

Black Creek Conservation Club, Inc.
Bylaws
January 2013

ARTICLE I – NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this Club shall be “Black Creek Conservation Club, Inc.” located at:

2643 South Chippewa Road, Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858

The Clubs mailing address:

P.O. Box 52, Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48804

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Club shall be for the present and future well-being of our state and in the conservation of our soils, waters, forests, wild-life, clean air, minerals, and to promote an environment for learning and enjoyment of outdoor recreations to its membership.

This Corporation shall be authorized to purchase, sell, lease or acquire any interest in real estate of whatever kind, nature or description it deems advisable in accordance with the Corporation purpose herein stated.

ARTICLE III – STRUCTURE

Section 1. The Club shall be non-shareholding, non-profit, and non-partisan.

Section 2. This Club is not formed for financial gain or profit and does not contemplate financial gain or profit to members or officers thereof; and no part of the net earnings of the club shall insure to the benefit of any member or officer thereof, or any private individual.

Section 3. The club may as a means to promote itself, authorizes the use of club property for the purpose of an instructional forum in which a fee is paid into the clubs general or range fund and the use is consistent with Article II of these by-laws and approved by the board.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Dependent children of any member shall be considered family members, until such time as they start their own household.

Section 2. The Club shall issue a receipt and membership card upon receipt of the membership application and fee, pending review at the next scheduled meeting.

Section 3. No complimentary memberships shall be issued.

- Section 4.** A special membership shall be given to a ‘Wounded Warrior’ of the US Armed Forces. Membership is to be paid from a special range fund.
- Section 5.** Honorary memberships shall be given to any member or dependent of any member who is serving in the United States Armed Forces. He or she shall be exempt from paying Club Dues while serving in the United States Armed Forces. After discharge from the Armed Forces, Honorary Members will automatically be eligible for regular membership in this Club at the beginning of the next fiscal year.
- Section 6.** Any member or officer may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts and accompanied by all affidavits and/or exhibits which are to be used in support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who shall notify the President, who will give at least fifteen (15) days previous written notice of a meeting of the Board and the member under charges. At such meeting the member under charge will be given a full hearing. Any member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal to the full membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who shall notify the President who will call a special meeting of the Club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. At least fifteen (15) days previous written notice shall be given to all members of the Club stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At this meeting the Secretary shall read the original charges, read the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by secret ballot of the members present and two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1.** The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Directors.
- Section 2.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the membership, enforce the bylaws, maintain order, appoint chairman and committees, and transact such business for the Club as may be authorized by the membership or the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and may attend any committee meetings, but may vote as a member of any committee only in case of a tie. The President shall appoint a delegate to the Michigan United Conservation Club conventions and all other meetings to which the Club may send delegates, unless disqualified by the regulations governing such other organizations.
- Section 3.** It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and to aid and assist the President in the performance of their duties as may be assigned to them. In case of the death or inability of the President to perform the Presidential duties, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

- Section 4.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a permanent and complete record of all the meetings of the membership. They shall also conduct correspondence and perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the President, the membership, or the Board of Directors and is charged with keeping a permanent and complete record of the meeting minutes.
- Section 5.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of receipts and expenditures of the Club. The Treasurer shall furnish a monthly financial report to the Board and Membership. In the absence or inability of the Treasurer to act in his or her official capacity, the President shall be authorized to draw checks on the designated depository.
- Section 6.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to make recommendations to the members of the Club, act as an emergency legislative body, authorize the expenditures of monies up to \$500.00 and see that adequate insurance protection is carried by the Club.
- Section 7.** At least one member of the Board or Officer shall be on each committee, however such committee is appointed or constituted.
- Section 8.** Disposal of Club property or possessions must first be approved by the Board of Directors preceding the following regularly scheduled monthly member meeting at which the final approval or disapproval must be given by the general membership.
- Section 9.** Any unexpected expenses, except for monthly bills & expenses, supplies up to of \$500.00 must be approved or disapproved at a regular meeting of the members before payment.
- Section 10.** Books, files, and records of an officer or committees shall be subject to examination at any meeting of the Club upon five (5) days previous written notice to the President.
- Section 11.** No elected or other representative of the Club shall have the right to obligate the Club in any manner without the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 12.** If an officer, member of the Board or Chairman of any committee is absent from two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board or the general membership without having a valid excuse acceptable to the membership, the office of said Officer, Board Member, or Chairman shall be declared vacant for lack of interest. The Board of Directors shall forthwith select a member of the Club to act as Officer, Director, or Chairman for the unexpired term. This selection must be either approved or some other member elected to fill the vacancy at the next regular meeting of the membership.
- Sub-Section of 12.** People shown on the Bingo License shall act as Bingo Committee.

