

Sportsman Trails

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President's Corner



By Bill Blackburn

In this issue of Sportsmen's Trails, is the proposed revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the BGSL. This will be read and discussed on 1 April 2008. Many of the changes are simply updates to reflect our policy changes over the past 60 years. Some changes are to committee name and structure as well as duties. Many people have worked long hours on these revisions and I would like to personally thank eve-

ryone responsible including all of the Board of Officers and Directors. Please come to the meeting on 12 April and exercise your right to vote on these changes.

Classes are scheduled and are being scheduled for NRA certified range officers. If you would like to get in one of these classes please contact Brandon Ironmonger. We can use all the volunteer help we can get.

Bill

From the BGSL Chaplain



By Rev. Tom Cottingim

Have you taken an inventory recently of all that you have? I have been working on one of my own and I have discovered that I am rich. Don't get all excited and start looking for my phone number to call and ask for a loan just yet. Keep reading and let me explain.

First of all, my inventory made it clear that I have everything I have ever wanted, plus some stuff I didn't know I wanted. For instance, I have more vehicles than I can drive, including my old pickup, an even older van called Lazarus (it's a long story) and a car with 251,000 miles on it. Next is my flintlock, which has two small chips out of the stock (another story). Then there are my fly rods, especially the new 3 weight *G. Loomis* that a very dear friend gave me as a gift. The inventory shows enough camping gear to outfit a platoon, all of which has survived more than one major storm. In short, there is nothing I really need, or even want, that I don't already have.

As impressed as I am with all things listed above,

they are not the stuff of riches. Oh, yes, I enjoy them and value them, but when I am gone they will amount to no more than a good yard sale. Let me tell you what makes me rich. My wealth starts with my family: my wife who puts up with me; my children who constantly amaze me with their goodness and their love; and my grandchildren who melt me into a puddle with just a smile. Then there is *Lansdowne Church*, whose members have worked with me, encouraged me, and loved me for ten years now. In the same way, there is BGSL, whose members have made room for me as Chaplain, allowed me to care for them, and have cared for me in return. My inventory includes a set of friends, whom I cannot possibly list in the space I have here, who seem happy to spend time with me as we share in each other's lives.

I told you I am rich! Are you? Have you taken an inventory lately? You really should; and when you do, don't forget to include me among those who you name as friend. See you at the club.

Blessings,
Tom



Morgan's Meanderings

by Terry Morgan

Well, here it is almost Spring and now that the weather is hinting at some promise of good shooting weather, everyone is anxious to know what is going on at the BGSL ranges and how it is going to affect themselves. I hate to think about all the new guns and scopes and other gadgets that have been lying about, waiting for the right time to jump in the vehicle and go play. What follows is an attempt to answer some of those questions you might have and to give you a better impression of what is currently going on and hopefully what will transpire in the near future.

You have already heard it said that the club is proceeding as rapidly as possible to make your ranges available to you and I will attest to that fact. You must keep in mind that a lot of the information needed to make decisions has to come from sources other than within the club and therefore those sources may not exude the same high energy and anxiety level that the club members have shown in order to solve these problems and move things along at a rapid pace. I, for one, must commend all those who have put forth a heroic effort so far in accomplishing what so far has been done in record time. I am sure you will see the same sustained rate of accomplishment as forward progress is made. Since you will not be reading this prior to April



1st, I will have to speak of past as well as future events.

Planned opening of the new rifle "Tubes" which have been placed on the General Purpose Range is Easter Weekend (March 22nd and 23rd) and then on each weekend after that until further notice is made. Hours from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM are

going to be observed. You will find a Range Safety Officer posted during operating hours and you will find some new rules posted for use of these tubes. At present there are only two tubes installed and that will probably be the extent of it unless people really like them and there is a "hue and cry" for additional tubes. At this point in time, the tubes are meant to be the fastest way to get people back on the range until further efforts can be put in place to broaden the scope of users. Brandon Ironmonger and his Training Committee are putting Range Safety Officer classes in place as we speak, and doing their best to get volunteers to man the range during operating hours. I think the pictures make things pretty self evident. The shooters end of the tubes can be opened and closed by the Range Officer when he or she deems it necessary. The covers are mounted on a barn door rail and open and close simultaneously for both tubes. The same



Klaxon horns and lights will be used as before. At this time, no other



part of the GP range is authorized for use. Your rifle must be inserted



time building/repairing target frames. Here is a view of what the shooter will see as they aim down the tube.

Phase II will commence very soon. This phase will consist of building a type of shed over the portion of the GP range that is now used by the short range pistol shooter. That would be the left or west end of the range which currently has a 15 yard berm. This shed will not only provide shade for the shooters but will have a baffle or brim area which will contain accidental misfires above the horizontal. This containment will occur because of the layers of plywood and steel that will be contained within that baffle. Should someone accidentally release a round above the horizontal plane, the round will be either contained in the baffle or deflected to the berm or ground. Phase II is obviously an attempt to get those pistol shooters who do not participate in the events held in the practical pistol pits back in business as quickly as possible. Keep tuned to the web site for further developments on this construction and use of the General Purpose Range.

