

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

THE FLEETWOOD FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article 1 – Name

The name of the organization for which the by-laws and constitution are drawn shall be known as The Fleetwood Fish and Game Association, Inc. For the remainder of this document, The Fleetwood Fish and Game Association, Inc. will be referred to as The Club.

Article 2 – Corporation

The Club was organized January 25, 1935 and incorporated July 16, 1935. It is approved as an IRS 501 c-7 non-profit corporation.

Article 3 – Purpose / Objectives

The purpose/objectives of The Club shall be:

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1. To promote and encourage interest in the conservation of our natural resources and environment, such as forest, soil, water, fish and wildlife.
2. To always promote the safe use of all forms of approved firearms and shooting equipment.
3. To provide members information regarding safe shooting instruction either at The Club or other location.
4. To provide facilities where members and approved guests may practice safe shooting skills.
5. To provide organized shooting events from time to time such as, but not limited to, Trap Shooting contests and Bullseye Pistol competition.
6. To provide written range rules so members use our facilities safely.

7. Encourage members to attend regular monthly and special meetings

Article 4 – Officers

The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and up to 5 Board Members, previously listed as trustees.

The Officers collectively will be referred to as the Executive Committee.

Article 5 - Officer/Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

1. The President shall preside over meetings. In the absence of The President, the Vice President shall assume the role of meeting Chair. In their absence the Treasurer, then Secretary shall assume the role of Chair. In the absence of an elected Officer, no official business can be conducted at a Meeting.
2. The Board Members shall serve as custodians of club equipment and facilities.
3. The Executive Committee shall:
 - a. Develop projects to maintain and improve The Club.
 - b. Establish range rules.
 - c. Appoint acting officers to fill uncompleted terms.

Article 6 – Duties of the Officers

1. President: Shall be a member in good standing and serve as Chief Executive Officer of The Club and assure the objectives of the club are fulfilled.
2. The Vice President: Shall fill the role of President in the President's absence.
3. The Secretary: Shall keep the minutes of each meeting and correspondence, transcribe to print, read at the following meeting and be responsible to keep all pertinent records at The Club.
4. The Membership Secretary: Shall keep the membership records, receive membership dues and forward all documents and funds to the Treasurer.

5. The Treasurer: Shall be responsible to accurately maintain all funds related to the function of The Club. The Club shall obtain a bond covering the Treasurer against fraud, theft or misuse of The Club's funds.

Article 7 - Elections

1. All Officer and Board Member positions will expire bi-annually December 31st. Officers and Board Members will be nominated and elected for subsequent terms based on membership voting.
2. Members shall be notified in advance of the nomination period. The nomination period will occur during the full month of November during an Election Year. Any member may nominate a candidate for office provided they are in good standing with The Club and the member has agreed to the nomination.
3. After the nomination period has closed, members will receive notice of a slate of nominees, their right to cast votes, the time frame of the voting process and the meeting when the election process will occur. Members will have the right to nominate a candidate at the Election Meeting, but the Election meeting will not be delayed by floor nominations. Pending any unforeseen delays, this meeting will be held in December or as soon as possible thereafter. In the event of an Election Meeting delay, all current Officers and Board Members will continue to serve in their role until the Election process is completed.
4. After the Election Meeting, Officers and Board Members will be installed effective the first day of the following month.
5. From time-to-time difficulty may arise based on conditions beyond the control of The Club to follow approved election timelines. Should this occur, members will be notified of the revised procedure.

Article 8 – Committees

1. Committees may be appointed to research and/or complete certain projects. All members will be encouraged to participate on committees should they wish to. Committees will be formed by the Officers of The Club.

Article 9 – Removal From Office

1. Any elected Officer or Board Member may be removed from duties if found to have acted in any way that put their own interests in front of that of The Club, allowed a dangerous environment to exist on the grounds of The Club, demonstrates conduct unbecoming of an Officer, misuses The Club funds or fails to attend at least 75% of scheduled regular monthly meetings.
2. Termination as an Officer may or may not result in membership termination at the discretion of the remaining Officers and membership.

Article 10 – Meetings

1. The Club shall schedule regular monthly meetings. The meetings will be posted on the events calendar and members are encouraged to attend.
2. The order of business shall be:
 - (a): Calling of the meeting to order.
 - (b): Roll call of Officers and Board Members.
 - (c): Members in attendance introductions.
 - (d): Confirmation of a Quorum.
 - (e): Reading of prior meeting minutes.
 - (f): Treasurer report.
 - (g): Discuss unfinished business.
 - (h): New business.
 - (i): Elections, when required.
 - (j): Adjournment.

Business conducted by The Club during meetings will undergo the required motion and approval process

Article 11 - Quorum/Special Meetings

1. A Quorum is required for The Club to conduct business at regular monthly and special meetings.
2. A Quorum is defined as at least 7 members including 4 Officers. Officers unable to attend a meeting may vote by proxy.
3. If after two (2) consecutive meetings a Quorum was not attained, a contingency allowing the club to perform its duties shall be instituted. The contingency allows official voting to occur when at least seven (7) members in good standing are at the at the second meeting.
4. A Special meeting may be called by the President or by petition of five (5) members in good standing to address a need of The Club. Members will receive advance notice of any such meeting and its sole purpose. A Special meeting will require existing Quorum Rules be followed.

Article 12 - Membership

1. Any U.S. citizen is eligible for membership after completing the required membership form, proof of identity, submission of required dues and approval by the members in good standing at a regular monthly meeting.
2. Types of membership are as follows:
 - (a): Adult membership will be issued to those persons who have reached the age of eighteen (18) years.
 - (b): Persons entering The Club facilities under the age of eighteen (18) years must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian with a membership in good standing. The member is fully responsible for their minor following The Club rules and all gun safety protocols.
3. Any member may be expelled for cause provided the member has been properly notified and received details of the impending reason for termination at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which such action will be voted on.

4. Cause may be defined as, but not limited to, destruction or unauthorized use of club property, not following club rules, not respecting other club members and guests, not following safe use of a firearm, endangering other club members and guests.
5. Guest passes will be available for purchase from The Club. The member is fully responsible for their guest(s) following The Club rules and all gun safety protocols.

Article 13 - Dues

1. Adult annual membership dues will be proposed by the Executive Committee and presented for approval by a majority vote at a regular monthly meeting.
2. The annual membership shall expire on December 31st each year irrespective of the month a new member joined the club.

Article 14 - Amendments

1. Any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of The Club must be proposed in writing and approved by two thirds (2/3) majority vote at two (2) consecutive official meetings.

***The Fleetwood Fish and Game, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws have been revised on
January 4, 2022***

Amendment #1:

Article 12 – Membership: Section 1

1. Any U.S. citizen or valid Green Card holder is eligible for membership after completing the required membership form, proof of identity, submission of required dues and approval by the members in good standing at a regular monthly meeting.

Amendment #2

Article 15 – Indemnification

The Club shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or has served at any time as an officer, director, member or volunteer of The Club against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgements, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity: provided that no indemnification shall be provided with respect to any matter as to which he or she have finally been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the The Club.

Dated: