

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I - NAME

**Section 1** - The name of this organization shall be the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club.

**Section 2** - The Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club may or may not be affiliated with the Illinois Wildlife Federation of Sportsman's Clubs and or through it, with the National Wildlife Federation.

### ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

**Section 1** - Objectives of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club shall be as follows: To work in the conservation and restoration of our Natural Resources. In the propagation of fish and game, in development of true Sportsmanship in our citizenry and in developing a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation between all classes and groups of Conservationists, Nature Lovers, Farmers and Sportsmen, to the end that the interests of each group may be served to the fullest extent consistent with the rights and privileges of others.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1** - Any person, 18 years or older, who expresses an interest in resource conservation and other measures that will benefit the environment of mankind; and must comply with the provisions of the by-laws of the Constitution of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club.

**Section 2** - New Members must pay Building and Lake Funds for the first year plus the current year's dues according to by-laws.

**Section 3** - Dues and fines must be paid by March Meeting Night (3rd Thursday of the month). If not paid, the member will be dropped from membership.

**Section 3A** - Justification for any late payment or non payment on prescribed due date will be dealt with by the Board of Directors on an individual basis, primarily based upon member participation in club functions.

**Section 4** - Each member holding active status shall have the right to vote, to open all issues which may come before the organization for a decision and permit no member to cast a vote for another member not present.

**Section 5** - All members and guests must sign their name and identify themselves whether a member or a guest. The person in charge of this (Secretary) will report the number of members and guests present in the minutes of each meeting.

**Section 6** - This organization membership shall not exceed 400 active members. Retirees with 5 years or more as a member and are 62 years of age or older, shall not be counted towards the 400 membership limit, no dues are required from retirees who are in retired status December 31, 2001 or before that date. Any member changing to retired status January 1, 2002 or after will be required to pay one-half of the dues but not required to do or pay work hours.

Any member changing to retired status January 1, 2012 or after will be required to pay full amount of the dues but not required to do or pay work hours. ALL STATUS CHANGES MUST BE IN WRITING and DOCUMENTATION SENT TO CLUB TREASURER. To be eligible for disabled status, you must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 5 years and submit your documentation of disability to the club treasurer. He will submit this application to the Board of Directors for review. Each case will be assessed on an individual basis as to what will be required of you regarding dues and work hours.

**Section 7** - With each application for membership, there shall be an initiation fee, which will be returned if the applicant is not accepted for membership. This fee shall apply towards the first year's dues in the organization upon acceptance. If accepted, an ID card and a gate key/card will be given. If membership expires for any reason, ALL must be returned. No dues will be refunded to any member expelled from the club. A lost key/card will cost the member \$5.00 for the 1st key/card and \$25.00 for any additional keys thereafter. Any member and their immediate family, which consists of spouse and children under 18 years of age and unmarried, living within the same household, has the privileges of the member's club facilities. A key/card and ID card must be present.

**Section 8** - Effective January 1, 1995 the work program was Re-instated.

- A. All members are covered by the work program except those on the membership listed as retired status.
- B. All persons are required to work ten hours per calendar year, January thru December or pay \$20.00 per hour (\$200.00) in addition to the annual dues of \$75.00 or changes thereafter. The additional charges will be added to the January statement and statements thereafter and will be paid in full by Meeting Night - 3rd Thursday in March.
- C. Work time may be accumulated by:
  - a. Attend Monthly Meetings - one hour per monthly meeting up to a total of five hours (\$100.00) for meeting attendance.
  - b. Work at Spring Dinner or Fall Dinner.
  - c. Work at indoor range at 720 S. Bloomington Street.
  - d. Work at any or all work projects listed on the annual activity calendar. Each activity will have a project leader who will record hours worked and will direct workers to a common goal.
- D. No additional credit will be given for hours worked over the required ten hours.
- E. Retirees are not required to work but their helping hand and experience is always welcome.

**Section 9** - Requirements for Supplemental Membership.

- A. If a member becomes deceased and has a surviving spouse, the membership may transfer to the spouse by paying the annual dues and work hours.
- B. If a dependent or dependents are the only survivors and are under the age of 18, he or she can remain members by paying the annual dues per family with guardian's consent.
  - a. The guardian can become a member only by paying a full membership and only as a vacancy is available.
- C. Any dependent child of a member after reaching the age of 18 can become a member by paying the annual dues and work hours. They would not be placed on a vacancy list.
- D. Membership total can only exceed its capacity in the above situations.
- E. Dependent: If you are a full time college student, you must send documentation as proof of college status every year to the club treasurer. With this STATUS, you can use your family's membership. When you graduate from college, after showing proof, you will be able to join the club for yearly dues and work hours. The initiation fee will be waived. You can join with this status up to the age of 25 years old.
- F. Military leave of absence: Dues and work hours waived until you return but we need to know this status.
- G. Any special adjustments to the above rules must be with board approval.