

BY-LAWS OF THE CHAIN O' LAKES CONSERVATION CLUB, INC.



October 21, 2023

Incorporated under Chapter 10 of the State of Wisconsin Statutes and the acts supplementary thereto.

Article I. Name:

The name of this corporation shall be the **Chain O' Lakes Conservation Club, Inc.** Its location shall be in **Waupaca County, Wisconsin**, with the address of **E2440 Crystal Road, Waupaca, WI 54981**. The corporation shall be a Non-stock Corporation, with no dividends or pecuniary being declared or accrued to the members thereof.

Article II. Purpose:

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to foster and promote the shooting sports, with a view of improved marksmanship by the safe handling and proper care of bows and firearms. It shall be our further objective and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance which are essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Article III. Supreme Governing Body:

The supreme governing body of this corporation shall be the Board of Directors. The board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director from each of the various **ACTIVE** shooting sports committees.

Article IV. Membership:

The conditions on which the members shall be accepted, expelled, or discharged shall be as follows:

- A. Any person interested in promoting the purpose of this corporation, except one who has been convicted of a game violation of the State of Wisconsin Game Laws within the proceeding twelve (12) months, may apply to the secretary for membership, and upon payment of the annual dues, and after having his/her name come before the board of directors for their consideration and approval, shall become a member of this corporation. All memberships shall expire on the last day of the corporation fiscal year, unless renewed prior to that date. Any applicant not approved for membership shall have his/her dues refunded.

- B. The board of directors of this corporation is authorized, to approve “**Life Membership**” without dues, to one member per year, who has had at least five (5) years continuous membership in the Chain O’ Lakes Conservation Club and has rendered outstanding service to this corporation. One nominee will be considered from each **ACTIVE** facet of the club and all nominees must be submitted to the board of directors, prior to the annual meeting. If there are no such individuals submitted prior to the Annual Meeting, the “Life Membership” will not be given out for the year.
- C. Any member may be discharged from this organization for dishonesty, unsportsmanlike like conduct, State of Wisconsin game violations, or for not complying with club regulations or requirements.
- D. Any member fifteen (15) years of age or under will not have voting privileges or be allowed to participate in any event without being in the presence of a supervising adult member.
- E. The membership dues shall be determined at the annual meeting and be part of the standing rules of this corporation.

Article V. Participation:

It shall be mandatory that in order to participate in a normal club sponsored activity, a participant must be a current paid-up member in good standing. Non-members may participate in club sponsored public events.

Article VI. Board of Directors:

Section 1: The affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The board shall meet **REGULARLY** on the dates and times established by the board. All meetings of the board shall be held on the corporation grounds unless the president of the board designates some other place. Special meetings may be called by the president or upon written request to the secretary by at least three (3) members of the board. The president or the secretary shall notify members, in writing, or by personal delivery, of the purpose, time and place of the special meeting at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting. In the case of the removal of a club officer, or a director from office for cause, or the expulsion of a member for cause, board members may waive their right to receive notice individually and the board, by unanimous vote of the full board, may suspend the right to give such notice.

Section 2: The president shall serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the board and perform such other duties as may be designated by the board. The Vice President shall serve as the vice chairman of the board. The vice president shall preside at the meeting of the board in the absence of the chairman.

Section 3: Five (5) board members shall constitute a quorum to transact business unless otherwise required in the by-laws of the corporation.

Article VII. Officers of the Corporation:

Section 1: The principal officers of the corporation shall be the holders of the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Director from each of the various **ACTIVE** shooting sports. Principle officers shall be elected by plurality vote by ballot of the voting members in good standing and in attendance at the annual meeting of the corporation. They shall hold office for two years or until their successors are elected. The same person may hold the office of Secretary and Treasurer. In such a case a recording secretary may be elected.

Section 2: The number of directors shall be determined by the ACTIVE interest in the various shooting sports. Directors may oversee more than one shooting sport. Examples are Trap, Rifle, Archery, or Cowboy Action Shooting.

Section 3: The Board of Directors may appoint such additional officers as they may deem in the best interest of this corporation. Such appointments by the board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the board.