I think it would be well to note that we have requested an NRA team to come and reevaluate our efforts and ideas but we do not know when they will arrive. Remember, they are volunteers at their jobs just like we are and we cannot make demands on them to suit our needs. Because of this potential delay, President Blackburn is consulting with a very prominent range designer who might be able to get us moving faster than the NRA can if it turns out we can afford him. If nothing else, he can probably get us started in a direction which will allow us to go forward without having recriminations as to whether we are doing the right things or not and worrying about having to redo things after we get started into them. Doing these things properly and being able to convince a court (should the case ever arise) that we have done everything that we can be expected to do to provide a safe range is mandatory. You can bet that all these efforts are going to be very expensive and our treasurer, John Ruland, is doing his best to come up with ideas about where we can get the money to carry through on these projects.

Below is a simulation of the pistol shed you will find going up on the GP range. The long baffle (overhang) to the right is approximately six feet from the grade and will be made up of a sandwich of plywood and steel. As you might imagine from the distance from the firing line to the baffle edge, you will not be able to fire above the top of the berm unless you are lying prone on the ground. This could be



problematic with very young shooters. We will have to keep a sharp eye out. Keep posted to the web for further developments.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The League is hereby named and hereafter shall be known as

BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS

The objects of this League are as follows:

- (1) To maintain the honor, dignity, and ethics of good sportsmanship among the members of this League.
- (2) To inoculate into the minds of the members of this League that the greatest care should at all times be exercised by them while enjoying the privileges of hunting and fishing upon the property of other persons, thereby eliminating the possibility of damage to fences, crops, livestock, and property of the landowners by fire, firearms and otherwise.
- (3) To cultivate interaction, acquaintance, friendliness and cooperation among the members of the League, merchants, business men, farmers, and landowners of Central Kentucky and the public, generally.
- (4) To increase the usefulness of Central Kentucky sportsmen along scientific and educational lines in the advancement, protection, propagation and conservation of fish, game, insectivorous birds and all wildlife, and to improve the natural resources of Central Kentucky, to provide Hunter Safety Education, and to provide and to encourage youth Conservation education.
- (5) To improve wildlife environment in Central Kentucky by the restoration and reversion of certain rough areas, sink holes, and uncultivated lands to wildlife habitats in order that there will be an abundance of game for those sportsmen who desire to spend their time afield with gun and dog on the level and rolling land which abounds in and around the Bluegrass Region.
- (6) To acquire the use of suitable land to be stocked with quail for the purpose of training and working bird dogs of the members of the League.
- (7) To discourage the pollution of all streams and encourage the purification of the waters thereof, thereby providing a greater quantity of wholesome food and an enjoyable sport for all persons desiring to fish along the scenic banks of our meandering streams that nature has so abundantly provided in Central Kentucky.
- (8) To promote the stocking of farm ponds, lakes and streams with fish of the species most likely to thrive in such waters.
- (9) To acquire the use of suitable land necessary to promote the desired projects of the League, such as skeet, trap, rifle, and pistol shooting, archery, casting, field trials, sportsmen's shows, and other sporting activities that may be conducive to the entertainment, health and happiness of the members and assure the success of the League.
- (10) To retain active membership in the League of Kentucky Sportsmen and through our joint efforts and in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, promote a constructive program for better hunting and fishing and the development of the natural resources of Kentucky so that it may again become "The Happy Hunting Ground" and the "Fisherman Paradise" and the Mecca of all true sportsmen.
- (11) To promote the strict observance of all game and fish laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and lend full cooperation to the Department of Fish and Wildlife in bringing to justice persons guilty of the willful violation of such laws.
- (12) It shall be the purpose of the League to [~~sponsor Junior Conservation Clubs in order that the members of such clubs~~] **mentor youth in order that they** may become imbued with the ethics of good sportsmanship and familiar with the objects and purposes herein contained and qualified for membership in this League upon attaining their [~~seventeenth~~] **eighteenth** birthday.

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(13) To do any and all things necessary, proper and requisite to fully carry out the objects and purposes of this League as herein enumerated. To give scientific study and to take constructive action in developing the natural resources of the Bluegrass Region and to solicit the cooperation and financial support of the farmers, merchants and businessmen of the Bluegrass Region and respectfully seek the wholehearted cooperation on the part of all civic clubs, organizations and persons who subscribe to the program of this League of Blue Grass Sportsmen.

ARTICLE III

GOVERNMENT OF THE LEAGUE

The management and control of all the business of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League shall be and is hereby vested in a Board of Officers and Directors as follows:

(1) OFFICERS

The Officers shall be a President, an Immediate past President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Their Term of Office shall be one year. They may be elected for succeeding years. They each shall have one vote.

