

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE NORTH INDUSTRY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC.

Unanimously approved by the members present at the January 11th, 2021 general club meeting.

ARTICLE I: NAME:

SECTION I: The Association shall be known as the NORTH INDUSTRY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INCORPORATED, hereafter to be referred to as the "CLUB"

SECTION II: The duly elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Trustees and the Past President, shall constitute a Board of Directors, here after referred to as the "DIRECTORS" or "BOARD".

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE:

SECTION I: The purpose of the CLUB shall be to foster and promote an educational program for the conservation of our natural resources, bring about a feeling of understanding and good fellowship among its members and organizations sponsors and maintain recreational activities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP:

SECTION I: Any citizen of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA who is of suitable reputation and character may apply for membership in the CLUB. The CLUB shall be non-sectarian and non-judgmental. Application for membership shall be based on character and reputation of the applicant. An application form including the applicant's history, likes and interest, must be completed and turned in to the BOARD. The applicant must meet with a DIRECTOR to review the application and discuss CLUB rules and regulations.

SECTION II: DUES:

Dues for new membership will be \$100.00 plus a \$100.00 initiation fee. A regular member renewal (member from previous year) will be \$100.00 if paid before January 1st, after January 1st any member not paid will have to rejoin as a new member. A current paid member belonging to the CLUB for two or more consecutive years and is 62 years of age or older, can obtain membership for \$40.00. A current paid member for 10 or more consecutive years and is 72 years old or older can obtain a membership for free. Any minor reaching the age of 18 must pay the senior membership dues of \$100.00. A junior (less than 18 years of age) membership may be obtained for \$20.00 providing a parent or guardian co-signs their application and waiver of liability. Club OFFICERS and DIRECTORS will not be charged dues. Junior memberships will be granted at no charge to the minor children and grandchildren of paid CLUB members in good standing. Junior members will not be charged an initiation fee. Members

must work 10 hours on some CLUB project by the end of the year or the member shall lose their membership and will have to rejoin as a new member or the member shall pay \$100.00 plus their membership fee to be able to renew their membership for the next year (this is for members who do not wish to work their 10 hours) with the exception of: lifetime members, members over the age 72 who have been members for 10 or more consecutive years, physically handicapped members, members who live out of the state of Ohio, and members in good standing who are serving in the armed forces of the U.S.A.. New members who have never previously been CLUB members will be credited 10 work hours their first year only. The monies will be given to the membership committee, who will then enter them into the CLUB's books and turn the monies over to the Treasurer who will issue a receipt of payment.

SECTION III: LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: Can be given to a member who has shown outstanding performance on CLUB projects over the years and the CLUB wishes to honor and show appreciation for services rendered. This is in the power of the DIRECTORS.

SECTION IV: Except for lifetime members, a membership year shall begin January 1 and end December 31 of the current year.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS:

SECTION I: Monthly general CLUB meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

SECTION II: At such meeting, the order of business shall be:

- * The saying of the sportsmen's pledge.
- * Reading of the minutes of the previous CLUB general meeting.
- * Communications and bills.
- * Treasurers report.
- * Committees reports, officers and directors.
- * Un-finished business.
- * New Business and good of CLUB
- * Closing of the meeting.

SECTION III: All meetings shall be conducted to the Roberts Rules of Order, and open discussion from the floor on all matters shall be encouraged and permitted.

SECTION IV: The general CLUB meeting shall be open and free to all who wish to attend. Guest will not be eligible to vote on matters pertaining to the CLUB.

SECTION V: Special meetings may be called by the CLUB Officers.

ARTICLE V: QUORUM:

SECTION I: At general CLUB meetings, not less than a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II: At meetings of officers and directors, a majority of the total members shall constitute a quorum, and the majority of those present shall prevail.

ARTICLE VI: MANAGEMENT:

SECTION I: Management of the CLUB shall be vested in the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) Trustees, and the Past President.

ARTICLE VII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

SECTION I: Nominations will be open to the floor as the last order of business at the general CLUB meeting in October and November. Nominations of officers shall be limited to members in good standing who attended at least 50% of the general CLUB meetings in the previous two years. Attendance must be completed prior to the first month open for nominations. Nominations will be open for a minimum of two minutes for each office or until all nominations have been received.

SECTION II: Elections will be the last order of business at the general CLUB meeting in December. The term of all officers and trustees shall commence at the adjournment of the meeting at which they have been elected.

SECTION III: OFFICERS: The President and the Vice President may serve no more than two consecutive terms or two consecutive years in the same office. There must be at least a one-year break before the ex-officer may run again for the previously held office. The Secretary and Treasurer will be elected to serve one (1) year in office. They may be eligible for reelection upon the will of the members.

SECTION IV: TRUSTEES: Shall serve for four years with the starting terms staggered for each such that there will be a one (1) year term, a two (2) year term, a three (3) year term, and a four (4) year term in any given year.