Article VIII. Duties of the Officers:

- A. **President:** The president shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office. The president is responsible to see that the treasurer's books and petty cash account of the secretary and treasurer are audited each year before the annual meeting election. He/she must report these findings at the annual meeting. He/she shall maintain the COLCC web site and prepare all newsletters and e-mail copies for all members having an e-mail address.
- B. **Vice-President:** The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his/her absence or upon request. The vice-president is also responsible to oversee the care and maintenance of the corporation's grounds and equipment, reporting back to the Board of Directors on any improvements that need to be made.
- C. **Secretary:** The secretary shall conduct all official correspondence by direction of the president or the Board of Directors. He/she shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings and have custody of the books and papers of the club except the treasurer's books of account. All applications for membership are to be made to the secretary. He/she shall also be responsible for the issuance of membership cards to all members in good standing. He/she shall also be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit it to the treasurer, taking proper receipt thereof. He/she will also check and pick up the mail at Post Office Box 43 and forward it to the proper people.
- D. **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall oversee the management of all club finances and accounts. He/she shall maintain an account(s) for general club funds at a

bank or banks approved by the Board of Directors. These funds shall only be withdrawn by check or withdrawal slip signed by the treasurer and for the payment of bills approved by the Board of Directors. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Board of Directors when requested and an annual report to the corporation at its annual meeting. He/she shall also make the records available to the auditing committee for their annual review no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting. The treasurer may give the chairman of an active shooting sport a checking account to be used for the payment of expenses incurred during the shooting season. Directors must get approval from the rest of the Board of Directors, in advance, of any expenditure, which may exceed \$300.00.

- E. **Directors:** The directors of this corporation shall be responsible for the operation of their respective committees. They are to report back to the rest of the Board of Directors with the dates and times of their committee's activities. They are also to communicate the needs and concerns of their respective shooting sport.
- F. **Recording Secretary:** If the same person holds the office of secretary and treasurer a recording secretary may be elected. The recording secretary will take and keep notes of all meetings and report minutes at the annual meeting.

Article IX. Vacancies:

Vacancies in the directorship positions shall be filled as soon as possible by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors. Such newly appointed directors shall fill the unexpired term. Vacancies of the principal officers of this corporation shall be filled from within the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors present at the special meeting called for that purpose. If the vacant office were that of the president, the vice-president would assume the office of president and the new appointee would fill the office of vice-president.

Article X. Resignation:

Any officer may resign at any time by filing notice of his resignation with the secretary of this corporation in writing. This resignation may be with or without cause but must be signed and dated.

Article XI. Suspension or Expulsion:

- A. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing at a special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing shall be given to the officer of the reasons for his/her removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot.
- B. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the corporation for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the

members of the Board present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) day notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges made and of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board will consider such charges. At such a meeting, the member will accord a full hearing.

- C. Charges against any officer or member may be brought by any member in good standing. The charges shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the secretary, who will immediately notify the president. The president will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors and the accused, and to the accuser. Such notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.
- D. Any member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal to the full membership of the corporation. Such appeal shall be in writing to the secretary who will notify the president. The president will call a special meeting of the corporation for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing to all the members in good standing, stating the date, time, place, and reason for the meeting. At the meeting of the full corporation, the secretary will read the original charges and supporting affidavits. The secretary will read and display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting at which the charges were heard, and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present. A majority vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

Article XII. General Meetings of the Membership:

- A. **Annual meeting (election meeting):** The Annual Meeting shall be held at a convenient location during the month of October each year, at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of appointing officers and approval of directors for the ensuing year. This meeting shall be conducted in Robert's Rules of Order and will contain all the committee and year-end reports. Any business may be transacted at this meeting providing such meeting complies with the laws of Wisconsin and these by-laws. It shall be the duty of the secretary to give at least five (5) days' notice of such meeting in person or by mail and or email to each member. This notice is to state that the meeting is the Annual Election Meeting, the slate of officers given by the Board of Directors, and other important business that is to be brought to the members' attention.
- B. **Special Meetings:** The secretary, upon direction of the president, shall mail and or email a call of such special meeting to member of record in good standing at least five (5) days in advance of such a meeting and state the object of such a meeting. In the event of suspension or expulsion of an officer or member, or of the reinstatement of an expelled member, the fifteen (15) day notice as described

in Article IX shall be used. No business shall be transacted other than the business in the notice to the members.

