

UNITED BOWHUNTERS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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BY-LAWS

Article I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DELEGATES, ELECTIONS, QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.

Section 1. The Board of Directors:

- A. Shall consist of at least ten (10) members, including but not limited to the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Section 2. Elections of Officers:

- A. Shall be held at the first Regular Board Meeting held in June.
- B. Nominations by the Board of Candidates for Office in the UBC is limited to those individuals that meet the requirements as set forth below in Article I, Section 3 C.

Section 3. Qualifications and Requirements

- A. Eligibility for Delegate Status requires membership in the UBC for a period no less than one (1) year, ownership of a bowhunting license for at least three (3) years and further requires the member seeking Delegate Status to declare his/her intention at a regular Board Meeting and present at that time, at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a UBC Officer or delegate in good standing. The Board members present including the President or Vice President, will then vote on the status of the Delegate candidate, absent his/her presence, at the next Regular Board Meeting. The candidate will be notified before the next or third Regular Board Meeting as to his/her acceptance or the reasons for denial for the position of Delegate.
- B. Eligibility for Board of Director Status is contingent upon the candidate having fulfilled the obligations as a Delegate for at least a one (1) year period. The Delegate must declare his/her intention to join the Board and must be sponsored by at least one Board member. The Board of Directors will then approve by majority vote of those present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or Vice President, the admission/denial of the Delegate to Board of Director status.

- C. Eligibility for Officer Status is contingent upon the candidate having fulfilled the obligations as a Board Member for at least a one (1) year period, and, unless excused by the President, has attended all of the Board meetings in that year. The Board Member must declare his/her intention to seek office and will be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the subject Regular Board meeting in June, that includes the President or Vice-President, as stipulated in Article I, Section 2 above.

Section 4. Term of Office

- A. The term of office for the Officers is two (2) years. The term for the Board of Directors and the Delegates is indefinite.
- B. Former Presidents will be eligible for Honorary Life Membership as determined by a majority vote of those Board members present at the subject meeting, including the current President or Vice President.

Section 5. Discretionary Rights

- A. The Board of Directors retains its Discretionary Right to waive any and all requirements as defined in the By-Laws and Constitution should there be a need resulting from attrition, illness, or some other unforeseen event. Any interim waiver of the By- Laws must be accepted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or Vice President. Terms of the Discretionary change is subject to the conditions as defined and voted on by the majority of the Board of Directors present.

Section 6. Duties of the Officers, the Board of Directors, and the Delegates

- A. The President, and/or the Vice President shall attend all meetings whenever possible and oversee all activities, obligations, and commitments of the Board. Roberts Rules of Order will be exercised in the routine conduct of all meetings. In addition, the President will serve as the spokesperson for the UBC regarding legislative and regulatory matters, or will assign such duties and responsibilities to a designated member. The President can, at his discretion, appoint a Master of Arms to assist in maintaining meeting decorum should the need arise.
- B. The Board of Directors must approve by a majority vote of those present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or Vice President, all actions, recommendations, and obligations as presented by the President. The Board of Directors can vote on

issues presented for consideration at regular Board meetings and for the elections of Officers.

- C. The Vice President shall assist the President in the conduct of the meetings and take the place of the President in his absence.
- D. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings, take attendance, and maintain all such minutes, records and UBC Correspondence Files for a period of at least two (2) years.
- E. The Treasurer shall receive all dues, revenues, donations and funds and will maintain such for deposit in a UBC Account in a designated banking institution. The President shall authorize disbursement of such funds by the Treasurer once the Board has voted by majority of those present at the subject Board meeting on their allocation. The Treasurer is additionally to maintain an itemized report of expenditures and allocations and is to present such report at each Regular Board Meeting or make the report available to the Board in his absence.
- F. Miscellaneous activities will be supported and staffed by Delegates and Board Members as required. These activities include but are not limited to the Annual Banquet, Membership/Roster Maintenance, Newsletter, Hartford and Springfield Sport Shows, Citizens Advisory Counsel, Urban Hunting Qualification Courses and Hunter Appreciation Day.

Section 7. Delegate Responsibilities

- A. All Delegates will support the Miscellaneous Activities as defined in Article I, Section 6 F.
- B. All Delegates are entitled to Voting Rights after fulfilling the obligations of a Delegate for a minimum of one (1) year as defined in Article I, Section 7A. Voting rights for Delegates are limited to those issues presented for consideration at regular Board meetings.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications

- A. Membership in the UBC is open to any individual who shares the same common interests as the UBC as expressed in the Mission statement, and agrees to represent the UBC and the sport of hunting in an ethical and professional manner.
- A. Any member that has been expelled from the UBC for any of the reasons designated in Article II, Section 3 will not be reconsidered for membership, unless determined otherwise by a

majority vote of those present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or Vice President.

Section 2. Membership Fees

- A. Annual Membership Fees will be determined by a majority vote of the Board present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or the Vice President.
- B. Membership Fees will be waived for any member granted Life Membership.

Section 3. Expulsion

- A. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors of those present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or Vice President, an individual may be removed from Board, Delegate or Member Status. The decision and reasons for expulsion will be proffered in writing and delivered via Registered mail to the affected individual. Reasons for expulsion include: any conduct contrary to the mission of the UBC, any violation of the UBC By-Laws, any misrepresentation of the UBC, any felony or wildlife violation resulting in conviction, or any public behavior, conduct, language or image that a reasonable person would consider offensive or unprofessional. Any individual having his/her membership in the UBC revoked or denied may appeal this decision within thirty (30) days of receiving notice from the Board.

Article III. PROCEDURES

Section 1. In order to conduct any official UBC business, a quorum, consisting of a simple majority of the Board members present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or Vice President, is required.

Section 2. Any proposed change or amendment to the By-Laws must be reviewed and voted on by a majority of the Board of Directors present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President or Vice President.

Section 3. No assets owned by the UBC are to be sold or transferred unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the subject Board meeting that includes the President and Vice President.

Section 4. A Regular Board Meeting will be held at an agreed upon location and time unless changed by the President on an interim basis and approved by majority vote of the Board members present at the subject Board meeting. A special meeting may be called by any

Board Member and approved by the President if deemed important to the interests of the UBC.

Section 5. The order of business at Regular board Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules as follows:

- A. Call to Order by the President
- B. Roll call of the Board, and Delegates by the Secretary
- C. Reading and acceptance of the previous meeting's Minutes by the Secretary
- D. Presentation and acceptance of the Financial Report by the Treasurer
- E. Committee Reports
- F. Discussion of Old Business
- G. Discussion of New Business
- H. Call to Adjourn by the President