

**INDIAN LAKE – BLUE MOUNTAIN  
FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BYLAWS adopted October 27, 2004, Revised February 28, 2007**

**Preamble**

These BYLAWS provide operating guidance in the functioning of the Indian Lake – Blue Mountain Fish and Game Association, Inc. BYLAWS are necessary to define the structure and rules of the Association. They satisfy legal requirements, provide for financial responsibilities, and facilitate social interaction amongst the members. They also provide support for traditional American values in the community at large through nonpartisan political and social actions.

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this organization is to promote:

- Better fishing and hunting and encourage better sportsmanship, especially for the youth,
- To propagate, protect and aid in the distribution of fish and game,
- To work for the enactment of sound conservation,
- To promote the observance of such measures and to oppose all measures detrimental to sound conservation,
- To instruct all members in the proper handling of firearms and the true meaning of sportsmanship,
- To support sound legislation pertaining to the ownership and use of firearms and oppose restrictive legislation regarding their ownership and use which may be detrimental to the interest of this club or any law abiding citizen,
- To own and sell real property for the benefit of its members.

**Article 1. Membership**

1. Membership is open to anyone who expresses an interest in joining the association. Members must be at least 16 years of age.
2. A member is encouraged to volunteer at least 10 hours per year. Volunteer activities include attending meetings, preparing for and conducting special events like the Fishing Derby or Competitive Shoots, being an officer of the club [including being a range safety officer], assisting in range maintenance, working the chuck wagon, and participating in work parties such as fish stocking. In place of volunteering a financial contribution can be made to the Association to support the above activities.
3. The membership fee shall be \$25.00 for a single and \$35.00 for a family membership. Young adult membership fee is \$7.00 for members aged 16 thru 21. Life memberships are provided without cost to members in good standing who achieve the age of 75 and request a Life Membership. Complementary memberships are authorized by a vote at a monthly meeting. Those given Life or Complementary membership pay no yearly fee. Members are expected to support the BYLAWS [copy provided with application].

**Article 2. Meetings**

1. The annual Meeting of the Association will be held in June of each year, at which time officers for the following year will be elected.
2. Regular meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month.
3. Special meetings of the Association may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
4. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

### **Article 3. Voting**

1. Officers shall serve for a term of one [1] year. An officer who has not attended one meeting in the last three is considered to have resigned unless he provides a reasonable explanation for his absence.
2. A quorum of at least seven [7] members in good standing is required to vote on motions.
3. A majority vote of the members present is controlling unless otherwise specified in the BYLAWS.

### **Article 4. Order of Business**

1. The order of business at regular meetings shall be as follows:
  - a. Secretary's report - reading of minutes of the previous meeting.
  - b. Treasurer's report
  - c. Other committee reports
  - d. Unfinished business
  - e. New business
  - f. Adjournment
  - g. Guest speaker or presentation

### **Article 5. Officers**

1. The Association's officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Range Manager, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.
2. All formal communications [written] with the Town, State, or other governmental agency shall be signed by the President or Vice President. Exception- The Range Manager is authorized to communicate in writing with the Town of Indian Lake to meet requirements of the range lease agreement.
3. Any vacancy of the officers shall be filled from the regular membership for the remaining portion of the term of the vacating officer by a majority vote.
4. Duties of Officers:
  - a. President. The President shall provide leadership, preside at the meetings of the group, shall appoint all chairs of committees, be an ex officio member of all committees, and have general responsibility for the affairs of the organization.
  - b. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assist the President in carrying out his or her duties and substitute for the President in his or her absence.
  - c. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association, maintain any records, attend to the correspondence of the Association, and, when requested, provide news releases about the activities of the Association.
  - d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep a record of any funds received and spent. The Treasurer shall make a report to the Association during regular meetings [at least twice a year] and keep bank statements for at least three years. The Treasurer shall maintain a list of members and dues paid. The Treasurer shall maintain the Association's liability insurance for the protection of the Association and its activities. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer have signature authorization on the Association accounts and are authorized to spend up to \$250 on Association goals without prior approval. Individual members [non officers] are authorized to spend up to \$50 for Association maintenance items without prior authorization.
  - e. Range Manager. The Range Manager shall carry out the operation of the range in accordance with the Range Safety Plan. The Range Manger has absolute authority to control operations at the range, to enforce rules contained in the Range Safety Plan, and to terminate operations and/or direct a non-conforming user to leave the range. The Range manager is authorized to spend up to \$250 for Range maintenance or

program activities without prior authorization. Revisions to the Range Safety Plan are to be approved by the membership at monthly meetings.

4. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Association will consist of the Officers, the Range Committee Chairman and two At-Large Executive Committee Members. The Executive Committee members are elected annually and are considered Association officers.

The Executive Committee meets as required to discuss issues critical to the Association. There are no regularly scheduled meetings. Minutes of Executive Committee meetings shall be taken and read at the next scheduled Association meeting.

A majority of the Executive Committee may approve expenditures when it is not practical to wait to approve these expenditures at a regular meeting.

5. Standing Committee. The Range Committee is the only standing committee, all others are appointed by the President as needed.

#### **Article 6. Fiscal Year and Audit**

1. The fiscal year shall be the twelve month period starting the first day of January.
2. Annually an independent audit will a) verify that the Treasurer has been accurately accounting for the Association's income and expenses, b) that the Association has operated the Range in accordance with the Town lease, and c) that the Association's liability policy is current. The President shall ensure that these items are carried out.

#### **Article 7. Amendments to These BYLAWS**

These BYLAWS may be amended by a majority vote of the regular membership present at two successive regular meetings, providing advance notice in writing of the amendment has been forwarded to all members in the Newsletter by US mail at least ten [10] days in advance of the first meeting.

#### **Article 8. Association Dissolution**

In the event that both the regular membership and the Executive Committee find it necessary to dissolve the Association, it is hereby directed that the following procedures be instituted:

1. All assets of the Association are to be sold for the highest price possible.
2. All liabilities of the Association are to be paid to the fullest extent possible.
3. Any funds remaining shall be donated to the Hamilton County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs, Inc.

#### **Brief History of Association**

1. Started in 1945 [per Bernard J. Arndt]
2. First retained written record 11/18/1971 in Savings Bank Book - \$667
3. Incorporated on 7/24/1975 [A-250-150] -
4. By Bernard J. Arndt, Walter G. Harr, and Robert Shaw.
5. Federal ID# 146037892 – Type A, Not-For-Profit Corporation.
6. Range Lease from Town of Indian Lake signed by Robert Sweet for F&G and Barry Hutchins for the town on 10/24/2002. Lease modified on 4/8/2004.