(2) DIRECTORS

The Directors shall consist of two Directors from each authorized Sports Division and in addition thereto, five (5) Directors-at-Large who shall be elected from the floor at the regular Annual Meeting. They shall each have one vote. Their term of office shall be one year. They may be elected for succeeding years. The two Directors from each authorized Sports Division shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of their own Authorized Sports Division. They shall be presented to the President of the League in writing [~~within (30) thirty days after~~] **thirty days prior to** the beginning of the fiscal year. Their election shall be certified by the President of the authorized Sports Division from which they are elected. Each Sports Division shall also elect a Vice President to the League. Each such Vice President may speak at the meeting of the Board; however they shall have no vote unless one or more of the Directors from that Division shall be absent. They may then vote. ***The Board of Officers and Directors shall fill all vacancies, ad interim, except Delegates, Director and Alternates to the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, but tenure of office so filled shall not extend beyond the regular term.***

(3) MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

All officers and Directors shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The President of the League shall preside and the Secretary of the League shall act as Secretary. If the President be absent the Secretary of the League shall preside and a member present be appointed as Acting Secretary. If the Secretary also be absent, the Treasurer shall preside with the Acting Secretary to be appointed as above. Should the Treasurer be absent, the Immediate Past President shall preside, the Secretary appointed as above. The Presiding officer shall vote only in the event of a tie vote in which case his vote will be the deciding vote.

(4) QUORUM

One Officer and ten (10) Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

ARTICLE IV

FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year of this League shall begin at 12:01 AM September 1 of each year and close at 12:00 o'clock Midnight August 31st of each year. All books and records of the League for the Fiscal Year ending shall be submitted for audit to a person or firm designated by the Finance Committee and the results of such audit shall be submitted to the [~~membership at the meeting to be held in October each year as provided in Article V~~] ***Board of Directors meeting to be held in November of each year.***

ARTICLE V

REGULAR ANNUAL MEETINGS

The regular Annual meeting of the League shall be held on the First Tuesday in September of each year. The Treasurer's report will be audited and presented at the [~~October~~] ***December*** meeting of each year.

ARTICLE VI

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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(1) At the August general membership meeting, a nominating committee comprised of the Vice Presidents of each Sports Division and two (2) members from the general membership, appointed by the President, shall present to the general membership a slate of candidates for President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least five (5) Directors-at-Large. ***The Nominating Committee shall elect, by majority vote, a member of the committee to serve as its Chairman.***

(2) At the regular Annual meeting in September, additional candidates may be nominated from the Floor and then a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Five (5) Directors-at-Large shall be elected. A plurality vote of members present and voting shall be necessary to elect each officer and the Five Directors at Large who receive the most votes shall be elected.

(3) The Officers of the League shall be nominated in this order: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors-At-Large. A single ballot shall be provided to each member having a valid membership card or member certified by the ~~Executive Secretary~~ ***Nominating Committee Chairman*** as being a valid member. All candidates shall be voted at once on this single ballot and the ballots tallied by the committee of tellers.

(4) The Nominating Committee shall act as tellers and appoint such other members as they shall deem necessary.

ARTICLE VII

MONTHLY MEETINGS

(1) This League shall hold regular monthly meetings at the time and place fixed under the By-Laws of this League.

(2) It shall be the duty of each Officer and Director of the League to attend all regular monthly and special meetings of the League and all meetings of the Board of Officers and Directors of which he is a member and of which he is given notice.

ARTICLE VIII

SPECIAL MEETINGS

(1) The President may call Special meetings of the League at any time, or upon request of a majority of the Board of Officers and Directors, or upon the written request of twenty-five (25) members of the League. The President shall call a Special Meeting and the Secretary shall mail notice to the last known address of each member of the League.

(2) At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except such as shall have been specified in the call.

(2) Fifty (50) members shall constitute a quorum for all regular meetings and fifty (50) members shall be required for all Special Meetings.

ARTICLE IX

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

(1) This League shall be the sole judge of the qualification of its members.

(2) All persons who apply for membership must ~~sign a written application and be recommended by two members of this League, one of whom shall be an Officer or a Director. Such new member must, when invited, appear before a membership Chairman~~ ***appear before the membership committee*** and when certified, shall pay such initiation fee and annual dues as prescribed in the By-Laws and shall be considered to be in good standing for a period of one year. No one shall be received as a member of this League until attaining his or her eighteenth birthday.

The child of a member, on attaining his or her ~~seventeenth birthday ceases to be a family member and must apply for individual membership. He or she will not be required to pay an initiation fee if applied for within six months of his or her 18th birthday~~ ***eighteenth birthday ceases to be a BGSL family member and must apply for individual membership. Full-time students may continue as BGSL family member while enrolled as a dependant, full-time student, or upon obtaining age 24 years. He or she will not be required to pay an initiation fee if applied for within six months of losing family membership status.***

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(3) Any member failing or refusing to pay his annual dues for a period of ~~sixty~~ **ninety** days after due and payable shall be dropped from membership. Should a member be dropped for non-payment of dues **and later** desire to renew his membership, he must file application as a new member.

