



DELANO SPORTSMENS CLUB
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CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the 'Delano Sportsmen's Club .

ARTICLE II — OFFICE

Section 1. The principal meeting place shall be the Clubhouse located on 4505 County Road 50, 1 1/2 miles NE of Delano.

ARTICLE III — OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The practice of true sportsmanship in hunting and fishing and the strenuous and unremitting opposition to illegal, destructive and unfair methods of taking game.

Section 2. Aid in restoration of devastated areas and constructive opposition to such artificial drainage as will injure or destroy any natural resource.

Section 3. To aid in the propagation of fish and game in Delano and vicinity.

Section 4. To purchase, construct and maintain public lake accesses.

Section 5. To provide facilities and instructors for firearms and conservation training to youth of Delano and the surrounding communities.

ARTICLE IV — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members are required to be US citizens or legal residents.

Section 2. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Section 3. You cannot be a convicted felon or otherwise forbidden by law to possess or use a firearm.

Section 4. If you have been or are convicted of a crime, other than a felony, precluding you from using a firearm you will not be allowed to use the range while prohibited by law.

Section 5. You cannot be a member of a subversive group or organization whose purpose it is to overthrow or undermine the United States Government.

Section 6. You will work for and support good sportsmanship in the pursuit of hunting and fishing and abide by State and Federal laws governing the same.

Section 7. Any person who supports the OBJECTIVES of the club shall be eligible for membership. Voting rights will be accorded to all members holding a current year dues card.

Section 8. Any person may be expelled, for just cause, from membership by a vote of the majority of the members present at any regular monthly meeting. A written notice detailing the reason and proposed action must be provided to the member five (5) days prior to such meeting.

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- Section 9 The dues of the club are payable on or before January 31 every year. Upon reaching the age of 70, if you have been a club member for 8 years, a member becomes a lifetime honorary member with full membership privileges. Honorary members are encouraged to volunteer if physically able to do so.
Member must notify person in charge of membership to let them know you qualify.

ARTICLE V — OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the Delano Sportsmen's Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors (3 previous presidents).

ARTICLE VI — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall preside and conduct the monthly club meeting in accordance with the agenda for said meeting. As the club's executive officer, the responsibilities include final approval of monies spent by the club and approval of other business pertinent to or on behalf of the operation of the club.
- Section 2. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President shall perform the duties as described in Article VI, Section 1..
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the monthly club meeting. A typed copy of the minutes shall be provided to the Club Newsletter Editor, in a timely manner, as specified by the editor, for publication in the next month's newsletter. The Secretary shall maintain files related to club correspondence and other documents pertaining to the operation of the club and/or other documents as requested by the President. The Secretary shall, at the request and direction of the President, prepare dues cards for mailing to the general membership in a timely manner to give members adequate time to comply with dues payment procedures. The Secretary will give all financial records to the Treasurer, who is responsible for maintaining all financial records of the club.
- Section 4 The Treasurer shall receive all monies and securities of the Club, give receipts for the same, deposit the funds in a bank to be approved by the Executive Board, shall keep such funds so deposited until paid out, give security for the faithful performance of those activities if required by the Executive Board, keep an account of all receipts and disbursements and submit a report monthly, or whenever called upon to do so by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall sign all checks, bills, and other documents of financial character, but only after same has been directed by the President and the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII — TERMS OF OFFICE

- Section 1. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for one year terms, but may hold office for an indefinite number of terms if so elected.
- Section 2. The Third Vice-President is elected annually and serves for one term. After the term is complete, the Third Vice-President automatically advances to become Second Vice-President, while the Second Vice-President and Vice President also advance with the Vice President becoming President. The President may retain the office for : Multiple consecutive term if for good reason the Vice-President cannot take the Office and the

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members ballot favorably. Otherwise the Second Vice-President takes office in which case a new Second Vice-President would also have to be elected.

Section 3. The Executive Board consists of all current club officers to include three past presidents.

ARTICLE VIII — MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meetings shall be held on the last Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. No meeting is held in December.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting, for election of officers, shall be held on the last Tuesday in January at 7:00 PM.

Section 3. The order of business for all meetings will be conducted as follows;

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Reading of previous meeting Minutes.
3. Presenting of Resolutions.
4. Reports of Officers.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Adoption of Resolutions.
9. Election of Officers (January Annual Meeting).
10. Adjournment.

