

# BY-LAWS OF KISHWAUKEE ARCHERS, INC.

## KISHWAUKEE ARCHERS INC.

Sycamore, IL

CHARTERED IN THE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
MARCH 17, 1952

Constitution and By-laws  
as amended 2017

### Article 1. PURPOSES

A). The name of this club shall be Kishwaukee Archers, Inc. and it is a chartered organization and registered as such with the State of Illinois, as a non-profit corporation.

B). Its purpose is to foster, expand and perpetuate the practice of archery and bow hunting to all interested persons.

C). To foster the spirit of good fellowship among all archers.

D). To encourage the use of the bow, for hunting of all legal game, and to protect, improve and increase the privileges of bow and arrow hunters.

E). To adopt and enforce rules and regulations of archery and bow hunting.

F). To protect and conserve game and birds and to improve and increase their natural habitat.

G). To conduct an educational program designed to educate the public in the use of the bow and arrow, as a sport and hunting weapon.

H). To actively recruit youthful members and to foster their interest and skills in the art of archery, conservation, and hunting.

I). To cooperate with national, state and local Archery Associations in fostering and perpetuating the use of the bow and arrow in accordance with its ancient and honorable traditions.

### Article 2. OFFICERS

A). Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of three Directors, and two Range Captains. Any two offices, except that of the President and Vice-President, may be combined for the general good of the club. Only one such combination may exist at any given time.

The term of office shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year, except for the Directors who shall hold office for three years. One Director will be chosen each year to replace the most senior director.

All officers may succeed themselves in office. All officers must be chosen from within the club membership. Only adult members are eligible to become officers. All officers shall be open to receive agenda items from the members for the President's posting.

B). The President shall: preside at all meetings, shall appoint standing and special committees and shall see that all duties are performed by all officers.

C). The Vice President shall: perform the duties of the President if he is unable to act and shall assist in coordinating club functions.

**D).** The Secretary shall: keep all records of the club, serve written notice of all meetings and perform all duties generally required of a Secretary.

**E).** The Treasurer shall: receive and keep an accurate record of all the monies of the club. The Treasurer shall deposit and safeguard the funds in the best interest of the club. The Treasurer shall make authorized disbursements for payment of club's expenses and grants.

**F).** The duties of the Board of Directors will be: to direct and approve of all club activities and make suitable recommendations whenever necessary.

**G).** The Range Captains shall: see that the Indoor and Outdoor ranges are kept in good condition and that all range rules are obeyed. They shall make recommendations for changes in the ranges and range rules.

### **Article 3. MEMBERSHIP**

**A).** Any person with an interest in the activities of the club may become a regular member by applying for a membership. A petition to deny membership must be made within thirty days of the announcement by the club secretary of the application. A 2/3rds vote by the officers and directors is required to deny an application for membership. During such a petition period the applicant will have all privileges of membership except those of voting or the holding of club office. Each member will be assessed annual dues and will assume various responsibilities for advancement of the club.

**B).** Club privileges are extended to the member of record, their spouse and any minor children (less than 18 years of age) residing with the member of record, who are all considered members. Only adult members can bring concerns or points of business to the club, cast a vote, or hold an office. All members shall be responsible for obeying and enforcing range rules, keeping club property secure, clean and tidy after use, and entrance codes kept confidential. Any minor member must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

**C).** A class of non-voting membership, with reduced fees and responsibilities, will be accorded minors up to age 18 and full-time students up to age 23, to encourage development of their interests in archery, conservation and hunting activities. All regular members will assist these members in the development of their skills and in their participation of club activities. This class of membership will be referred to as a student membership.

**D).** Membership may be revoked from a person who brings shame upon the club or who endangers the lives and property of other members or who repeatedly violates club rules. Revocation requires a 2/3rds vote of the officers and directors. The President can immediately suspend a membership for a period of thirty days in matters concerning an immediate danger to club members or property. During that 30 day period, the officers and directors must consider membership revocation. A suspended member has no membership privileges.

**E.** In appreciation of their vision and contributions of money and effort, some in the early formative years of the club, and some in more recent years, this Constitution and set of Bylaws recognizes the granting of lifetime memberships by unanimous decision of the Board to certain members for their extreme devotion to the club. Without further payment of annual dues or contributions of effort to the betterment of the club, all membership privileges are available to these persons and their spouses. Kishwaukee Archers, Inc. is forever indebted to the following lifetime members:

Dr. Ronald Nelson  
Mr. Robert Hiland  
Mr. Bill Thompson, Sr.  
Mr. James Wallack, Sr.  
Mr. Terry Parkhouse  
Mr. Randy Rutledge and  
Mr. Steve Sherrill  
Mr. Curt Thompson  
Mr. George Maness Jr.  
Mr. Caz Brewer

The contributions of Mr. Clarence Claude, James Joseph Wallack, Hilbert Troeger, Rich Wiley, "Doc" Herman, John Schaffner and other members from the formative years of the club are also appreciated and hereby recognized.

Future awarding of lifetime memberships shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. Minimum 15 years club membership.
2. Recognition for extreme devotion demonstrated by strong leadership and extensive hours worked toward the betterment of the club over an extended period of time.
3. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate. Present Lifetime Members will confirm the nomination by majority vote and submit to the board for approval.
4. Approval process will encompass a 90 day period to allow for adequate discussion.
5. Approval will be by Lifetime members and unanimous decision of the Board.
6. Maximum number of Lifetime Members cannot exceed 5% of the membership cap and the cap cannot be increased for the sole purpose of adding Life Members.