~~(4) [Should a member continue to use the facilities of the League after having been dropped from membership, he shall be required to pay a double initiation fee prior to rejoining. Should he continue to use the facilities of the League for a period of one year or more after being dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, he shall not be permitted to rejoin the League ever].~~ ***Should a former member continue to use the facilities of the League after having been dropped from membership, he shall be considered a trespasser. Such person may petition the Board of Directors for reinstatement.***

(5) Let it be the standing policy of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League to allow its members to mentor ~~[the] youth [of the shooting sports world]~~ on the Handy's Bend grounds at no cost to either. Youth under the age of 18 should be considered junior sportsmen and be allowed access to this facility as guests of the mentoring member. ~~[and]~~ ***They*** shall count as a guest of said member under Section 7 of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League By- Laws. All ***other*** guest rules and regulations ~~[stand and each junior counts as 1 of the member's guests. The only exception is the guest fee]~~ ***apply.***

ARTICLE X

TRIAL COMMITTEE

(1) The League does hereby constitute the Board of Officers and Directors a Trial Committee with full power to hear and determine all grievances and complaints between the League and its members.

(2) The accused shall be given five days notice of the time and place of the hearing to be had by the committee, and full opportunity to be heard in person and/or by counsel. The trial shall be conducted and the guilt or innocence of the accused determined in accordance with the regulations and penalties provided in the By-Laws of this League.

(3) A permanent record of decisions of the trial committee shall be kept under seal in order that precedent for like offenses may be followed.

(4) Should the nature of an offense be serious enough to warrant expulsion from the League, that offender shall be banned from the premises and BGSL events.

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ARTICLE XI

FRIENDS AND SPONSORS

This League may provide by law for the proper recognition and acknowledgement of all valuable services or financial aid voluntarily given by individuals, civic clubs, organizations and business firms solely as friends and sponsors of the programs of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, but such friends and sponsors shall possess no voting power in the affairs of the League.

ARTICLE XII

DUES

The League shall fix by law the amount of the annual dues to be paid by its members.

ARTICLE XIII

RELIGION AND POLITICS

This League shall be conducted upon a strictly non-partisan basis and no action shall be taken upon any religious subject or endorsement given to any political party or candidate. However, this League shall permit full discussion of the platform of political parties and individual candidates pertaining to the Commission on Wildlife Resources and the Department of Conservation, now conducted as a non-partisan agency of our State Government, and may endorse or oppose any measures or movements affecting said agency and the wildlife and conservation programs of this League.

ARTICLE XIV

RIGHT TO ENACT BY-LAWS

The League shall have the full power to enact any and all By-laws necessary for the proper conduct of its business, which are not in conflict with the spirit and letter of this Constitution. The League shall define by law certain specific duties of the President, Secretary and Treasurer and Vice Presidents from Divisions. The League may provide by law for the appointment of all necessary regular and special committees and fix their terms and define their duties and provide for their removal.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

A club member may offer an amendment in writing to the League Constitution or By-Laws by reading it at a regular club meeting, having it seconded, discussed and voted; a majority vote of the members present is required for preliminary acceptance. An amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws may also be presented to the membership, at a regular club meeting, by the Board of Officers and Directors, if approved by a majority vote of the Officers and Directors present at a Board meeting. Whether the motion is offered by the membership or by the Board of Directors, it is read in its entirety by the author of the amendment or their representative at the next club meeting at which regular business is conducted. This second presentation is without debate. If the offered amendment is not read at this second meeting, the proposed amendment is automatically withdrawn. The offered amendment shall be published *on the BGSL members website and* in the monthly Bulletin of the League a minimum of one (1) time between the initial reading and the third meeting. At the third consecutive meeting at which regular business is conducted, it is read in its entirety, by the author of the amendment or their representative, debated fully and then voted upon. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present is required for passage of a Constitutional amendment. A majority vote of the members present is required for passage of a By-Law amendment. If a Constitutional amendment fails to carry, it shall not be offered again for a period of one year. If a By-Law amendment fails, it shall not be offered again for a period of three months. An amendment to the Constitution or By-laws shall not take effect until published in the next monthly Bulletin of the League unless especially mandated by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting at which the amendment was passed.

ARTICLE XVI

ADOPTION OF SEAL

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This League may provide by law for the adoption of a seal bearing the name "BLUE GRASS SPORTSMEN'S LEAGUE" to be affixed by the Secretary to all letters and documents required to be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

ARTICLE XVII

MEMBERS TO HAVE NO VESTED INTEREST IN PROPERTY OF LEAGUE

Upon the death, suspension, expulsion or voluntary withdrawal of any member from the League, he shall lose and forfeit any and all rights, privileges and interest which he may theretofore have had as a member in, and to all benefits, assets and properties of this League and same shall immediately vest in the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. The Board of Officers and Directors shall designate the site of any and all improvements on League Property and said improvements shall become the property of the League unless the Board of Officers and Directors shall specify otherwise.

ARTICLE XVIII

REPEAL OF FORMER CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, and thereafter any Constitution heretofore enacted by the League shall become null and void. The rights of this League and each member thereof shall be fixed and determined by this Constitution and By- Laws, subject to all repeals, changes, amendments and conditions that may from time to time be made by this League.