SECTION V: PAST PRESIDENT: The exiting CLUB President shall serve as the Past President. Past President shall serve in the capacity of DIRECTOR and aid until the term of the newly elected President expires. Should the Past President position be vacated for any reason, the board shall elect a replacement from the available former CLUB Presidents. If a former CLUB President is unavailable, the BOARD shall elect a member in good standing for the vacancy until the next election in which a former CLUB President becomes available.

SECTION VI: If any board member resigns before the end of their term of office without good cause, they may not run for any CLUB office for a period of five (5) years.

SECTION VII: In the event of any vacancy of any office for any reason the DIRECTORS shall elect a member in good standing for that vacancy until the next general election.

ARTICLE VIII: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION:

SECTION I: SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS: Any member may be suspended from the CLUB for any cause deemed sufficient by the DIRECTORS. The offending member shall be given ten (10) Days' notice in "writing" (registered

letter) regarding the charges and the time and place at which said charges shall be accorded a full hearing by the DIRECTORS.

SECTION II: EXPULSION OF MEMBERS: If the DIRECTORS deem the evidence is sufficient to expel a member, the issue can be brought before the members present at the next regular general CLUB meeting. A two thirds (2/3) vote to expel the member is required for expulsion by the membership or the DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

SECTION I: PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings and perform the duties that usually pertain to this office and to appoint all committees.

SECTION II: VICE PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to keep order in all meetings and in the absence of the President; the Vice President shall preside over the meeting.

SECTION III: SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct all office correspondence with any other CLUB or organization with which the CLUB is affiliated or Otherwise. The Secretary shall have custody and keep all books and records of the CLUB except the books of the Treasurer.

SECTION IV: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be charge of all funds of the CLUB and place those funds in the Huntington Bank or a similar institution as approved by the BOARD. The treasurer is to be bonded to treasury balance at the end of the calendar year and the premium to be paid from the CLUB treasury. The Treasurer upon receipt of purchase orders shall issue the CLUBS check for said expenditures.

SECTION V: The DIRECTORS are to be custodians of all property owned by the CLUB.

SECTION VI: CLUB property is not to be removed from the CLUB for personal or private use or for sale by anyone without consent and permission of the BOARD. If any CLUB property being removed will not be returned to the CLUB, permission for removal of said property being removed by the body, a majority vote at a general CLUB meeting. Permission for removal of CLUB property when granted will be granted for a specified time.

SECTION VII: DIRECTORS are required to attend at least 50% of the general CLUB meetings per year during their term of office. Each DIRECTOR is required to chair or co-chair at least one CLUB committee and provide reports from this committee at general CLUB meetings.

ARTICLE X: RECEIPT AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS:

SECTION I: All monies shall be put in the general fund to be used as the CLUB so desires.

SECTION II: To draw from the fund it must meet with approval of the DIRECTORS and be brought on the floor and meet with approval of the general membership present at a general membership meeting.

SECTION III: The DIRECTORS shall create and maintain a budget for regular and reoccurring CLUB expenses. The budget shall be brought on the floor and meet with approval of the general membership present at the February general CLUB meeting. The DIRECTORS shall have the authority to approve expenditures not included in the budget of up to a total of \$500.00 for one month, without bringing it before the membership for a vote. Emergency expenditures for repairs to buildings and equipment may be made by the DIRECTORS without approval of the membership.

ARTICLE XI: GAMBLING AND INTOXICATING LIQUORS

SECTION I: All forms of gambling, other than CLUB sponsored raffles, etc., the serving or consumption of any intoxicating liquors shall not be permitted during any general membership meeting.

ARTICLE XII: GAME RELEASE:

SECTION I: All game purchased by the CLUB must be released in the territory approved by the DIRECTORS of the CLUB.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS:

SECTION I: Any article or section of any article of this constitution may be amended at a general CLUB membership meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote of those members present at said meeting. A quorum being present providing the amendment was presented in writing and read at three (3) general membership meetings before being voted upon.

ARTICLE XIV: DISBANDING OF THE CLUB:

SECTION I: If for any reason the CLUB decides to disband it must be approved by two thirds (2/3) of the membership on record as of that date; If any vote to disband is approved all CLUB property will be disposed of in the following manner:

All CLUB property will be donated to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife, with the stipulation that the property remain in its natural state to further the cause of conservation of land and wildlife. The DIRECTORS will retain possession of all CLUB property until turned over to the recipient organization.

All monies in the CLUB treasury will remain under control of the treasurer and the DIRECTORS to pay any expense which may be outstanding and that arise before the property is turned over to the recipient organization. Any monies remaining will be turned over to the recipient organization with the stipulation that the monies be used for expense or improvements in relationship to the property.

ADOPTED May 7th 1956

Revised and brought to date:

January 12th 1958

January 13th 1964

June 9th 1975

June 13th 1977

November 1986

January 1989

November 1986

January 1989

November 1992

July 22nd 1995

January 1st 1997

December 2004

December 10th 2007

APRIL 20th 2014

April 26th 2019

January 11th, 2021