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors.

Article 7

Duties of Officers

7.1 President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors and shall appoint such Committees as he or the Board of Directors shall consider expedient or necessary.

7.2 First Vice President

In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall perform his duties, and, in the absence of both President and First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall preside and assume the duties of the President. The First vice President will be responsible for all office affairs and Club records (excluding records maintained by the Treasurer and the Secretary) and will perform such other duties as his office may require.

7.3 Second Vice President

The Second vice President will be responsible for all field schedules and activities and perform such other duties as his office may require.

7.4 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors; shall, if requested, read such minutes at the close of each meeting for approval; and shall mail out all notices for meetings of the Club or the Board of Directors. He will be responsible for all correspondence between the Club and non-members and other organizations and he shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Bylaws, the President, or the board of Directors.

7.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge of all receipts and moneys of the Club, deposit them in the name of the club in a bank approved by the Board of Directors, and disburse funds as ordered or authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall keep accurate account and collect all application fees, dues, and charges due from members. He shall keep regular accounts of his receipts and disbursements, submit his records to the Board of Directors when requested, and give a financial report at regular meetings of the Club. He shall sign checks and withdrawal slips in behalf of the Club upon any and all of its bank accounts.

7.6 Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at Arms shall be responsible for maintaining order and discipline at all Club functions in keeping with Robert's Rules of Order and for arranging meeting facilities for meetings of members.

7.7 Execution of Instruments

The President and the Secretary of the Treasurer shall, on being so directed by the Board, sign all leases, contracts, or other instruments in writing.

Article 8

Duties and Powers of Board of Directors

8.1 Management of Club

The Board of Directors shall have general charge and management of the affairs, funds, and property of the Club. The Board shall have full power, and it shall be the Board's duty to carry out the purposes of the Club according to its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; to determine whether the conduct of any member is detrimental to the welfare of the Club; and to fix the penalty for such misconduct of any violation of the Bylaws or rules.

8.2 Rule-Making

The Board of Directors may make rules for the conduct of the members and the use of Club property, and define and limit the hunting and all other privileges of the members and their guests, not inconsistent, however, with anything set forth in these Bylaws. No such rules may contravene laws of the State of Illinois and its political subdivisions nor rules and regulations of the Illinois Department of Conservation.

8.3 Appointment of Committees

The Board of Directors may appoint such committees as it deems necessary; it may vote the expenditure of moneys as it deems necessary or advisable; and it may contract for the lease or purchase in the name of the Club of water rights, properties, or facilities for the use of the members.

8.4 Place of Directors' Meetings

The meetings of the Directors may be held at such place as Directors shall determine.

Article 9

Compensation of Directors and Officers

9.1 Compensation of Directors and Officers

Neither the Officers, Directors, nor members serving on committees shall receive any salary or compensation for services rendered to the Club. They shall, however, be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses they incur in pursuit of Club business.

Article 10

Initiation Fees, Dues and Membership Requirements

10.1 Initiation Fee

All applications by persons for membership shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Such fee is payable upon acceptance into the club by the Board of Directors.

10.2 Annual Dues

The annual dues of members for each calendar year commencing with the year beginning May 1, 1986, or for any part of a calendar year, where a person becomes a member during the year, shall be an amount established by the Board of Directors from time to time. A new member must pay the first year's dues at the time his application is accepted.

10.3 Time for Payment of Dues

The first half of the annual dues shall be payable by all members on or before April 30th of each year and shall be paid to the Treasurer. The second half of the annual dues shall be payable by all members on or before September 30th of each year and shall be paid to the Treasurer.

10.4 Loss of Privileges

Any member whose dues are unpaid on September 30 of any year, shall automatically be terminated as a member and thenceforth shall not be entitled to the use of any properties, or facilities owned by or under lease or contract by the Club and the members of the family and guests of all such unpaid members shall be barred from such privileges. A member who is terminated for non-payment of dues shall be notified of that fact in writing by the Secretary and amount which such member owes the Club shall be immediately due and payable and shall so continue until paid. The foregoing notwithstanding, if a member notifies the Board of Directors of the fact that he is experiencing financial hardship, the Board of Directors may arrange for installment payments, with or without interest, temporary suspension of membership, or such other arrangement for payment of dues as it deems appropriate.

10.5 Membership in the National Rifle Association

Each member of the Club is required to maintain membership in the National Rifle Association. NRA# must be in the Club's File.

10.6 Issuance of Keys

Each member shall be issued a key or keys to provide access to Club facilities. All such keys shall remain property of the Club and must be returned to the Second Vice President or any other Officer of the Club immediately on termination of membership for any reason. Duplication of keys is prohibited.

10.7 Discrimination Prohibited

No person shall be denied membership in the Club because of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex. The use of the masculine form of pronouns throughout this document is for convenience and readability only.

10.8 Honorary and Life Membership

The Board of Directors may grant honorary or life membership to members in good standing or former members. An honorary member may attend all Club meetings and events and he may hunt on Club land with no guest fee charge if invited and accompanied by a member in good standing. An honorary member shall not be entitled to vote. He shall have no voice in Club affairs unless requested by the presiding Officer. A life member shall have all privileges of dues. He shall, however, be required to pay bird fees. The Club may have no more than ten life members at one time. Honorary membership shall not be granted to any member who has not been a member in good standing for at least ten years. Life membership shall not be granted to any member who has not been a member in good standing for at least 20 years and/or who is less than fifty-seven years old.

Article 11

Rules and Regulations for Members and Guests

11.1 Right of Guest to Use Facilities

No person except a member of the Club and the spouse or children of such member, and the guest of such member, shall use any properties or facilities owned, leased, or contracted for by the Club for any purpose whatever. The board of Directors, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to prohibit use of the Club facilities by any family member or guest for good cause.

11.2 Definition of "Guest"

Within the meaning of the foregoing, the term "guest" of a member shall include only persons actually visiting with a member upon Club property. A guest fee as determined by the Board of Directors shall be payable to the Club by each member for each day such member authorizes a guest to use club facilities. A member must supervise his guest's use of Club facilities and is personally responsible for any and all damage to property, injury or responsible for any and all damage to property, injury or violation of rules caused by his guest. Spouses, sons and daughters of members are non-paying guests and are not required to pay guest fees.

11.3 Expulsion

Any member whose conduct, while using the properties or facilities owned, leased, or contracted for by the Club shall in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Club be considered detrimental to the welfare of the Club or be in violation of any law or any rule or regulation of the Illinois Department of Conservation may be temporarily suspended from membership by a vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors, after due notice to such member and the giving to him of an opportunity to be heard. In the event of expulsion all amounts due the club shall be promptly paid by the expelled member and such member shall not be entitled to any refund of any dues, fees or other amounts previously paid to the Club.

11.4 Additional Rules and Regulations

The Board of Directors may establish and enforce any and all additional rules and regulations deemed advisable and necessary and may establish and assess such fines and penalties for breach thereof as it, in its sole discretion, shall determine.

11.5 Upon Whom Binding

Each and every member of the club, his family, and guests shall be bound by and abide by these Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations.

Article 12

Notices

12.1 Notices

All notices to members shall be mailed to their addresses as given on the books of the Club, and such mailing shall constitute presumptive evidence of service thereof. Members must notify Club Secretary of any change of address or phone number.

Article 13

Amendments

13.1 Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended only in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois General Not for Profit Corporation Act.