ARTICLE XIX

SPORTS DIVISION

(1) In order for a "Sports Division" to become active, it must submit to the Board of Officers and Directors for ~~consideration~~ ~~A list of the officers to serve/direct the proposed "Sports Division". [The members will include the] President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. A list of members in good standing [as BGSL members who wish to become members of the proposed "Sports Division" immediately upon approval of same. A statement of the intended purpose of the proposed division, its activities to be conducted & the overall scope of the intention of the proposed division].~~ **approval: a list of the officers to serve/direct the proposed "Sports Division" to include a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, a list of BGSL members in good standing who wish to become members of the proposed "Sports Division", a statement of the purpose of the division, activities to be conducted, scope of the division, and a fiscal plan for maintaining and sustaining capital assets.**

Proof of the Division membership must be furnished at any time at the request of any of the Officers of the League.

(2) ***The following provision is to remain in effect and in full force except where it applies to vacancies that exist within an authorized Sports Division.***

(a) ***Where vacancies of any nature or position exist in an authorized sports division, the members of that particular division are to fill said vacancy within thirty days after said vacancy is created.***

(3) If the Board of Officers and Directors by majority vote determine that an authorized sports division has not conducted at least one authorized activity within a year and every year, then the Board of Officers and Directors must vote said division be inactive and its Directors cease to serve.

(4) When a "Sports Division" becomes inactive in the judgment of the Board of Officers and Directors by a majority vote of the Board, then the directorship shall cease to exist as to that particular authorized sports division and its assets shall revert to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League.

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B Y - L A W S

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1

The order of business at each regular meeting of this League shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to order
- (2) Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
- (3) Reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting
- (4) Treasurer's Report
- (5) Admission of new members
- (6) Reports of Dignitaries
- (7) Deferred Business
- (8) New Business
- (9) Program
- (10) Adjourn

This order of business may be changed or any part dispensed with by a vote of a majority of the members present.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 2

PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this League, enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws and exact rigid compliance to the rules and customs of this League, to see that all Officers and Committees perform their respective duties, give the deciding vote on all matters before the League when a tie may occur, except at the election of Officers and Directors, direct the Secretary to call Special Meetings of the League when deemed advisable by the President, or when requested by a majority of the Board of Officers and Directors, or upon written request of (25) Twenty-five members of the League, countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer, or ordered by a vote of the League or the board of Officers and Directors. He shall cause full and final reports to be prepared by all Officers to be submitted at the regular Annual Meeting of the League. Immediately after his installation he shall appoint the following committees or fill vacancies on committees left by members having fulfilled their appointed terms.

1. COMMITTEE ON **FARM**, WILDLIFE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
2. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
3. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
4. ~~FARM~~ COMMITTEE **ON MEMBERSHIP**
5. COMMITTEE ON CLUB HOUSE AND LODGE
6. COMMITTEE ON SECURITY
7. YOUTH COMMITTEE
8. **COMMITTEE ON TRAINING**

The President shall appoint such other Committees, as may be deemed necessary and expedient to carry out the programs of this League. He shall perform such other duties as the League and his office shall require.

SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the League, conduct the correspondence of the League, notify all members of Special meetings when ordered to do so by the President, attest all orders drawn on the Treasury by a vote of the League and hold his books and papers at all times in readiness for inspection by the Board of Officers and Directors, or other persons authorized to make such inspections by this League. He shall prepare and present at each regular meeting a report of the minutes of the previous meeting and of the previous Board of Officers and Directors meeting and prepare such full and final report of the business transacted by the League for the Past Term and submit same at the Annual Meeting of the League. He shall perform such other duties as the League or his office shall require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor in office immediately at the expiration of his term, all books, papers or other property in his possession belonging to his office and this League. The Secretary of the League shall maintain the Fiscal Policy and All adopted Policies of the League, with the Constitution and By-Laws of the League.

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TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep just and true accounts between the League and its members, and upon payment of the annual dues issue to the member his membership card, he shall receive all moneys due the League, credit the accounts paid, and issue proper receipts. Therefore and thereafter deposit in the bank designated as the depository by the Board of Officers and Directors in the name of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League all moneys collected by him, he shall pay all orders drawn on him by vote of the League, when properly attested by the Secretary, and he shall pay all bills authorized, approved or ordered paid by the Board of Officers and Directors. All bills shall be paid by check of the Treasurer, countersigned by the President. He shall submit to the League monthly statements of all receipts, expenditures and balance on hand. He shall keep his books and papers at all times in readiness for inspection by the Board of Officers and Directors, or other persons authorized to make such inspection by the League. He shall prepare a full and complete report and submit same at the meeting following the Annual Meeting of the League showing all funds received and expended during his term. He shall deliver up to his successor in office all moneys, books, papers, and other property of his office belonging to the League. He shall furnish a bond approved by the Board of Officers and Directors for such sum as they may direct, the premium on which bond shall be paid out of the funds of the League. He shall perform such other duties as may be directed or required of him or his office.