- C. **Quorum:** Ten (10) percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of the members. If a quorum is not present at a properly called meeting, the members present may adjourn to such future time as agreed upon or go forward upon the current Board of Directors unanimous approval. If a quorum is present at any properly called meeting, they may adjourn from day to day as they see fit and no notice of such adjournment need be given.
- D. **Proxy Votes:** Voting by proxy is not allowed in this corporation at any meeting of the Board of Directors or any meeting of the general membership. Each voting member in good standing is allowed to have only one vote and must be present at a properly called meeting to exercise his/her vote.
- E. **Elections:** On odd years the President, Secretary, Trap and Rifle Director will be eligible for election. On even years the Vice-President, Tressure, Archery, Cowboy Action Shooting and others will be eligible for election.

Article XIII. Amendments:

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the voting membership in good standing at the annual meeting. A special meeting will be called for the Board of directors to discuss changes to the By-laws no sooner than one (1) month prior to the annual meeting. The resolutions amending the By-laws must be presented to the voting membership at the annual meeting.

Article XIV. Fiscal Year:

The fiscal year of this corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of that same year.

Article XV. Liability:

No member is to incur any liability on part of this corporation before first being approved by the Board of Directors and in the event of a capital expenditure, the approval of the general membership at a regular or special meeting. A capital expenditure is defined as any liability that is not the routine course of business of this corporation. Renovations and major changes to the existing grounds are considered capital expenditures.

Article XVI. Standing Rules:

The standing rules of this corporation are to be reviewed at the annual meeting. They may be changed in whole or in part by a majority vote of the members present and in good standing at this meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose. The updated standing rules are to be attached to the corporation's by-laws with notice of such changes being sent or given to the members.

STANDING RULES OF THE CHAIN O' LAKES CONSERVATION CLUB COLCC

October 3, 2020

The membership dues are **Family/Single \$50.00**

1. Only paid members and **ONE** guest may use the Chain O' Lakes Conservation Club grounds. Guests are limited to 3 visits per year. After that, they will need to join the club to continue. There are no exceptions to this membership rule. Family memberships include children up to, but not including age 18. An 18 year old shall be a single member or a family member if he/she has his/her own family as a parent or a spouse. Children who turn 18 during the current fiscal year are still considered to be members of their parent's family until the end of the fiscal year. Upon payment of dues and application filled out signed and dated. The active member shall receive a current year's membership card. **Membership card must be carried with member while on the club grounds.** There will be times when the ranges will be "policed" by volunteer members who will be checking for membership status. Note: Anyone caught giving out the gate combination to a non-member will have their membership banned for life! Note: If you witness anyone doing an unsafe act on club grounds, please inform that person of it. If you feel uncomfortable doing this, try to get as much information as you can (a license plate, name or ask to see membership card) Please feel free to call and report this to one of the Board members. Refer to membership card for phone number.
2. Archers **must park their vehicles** on the rifle range in front of the shooting benches to prevent the use of that range during practice or shoots on the **back half** of course. Those wishing to use the rifle range may not when vehicles are parked on the range. No firearms may be shot when a vehicle is parked down range on the rifle range as this is an indication that there is someone on the **back half** of Archery field course. The vehicle must be removed, and the field course cleared before shooting may begin. This rule covers both the trap and the rifle range.

Note the front half of the Archery Range is across the river and over the bridge. The back half is behind the Rifle-Pistol range and Trap fields.
3. Mondays 3-10pm, there will be **NO** shooting on the Rifle – Pistol range or the back half of the Archery course. Unless Okayed by the Trap Director.
4. Wednesday 8 am – dusk the Club is open for **Firearms Shooting only**. There will be **NO** archery on the back half of the Archery course. Archers may use the **front half** of the Archery course across the river and the practice bags only!
5. There shall be **No use of firearms on the grounds for the entire day of Thursdays** from January 1st through October 1st.
6. No firearms shall be discharged on the grounds between the hours of 10 pm – 8

am. As per our agreement with the Township of Dayton.