ARTICLE VI – TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

- Section 1.** The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be yearly. The term of office for the 6 Directors shall be for a period of Two (2) years. The directors shall be elected for the following terms: three Directors elected

alternating annually to serve for two (2) year terms. The last past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors for the year following their term of office as President in an advisory capacity only.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in any office such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by majority vote of the Board of Directors and approval of the membership at the next regularly scheduled monthly membership meeting; except in the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, then the Vice President shall succeed to the Presidency.

Section 3. Members of the Board of Directors elected at the annual meeting shall assume their duties on the first day of the Club year following their election.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers and Directors shall be elected by secret ballot at the Clubs Annual Meeting, and a plurality of all votes cast, a quorum being present, shall constitute an election.

Section 2. Each member and spouse shall have one vote each in Club affairs.

Section 3. You must be a participating member of this Club for six (6) months before you are eligible to run for an office. Members of the same household may not serve on the Board of Directors and officers.

Section 4. Members of the same household may not serve on the Board of Directors and officers, unless there are not enough participating to fill all offices.

Section 5. Only paid up members of the Club will be allowed to vote on the Club affairs.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular scheduled meetings of the Club shall be held on the second Monday of each month.

Section 2. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, by a majority of the Board of Directors, or upon written request of a majority of active members, provided all members are notified of time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

Section 3. The regular meeting in October shall be designated as the annual meeting, at which time the election of Officers and Directors for the following year shall be held. The Annual Meeting shall be attended only by members of the Club.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or the majority of the Officers.

ARTICLE IX – QUORUM

Section 1. A Quorum for any monthly meeting of the Club shall be two-thirds of the members present.

Section 2. A Quorum for the Officers shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of the Officers.

ARTICLE – DUES

Section 1. The Annual Membership Dues shall be established at the October meeting for the following fiscal year beginning January 1, except that persons joining after October 1st in each year and paying one year's dues shall be deemed to have paid the current and following fiscal year.

Section 2. Any member who shall fail to pay their membership dues by January 31st is considered delinquent and his or her membership is suspended until paid. If they wish to rent the Club they will have to pay the full non-member price for rental.

Section 3. M.U.C.C. dues shall be paid at the time and in the amount specified by the M.U.C.C. Bylaws.

ARTICLE – CLUB YEAR

Section 1. The Club year shall be from January 1st, inclusive.

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Standing committees of the Club shall be: Bingo, Bylaws and Shooting.

Section 2. There may be such other committees as designated by the President and the Range Directors.

Section 3. All committees shall serve for the Club year or for such specific term as designated by the President.

ARTICLE XIII – OFFICIAL COLORS

Section 1. The Official colors of the Club shall be Green, Black, and White.

ARTICLE XIV – REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Representation at conventions of the M.U.C.C. or other meetings requiring the presence of an Official Club Representative shall be by the President and/or their alternate, who shall be the Vice President or other member appointed by the President.

ARTICLE XV – POLICY

Section 1. The club may issue free or at cost to be fixed by the Board of Directors and approved by the members, emblems, arm bands, pins, decals, brassards or other

insignia. No member shall be obligated to purchase any such accessory at a price, in addition to the membership fee is fixed thereon.

- Section 2.** No member shall use or cause to: be used the name of the Club for personal profit.
- Section 3.** The Club roster is for the exclusive use of the Club.
- Section 4.** Paid advertisements or subscriptions outside the Club shall be accepted for Club publications.
- Section 5.** No member or members of this Club shall enter into solicitation of money, prizes, advertising, or money raising enterprises in the name of Black Creek Conservation Club, Inc. or shall conduct such enterprises on the properties of the club without the express consent of the Officers.
- Section 6.** To assure the non-shareholder, non-profit, and non-partisan provisions of these Bylaws, this Club may not participate in any activity which may be interpreted as a violation of these principles, nor shall its publications reflect views contrary there to.

ARTICLE XVI – RULES OF ORDER

- Section 1.** “Roberts Rules of Order-Revised” shall be the parliamentary authority of all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Bylaws of the Club and a copy of such shall be present at all meetings.

ARTICLE XVII – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1.** Amendments to these Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting once a year by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided ten (10) days written notice shall have been given each member of such proposed amendments.

ARTICLE XVIII – CLUB RENTALS

- Section 1.** You have to be a member for at least six (6) months to rent the Club for member price. You cannot rent the Club for other than yourself, your children, your parents, grandparents, grandchildren, niece, nephew and reunions. The person responsible for the rental must be present on club property the whole time the club is open and occupied.
- Section 2.** Club cannot be used for funeral dinners when it is rented by someone else. This can be changed if the renter is contacted and he or she approves. Club rental period starts at 8:00 a.m., unless rented the previous day then that renter has until 10:00 a.m. the following morning to get their things out and the Club cleaned.
- Section 3.** The final decisions on rental are made by the Rental Chairman.