The Treasurer's report given at the regular monthly meeting be inclusive of the totals only for:

- A. Total Income
- B. Total Expenditures
- C. Total of all balances for checking and investment accounts
- D. Total Assets / Total liabilities

And the Treasurer's report will be posted in a highly visible place during the general membership meeting.

DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SECTION 3.

FARM, WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The ~~[Farm]~~ Committee is charged with the responsibility of managing the farm and all its operations, alternating the planting plots, deciding on which crops to plant, supervising the planting, growing, and harvesting of the crops, and guiding the operations to their fulfillment. This committee will insure that the land and its capital improvements are managed in the best interest of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League in keeping with good land use, wildlife development, and recreational use as needed by its members. ***This committee is responsible for auditing the wildlife populations on League property, researching and advising the Board of Officers and Directors on any surplus or deficiency, disease states or excessive predation. They may bring before the Board any experts in the required fields for guidance; however, should a fee for service be required, said fee should be approved by the President. This committee is also charged with resource management, timber, minerals, water, pollution, or any other resources on League property. It shall monitor road conditions and make recommendations to the Board of Officers and Directors of any needed action.*** The Farm ***and Wildlife*** Committee will be funded through the Board of Officers and Directors. All expenses will be paid from the BGSJ general fund and all income be deposited into the same account. This committee is comprised of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, ~~[an Administrator]~~ ***the Operations Manager*** and two other members. Their terms of office shall be staggered such that only two shall expire each year. They may be reappointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Officers and Directors. ~~[The Committee Chairman and the Administrator shall be bonded in an amount specified by the Board of Officers and Directors and the Bond shall be paid from the Farm account.]~~

COMMITTEE ON SECURITY

The committee on Security is comprised of the Directors at Large; the chairman *is* appointed by the President. The Committee is charged with the responsibility to monitor the Security of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League property ~~[supervise the Security personnel and equipment]~~, and make recommendations to the Board. ~~[regarding hiring, firing, wages, hours, dress and conduct of the Security personnel. Any compliments may be directed to the Operations personnel personally, however, any criticisms shall be submitted in writing to the [committee chairman] Operations Manager.]~~ Any special equipment needed ***for the security of the League*** shall be recommended to the Board for its approval. ~~[Any maintenance on the Security headquarters shall also be recommended to the Board for its approval.]~~

Operations Manager shall report any and all security issues in detail to the Security Committee.

The Committee shall also be responsible for reviewing all League rule and policy infractions. The Committee shall advise the Board of the infraction and the Committee's recommendations on the action to be taken. The Board shall then have final approval and implement actions to be taken.

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COMMITTEE ON ~~[WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURE MANAGEMENT]~~ MEMBERSHIP

~~[This committee is comprised of a Chairman and four additional members appointed by the President in such manner that the term of duty of two of the members expires each year. They may be appointed for additional terms. The committee is charged with the responsibility of auditing the wildlife populations on League property, researching and advising the Board of Officers and Directors on any surplus or deficiency, disease states or excessive predation. They may bring before the Board any experts in the required field for guidance, however, should fee for service be required, said fee should be approved by the President. This committee is also charged with resource management, timber, minerals, water, pollution, or any other resources on League property not explicitly assigned to the Farm Committee. This committee is advisory in nature and will specifically act only when authorized by the Board of Officers and Directors.]~~ **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The committee is comprised of a Chairman and four additional members appointed by the President in such a manner that the term of duty of two of the members expire each year. They may be appointed for additional terms. Additional Committee members may be appointed as needed by the Chairman with approval by the League President. The committee is charged with orientation of new members. Additional duties of the committee shall be;

- 1. The recruitment of new members, including formulating and recommending to the Board of Directors new recruiting plans and policies.*
- 2. Monitoring the Membership Status list and contacting members whose dues are in arrears to attempt through personal contact to retain those members.*
- 3. Monitor and recommend to the Board, policy procedures, Bylaws changes, or Constitutional Amendments needed by the League pertaining to membership status, Member identification, and Member access to League facilities.*
- 4. Performance of any others tasks pertaining to membership as directed by President of the League or Board of Directors.*

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This committee is comprised of a chairman and four additional members appointed by the President. Its term is one year. It is charged with the responsibility of researching the Constitution and By-Laws and recommending to the Board of Officers and Directors any proposed changes. It is also charged with the responsibility to aid in the wording of any changes recommended by the Board or offered from the general membership. It shall not change the meaning or intent of any such recommended change but shall bring into agreement any other article or chapter that is affected by such proposed change.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

This committee is comprised of a Chairman and two additional members appointed by the President in such manner that one member's term expire each year. He may be reappointed. The committee is charged with the responsibility of examining the sources of income of the League, examining the expenses of the League, investing any surplus moneys of the League, with express permission of the Board, and advising the Board of Officers and Directors of any action deemed appropriate. Should any moneys be invested, a check shall be written by the Treasurer, countersigned by the President, to said investment institution. The committee will follow the progress of the investment and advise the Board of Officers and Directors periodically. Said investment with its interest, if any, shall eventually be re-deposited in the general fund.