ARTICLE IX — AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by the vote of a majority of those present at any regular meeting of the club members, PROVIDED

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| First: | That it has been presented in writing and subscribed by seven members, AND, |
| Second: | That it has been read at a previous meeting of the Club, OR, |
| Third: | That a notice, in writing, setting forth such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member in good standing at least five (5) days previous to the meeting at which the amendment is finally to be voted on. |

ARTICLE X — QUORUM

Section 1. Eleven members of the Club shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI — EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board consists of all current club officers to include three past presidents.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board, and they shall be invested with the power to control and manage the affairs, funds, and finances of the club except that amounts in excess of \$250.00 must be approved by the membership or Board of Directors.

Section 3. To do all lawful things which they may deem expedient to promote the objectives and interests of the Club.

Section 4. No officer of the Club shall receive any compensation for his services or any remission of his dues.

ARTICLE XII — RESIGNATION

Section 1. All resignations shall be made in writing to the Secretary, but no resignation shall be accepted while the member offering it is indebted to the Club in any amount, either in dues or otherwise.

ARTICLE XIII — FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the club shall be the calendar year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Amendments to the Delano Sportsmens Club Constitution and by law

Revise 7-1-2024

Amendment to Article XI, Section 2, of the Constitution.

Notice: The Executive Committee has voted to propose a Club 'Constitutional Amendment'. It is proposed that the maximum allowed expenditure be \$250. without approval of the membership or the Board of Directors. NOTE: The Executive Committee made the proposal on January 28, 2003 at the Executive Board meeting. The proposal was then brought before the regular monthly meeting on January 28th, 2003 for first discussions. The proposal then had a final discussion and vote on the regular club meeting, February 25, 2003. Motion made to accept the proposed amendment. Seconded, and passed by a show of hands. The Constitutions and by laws will be amended to note the change.

1. The Club will utilize a Three Tiered Membership System, which was voted on and approved at the June 25, 2024 meeting.
 - A. This system will include the following fee structure.
 - i. An initiation fee to join the club of \$200.00 plus the first years, dues of \$50.00.
 - ii. Annual membership fee, beginning with the 2nd year.
An annual membership fee will be as follows the 2nd year. \$250.00 per year renewal fee if you do not volunteer. If you volunteer 5 or more hours to the club, your dues will be \$150.00 per year and you need to submit a volunteer form exactly telling how you volunteered for the club. If you volunteer 10 or more hours per year your dues will be \$50.00 and a need to submit a volunteer form with exactly what you have done for the club to volunteer.
 - iii. Active military service would exempt a member from volunteering.
 - iv. Honorary members will be exempt from paying dues. The definition of an honorary member is, at least 70 years old and a member for a minimum of eight 8 consecutive years. Members that qualify, must notify the Membership Committee Chairman.
 - B. The Club will follow the Calendar year of January 1 through December 31.
 - C. January 1 of the calendar year is the deadline for dues payment. A grace period of 31 days is allowed for late payments, which is January 31st. If a member has a financial hardship and cannot pay annual dues and wants to continue membership, the member must contact the Club President and Treasurer to make arrangements to extend the grace period. Failure to pay dues by the end of the grace period, or arrangements are made as required will result in immediate loss of membership.
 - D. Reapplication for membership will be treated as a New Membership to include initiation fee and dues payment of total of \$250.00
3. NEW MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.
 - E. All new members are required to complete the New Member Form and Volunteer Status form. If volunteering you must complete the Volunteer form at the same time dues are paid each year by all volunteers paying dues to the Club.

- F. All members must pay the yearly membership fee based on their desired volunteer status as described in Section 1. Above.
 - G. To acquaint themselves with Club procedures, new members will have to meet with either of two members to get trained in on how to use our range properly. The new members will receive the membership card and gate Fob after range training. It is suggested that new members introduce themselves to the members present at the monthly meeting on the last Tuesday of every month January-November.
 - H. A member is described as a single person or a single person with children under 18, or a married person with spouse and or children under 18. Minor children MUST be accompanied by an adult member. You can also bring 2 guests with you to the range.
4. These proposals are to take effect June 1, 2024. A motion was made and voted on at the May 28, 2024 regular monthly meeting. The Constitution and By-laws will be amended to note the change.