7. You will need to bring your own club approved target frames and shoot **only club approved targets** on the Rifle range No shooting will be allowed **forward** of the benches and **no cross firing** will be allowed on the Rifle-Pistol range! All members using the Rifle range are expected to remove your targets, pick up empty casings and other debris from the range – “you brought it,” and you are expected to remove it. Keep the grounds clean. Rifle range hours are 8:00 am until dusk. No alcohol is allowed on the rifle and pistol range. Anyone caught with alcohol on the range shall have membership revoked. Anyone caught using other than club approved targets or target frames will be brought to the attention of the BOD for action as needed.
8. Keep the grounds clean, place all casings - empty hulls and used targets and other refuse when done shooting and deposit in the proper containers.
9. No shooting 3D targets with Firearms, Broad heads or Paint ball guns. Anyone caught breaking these rules or committing any unsafe act while on club grounds will have their membership terminated.
10. The Chain O' Lakes Conservation Club does not allow the use or possession of any fully automatic firearm (machine gun) or any firearm that may be readily restored to fire fully automatic on club grounds. Violation of above standing rule shall be grounds for immediate expulsion from the club as well as possible criminal prosecution as per Wisconsin State Statutes 941.26 & 941.27
11. No fireworks may be discharged on the club grounds. No paint ball shooting is allowed on club grounds.
12. The Club grounds are reserved for Cowboy Action Shooting the second Saturday of each month, April through October.
13. During special events (shoots) hosted by the club, the ranges not being used for that event are CLOSED for that day or weekend, or until the event is completed as verified by the match director.
14. There shall be no hunting on the club grounds without the written permission from the Board of Directors. A hunt in progress sign must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle showing hunt is in progress.
15. The By-Laws of this corporation shall be reviewed and brought up to date at least once every five years.
16. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for a slate of officers for each year's annual election meeting.
17. Liability insurance shall be maintained and kept current by the Board of Directors.

CHAIN O' LAKES CONSERVATION CLUB INC.

Yearly Membership Singles/Family \$50

Please print clearly read and sign

Application Name_____

Address (Street) _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____

E-mail Address_____

Preferred Contact ☐ Email ☐ Mail

Interest: ☐ Trap Shooting ☐ Cowboy Shooting
 ☐ Archery ☐ Rifle Range
 ☐ Work Day

Sign and Date _____

Please mail to: COLCC
 P.). Box 43
 Waupaca, Wi 54981

Turnover – read and sign

Membership Rules (Application)

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4. Wednesday 8 am – dusk Club open for **Firearms Shooting only**. There will be **NO** archery on the back half of the Archery course.
5. There shall be **No use of firearms on the grounds for the entire day of Thursday** from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1.
6. No firearms shall be discharged on the grounds between the hours of 10 pm - 8 am as per our agreement with the Township of Dayton.
7. You will need to bring your own club approved target frames and shoot **only club approved targets** on the Rifle range No shooting will be allowed **forward** of the benches and **no cross** firing will be allowed on the Rifle-Pistol range! All members using the Rifle range are expected to remove your targets, pick up empty casings and other debris from the range – “you brought it,” and you are expected to remove it. Keep the grounds clean. No alcohol is allowed Rifle-Pistol range. Anyone caught with alcohol on the range shall have membership revoked. Anyone caught using other than club approved target frames will be brought to the attention of the BOD for action as needed.
8. The Club grounds are reserved for Cowboy Action Shooting the second Saturday of each month, April through October.
9. No shooting of 3-D TARGETS with Firearms, Broad heads or Paint ball guns. Anyone caught doing this will have their membership terminated.
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Sign and Date_____

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YEAR _____

Member's name

Board Member

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THE CLUB DOES NOT ALLOW THE USE OR THE POSSESSION OF ANY FULLY AUTOMATIC FIREARM.

Club info at: www.colconservationclub.com

CONTACT NAME WITH QUESTIONS
Phone Number Gate Combination Number