COMMITTEE ON CLUB HOUSE AND LODGE

~~This committee is comprised of a Chairman and four members appointed by the President. Their term shall be one year. Any or all may be reappointed. The committee is charged with the maintenance, cleanliness, and decor of the Clubhouse, [and Lodge. It is to supervise periodic cleaning, painting and general maintenance. It is to recommend, and when approved, obtain necessary supplies. It is to pass judgement and approve or disapprove the hanging or display of all paintings, etchings, photos, wildlife mounts, trophies and memorabilia so that the decor of our Clubhouse and Lodge is protected and maintained at all times. Wives of members may be appointed to this committee with full voting power.]~~ ***Lodge and non-divisional facilities.***

YOUTH COMMITTEE

This committee is comprised of a chairman and three additional members appointed by the President in such a manner that the term of duty of two of the members expires each year. They may be appointed for additional terms. The committee is charged with the responsibility of organizing youth activities as they relate to Article II (Objects) of the constitution and By-Laws of the Blue Grass

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Sportsmen's League. This committee will be pro-active and will be funded by and report to and carry out the directives of the Board of Officers and Directors.

COMMITTEE ON TRAINING

The committee is comprised of a Chairman and four additional members appointed by the president in such a manner that the term of duty of two of the members expire each year. They may be appointed for additional terms. It will provide instructional opportunities to enhance safety, skills, sportsmanship, and to aid in the recruitment of new members.

SECTION 4

REMOVAL OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(1) It shall be the duty of permanent committee members to attend each regular meeting of this League.

(2) Any member of a permanent committee who fails to attend three consecutive committee meetings, unless prevented by illness or other cause acceptable to the board, shall become automatically removed from such standing committee and his successor shall be appointed by the President to serve until the following annual meeting of the League, unless sooner terminated, under conditions similar to those requiring removal of his predecessor.

SECTION 5

REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President may, with the approval of the Board of Officers and Directors, with or without cause, dismiss any Special Committee, or member thereof, when it is considered that the services of such Committee or member thereof have been completed or are no longer needed.

SECTION 6

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AS EMPLOYEES

No Officer or Director may be an employee of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League.

SECTION 7

DUES

The annual dues of members of this League shall be ***One Hundred Twenty-Five*** [(\$400.00)] ***(\$125.00)*** Dollars and shall be payable upon acceptance by the Membership Chairman or, if renewal, upon the anniversary date each year, and when paid, shall place a member in good standing for one year. [~~The membership of this League shall be closed at two thousand and five hundred (2500) members. The initiation fee shall be set by the Board of Officers and Directors. A Life Membership will be offered at 17 times the dues rate for General Membership. A member in good standing may bring guests to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League at any time. He is responsible for their supervision and their conduct. Should said guest utilize the shooting facilities of BGSL, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzle Loader, Archery, or fish in its water, excluding the Kentucky River, he shall pay to the BGSL a daily fee, said fee to be set by the Board of Officers and Directors. A member may not supervise more than two guests simultaneously. A member sponsoring a guest who uses the shooting facilities or fishes in our waters and who has an invalid guest pass or no guest pass shall be charged and be required to pay double the guest fee and failing to do so they shall be subject to action from the Board of Directors.~~

~~A member or spouse while on BGSL property shall have in his or her possession a valid membership card. If utilizing the shooting ranges or fishing in the club lake, said membership card must be visibly displayed on the external clothing. If member and spouse are both on BGSL property, one must possess the card, preferably the one utilizing shooting ranges or lake, if either. Failure of either to have card in possession will result in expulsion from club grounds.] ***A Life Membership will be offered at 17 times the dues rate for General Membership.***~~

MEMBERSHIP CAP

The membership of this League shall be closed at three thousand (3000) members.

INITIATION FEES

The initiation fee shall be set by the Board of Officers and Directors.

GUESTS

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A member in good standing may bring guests to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League. The member is responsible for the supervision and conduct of their guests. Should said guest utilize the shooting facilities of BGSL, horseback ride, or fish in its water, excluding the Kentucky River, he shall pay to the BGSL a daily fee, said fee to be set by the Board of Officers and Directors. A member may not supervise more than two guests simultaneously. A member found in violation of this section shall be charged and be required to pay double the guest fee, and shall be subject to further action from the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A member, while on BGSL property, shall have in his or her possession a valid membership card. If utilizing the shooting ranges, riding horses, or fishing in the club lake, the membership card must be visibly displayed on the external clothing. Failure to have the card in possession will result in expulsion from club grounds.

SECTION 8

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

TRIALS

Any member of this League accused of dishonesty, conduct reflecting discredit upon this League, drunkenness on League property, or conduct that threatens the safety of League members or the integrity of League property, shall be tried by the Board of Officers and Directors sitting as a trial committee, after giving the accused member five (5) days notice of the time and place of the hearing and the opportunity to be heard in person, and/or by counsel, and if found guilty of such charge, may be suspended for a definite period of not more than six months or expelled from the League, at the discretion of said trial committee. *A person subject to suspension or expulsion is barred from the premises.*

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs prior to or while using any range shall be prohibited. Parking lots and adjoining properties shall be considered part of the range. Should the use of alcohol or illicit drugs be detected on any individual using a range, that individual shall be required to leave the range.