#### **Article 4. MEETINGS**

A). There will be monthly meetings for the purpose of carrying forward the operations of the club. The day, time and place of such meetings shall be made known to the membership by the secretary, so that any member desiring to attend or address the club on any issue may do so. The President may convene a meeting of the officers and directors at any time for the purpose of conducting timely business.

B). The January meeting will consider, among other things, the approving of the payment of ordinary and recurring expenses of the club for the coming calendar year. This will permit the treasurer to make these disbursements as they come due. The amount of annual dues shall be set at this time.

C). The April meeting will consider, among other things, the size of the club membership and adjust the membership limits in the best interest of the club. The primary purpose of limits is to provide a safe environment for the membership to utilize the range.

D). The November meeting agenda will include the slating of candidates for offices for the following year. Any member who is nominated for and receives a second for a particular office will be a candidate for that office.

E). The election of officers shall occur at the December meeting with all club members in attendance voting for the slated candidates.

#### **Article 5. FINANCES**

A). The club shall raise money by any legal means available to non-profit corporations in the State of Illinois. This includes, but is not limited to, the assessment of dues, acceptance of donations, fund-raising events such as public shoots or exhibits, and the selling of raw wood products.

B). The officers and directors at the monthly meetings may expend money necessary for the maintenance of club property and the payment of club operating expenses.

C). Expenditures over 20% of the club's liquid assets for a single item or annual aggregate of 20% of the club's liquid assets for similar items shall require the approval of the membership. The proposed expenditure must be publicized in writing to all members at least 30 days prior to a meeting designated for the purpose of considering such expenditure.

D). The sale or purchase of real estate shall require an affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the club membership. The proposed transaction must be publicized in writing to all members at least 30 days prior to the meeting designated for this purpose. Members may vote in person or by proxy.

#### **Article 6. BOARD OF ARBITRATION**

**A).** Upon the presentation of a petition (PETITION), which states a specific complaint of violation of the Constitution and Bylaws, signed by at least 1/5 of the club members, the Secretary immediately (within 3 days of receipt of the Petition) will publicize to the membership the PETITION. At the next monthly meeting, which falls more than 31 days and less than 62 days after the publication of the PETITION, the President shall conduct a random drawing from a complete roster of members to determine a Board of Arbitration for the purpose of coming to a timely resolution to the violation. The Board will consist of 12 members or 8% of the membership, whichever is greater. Any member so drawn must serve on the Board of Arbitration. Failure to serve (without a legitimate reason as determined by the president) shall cause automatic forfeiture of club membership for a period of two years.

**B).** Officers, Directors and the member originating the PETITION are not eligible to sit on the Board. The decision of the Board shall be determined by a 2/3s affirmative vote of the Board and the decision shall be final. The Board will render a decision within 60 days of establishment. Upon the 61st day, the Board is dissolved. The failure of the Board to issue any decision shall be construed as a dismissal of the PETITION.

**C).** A petition concerning a violation of the Constitution and Bylaws is a serious matter and shall not be ignored by the Officers and Directors. The failure of an Officer or a Director to carry forth their responsibilities to publish a PETITION or establish a Board of Arbitration shall cause their immediate forfeiture of office/offices. They are not eligible to sit on the Board reviewing the PETITION.

**D).** An order for Succession of Responsibility is hereby established.  
Publication of the PETITION:  
Secretary,  
Treasurer,  
junior Director,  
middle Director,  
senior Director,  
vice-President, and  
President.

Establishment of a Board of Arbitration:  
President,  
Vice-President,  
senior Director,  
middle Director,  
junior Director,  
Treasurer,  
Secretary.

Definition of Director seniority: Senior Director is the Director serving the third year of the current term. Middle Director is the Director serving the second year of the current term. Junior Director is the Director serving the first year of the current term.

#### **Article 7. AMENDMENT and DISSOLUTION**

**A).** The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the club membership. Proposed changes must be publicized in writing to all members at least 30 days prior to the designated meeting. The ballot shall be a paper ballot with the old and new portions of the affected bylaws set forth. Members may vote in person or by proxy.

**B).** Each member shall be given a copy of these By-Laws upon request, and a copy shall be posted in the clubhouse and on the club website.

**C).** In the event of the dissolution, voluntary or involuntary, of said Kishwaukee Archers, Inc., an Illinois Corporation, all assets and debts of the Kishwaukee Archers, Inc., shall be discharged in accordance to the laws and regulations of the State of Illinois relating to such matters with non-profit corporations.

**CERTIFICATION OF RATIFICATION of the 2017 KISHWAUKEE ARCHERS, INC. BYLAWS**

The undersigned swear that they are officers of Kishwaukee Archers, Inc., and that the undersigned participated in meetings that developed the above document. Further the above document was ratified by the membership in a manner set forth by the 1995 Bylaws.

John Geraci      President      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Jones      Vice-president      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Kollins      Secretary      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Leifheit      Treasurer      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Tracey Moser      Director      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ronald Ault      Director      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ron Hemmelgan      Director      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lonny Black      Range Captain      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mitch VanVlerah      Range Captain      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned swears before a NOTARY PUBLIC of the STATE of ILLINOIS that he participated in meetings that developed the above document. Further the above document was ratified by the membership in a manner set forth by the 1995 Bylaws. Further he swears that he witnessed the signing of this document by the officers above.

Dan Kollins      Secretary      \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_