The open consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs shall be prohibited in the presence of any minor on League property.

SECTION 9

SEAL

The League shall adopt a seal bearing the name "Blue Grass Sportsmen's League".

SECTION 10

DATE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at ~~7:30~~ 7:00 O'clock PM. However, by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, one or more regular subsequent meetings may be dispensed with or assigned a different date. The President may, due to severely inclement weather, cancel any meeting on short notice. The meeting shall take place in the Clubhouse on Handy's Bend Road unless otherwise announced by the President. The attendance of each of the Directors of Large will be taken at each General Membership meeting.

SECTION 11

EFFECTIVE DATE OF BY-LAWS

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These By-Laws shall take effect immediately upon their adoption by the Blue Grass Sportsman's League, and thereafter all By-Laws heretofore enacted by this League shall become null and void. The rights of this League and each member thereof shall be fixed and determined by the Constitution and By-Laws, subject to any and all repeals, changes, amendments and additions that may from time to time be made by this League.

SECTION 12

AUTHORIZATION TO INDEBT~~ED~~ THE LEAGUE

The Board of Officers and Directors of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League may, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and in order to carry out the purposes of the League, authorize and direct the officers thereof to borrow money and to execute liens, mortgages, and/or deeds of trust on any land or other assets of the League and pledge or hypothecate the stocks, bonds and other intangibles of the League in order to secure payment thereof. BGSL Board of Directors shall have, maintain and abide by a written Fiscal Policy.

SECTION 13

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TO INDEBT THE LEAGUE

All actions by the Board of Officers and Directors, or any person or persons authorized by said Board of Officers and Directors, to borrow money and incur the League for any and all sums to exceed five thousand (\$5000.00) dollars in aggregate amount shall be subject to approval by a majority of the membership at the next succeeding regular membership meeting, or at a Special meeting of the membership provided that notice of such special meeting shall have been given to all members of last known address at least five (5) days in advance. The Quorum shall be as specified under Article VIII, Part 3. of the Constitution.

SECTION 14

ROLL CALL VOTE AT BOARD MEETINGS

At all meetings of the Board of Officers and Directors, a roll call vote is mandatory if requested by any Officer or Director.

SECTION 15

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

A summary of the minutes of all Board of Officers and Directors meetings will be published in the Monthly Bulletin and will be read at the next general membership meeting. If material is sensitive and would be contrary to the best interests of the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, as determined by majority vote of the Board, its release will be withheld until such time as it will no longer be of consequence.

Section 16

IMPEACHMENT

Should any officer or director at large be found guilty of a felony, or should his/her behavior in office be so detrimental to the league as to require intervention or should he/she be found guilty of those offenses listed under trial, section 8, impeachment proceedings may be instituted. He/she must be accused, tried by the Board of Officers and Directors sitting as a trial committee after been given at least five (5) days notice of time and place of the hearing, and the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel, and if found guilty of such charges by a majority of the Trial Committee, impeachment shall be recommended. This impeachment must be ratified by at least two-thirds majority of the general membership, present and voting, at the next regular general membership meeting. If impeached said office shall then be filled as per section 3, ARTICLE VII of the constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 17

This League shall be governed in debate by Robert's Manual, where there is no special rule adopted by the League applying to the case in point.

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(1) Every member present shall vote on any question before this League unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the League, or is otherwise disqualified.

(2) The yeas and nays shall be recorded on any question when called for by five members.

(3) A motion to adjourn is not in order until the necessary business is transacted such as is set out under "Order of Business", Section 1 of the By-Laws.

(4) A member shall not speak or otherwise interrupt the business of this League when the minutes or other papers are being read, or when any member is speaking in debate.

(5) When a member speaks, he shall stand up and respectively address the President, and a member shall not disturb another in his speech unless to call him to order. Members shall confine themselves to questions under debate and avoid all personality and any reflection on this League or its members.

(6) A member misbehaving himself in a meeting of this League, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language or conduct, or by refusing obedience to the presiding officer shall be duly admonished for his offense by the chair, and if he offends again, he shall be dealt with as the League may determine.

(7) A member shall not speak more than once on a subject or question until all members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the President, or a vote of the League, which shall be taken without debate and a member while speaking, shall call another by his proper name.

(8) A motion shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated by the President.

(9) A motion for reconsideration shall not be received unless made and seconded and shall have passed over two regular meetings.

(10) The consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms, but to impugn the motives of those who propose or advocate it, is against order.

(11) The President or any other member doubting the decision of a question may call for a division of this League and a count of its affirmative or negative votes.

(12) A member from another League shall not be permitted to speak upon any subject under discussion unless by permission of the President or the League.

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