

**Delta Peach Bottom  
Fish & Game Association  
Incorporated**

**By-Laws**



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## **Delta Peachbottom Fish & Game Association, Incorporated By-Laws**

**Date:** June 7, 2021

### **Article I. Name**

Section 1: The organization existing under these By-Laws is to be known as Delta Peachbottom Fish & Game Association, Incorporated.

### **Article II. Object**

Section 1: The object and purpose of this Association shall be:

- a. To promote the physical, mental, and moral well-being of its members by providing facilities for social and recreational benefits;
- b. To promote an interest in the conditions, propagation, and protection of game and fish for sport, hunting, and fishing;
- c. To promote an interest in archery and shooting event's;
- d. To assist in the conversation of forest and streams;
- e. To foster and perpetuate a feeling of goodwill among sportsmen, land owners, Department of Natural Resources, and the members of the community.

### **Article III. Membership**

Any legal resident of the United States never convicted of a felony or any other crime of violence, and legally able to possess a firearm in the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall be eligible for and maintain a membership with Delta Peachbottom Fish & Game Association, Inc., as set forth in these By-Laws.

Section 1: Types:

- a. Single- An individual over the age of 18 who had completed the membership process.
- b. Family- Regular family members will include the spouse and all minor children under the age of 18 years and living in that household. Children who live with the family and are enrolled full time in higher education or deployed overseas with the US Military can be included during enrollment/deployment.
- c. Honorary- The Board of Directors may propose to award Honorary Membership to any person approved by the majority of members present and voted at a regular meeting.
- d. Life- Members who reach the age of 65 and have been continuous members for the 15 preceding years will no longer be required to pay dues and will retain all privileges.

Section 2: Applying for Membership

- a. Application for membership will follow guideline set forth by the Board of Directors.

- b. All new members must attend a general membership meeting to be sponsored by an active member in good standing, an orientation meeting, and the next general membership meeting prior to being voted upon for approval of membership to this Association.
- c. Applications for membership must be approved by a majority of the Members in good standing, at a regular meeting.

### Section 3: Termination of Membership

- a. Any Member who allows their membership dues to fall in arrears after the January 31<sup>st</sup> due date will:
  - 1.) Have their membership terminated.
  - 2.) Must reapply for membership according to the rules for becoming a Members as per Article III, Sections 1, 2, and 3
- b. Any member found to have been involved in an incident in which the club or any club member or guest is put in danger may have their membership terminated. Such situation(s) will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- c. Any member involved in a violation of Article IX of these bylaws may have their membership suspended or terminated.

Section 4: The total membership of Delta Peachbottom Fish and Game Association, Inc. shall be closed at 800 memberships. Life Members are not included in the total membership limit.

## **Article IV. Dues**

Section 1: The dues shall be assessed by the membership and will be paid on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the January 1- December 31<sup>st</sup> membership year. Members may change the fee for Association dues by a two-thirds vote at three consecutive monthly meetings.

Section 2: Beginning January 1, 2016 all dues will be considered late if not received before January 31<sup>st</sup>, for the membership year. Paying dues after January 31, will result in the *termination of your membership, and you will need to re-apply for membership as per Article III, Section 1, 2, & 3 of these By-Laws.*

Section 3: All new members accepted for membership from October 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup> who pay annual dues for the coming membership year, will be in good standing for the last three months of the current year.

Section 4: Life members will not be required to pay dues.

## **Article V. Meetings**

Section 1: The regular meeting of the Association will be held on Association property on the second Monday of each month, at which time may be transacted such business properly brought up for action.

Section 2: The President shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Association at any time. Notice of time, place, and objective of any special meeting shall be given to all members in good standing by the internet website of this Association not less than seven days prior to the meeting date.

Section 3: The Board of Directors will meet on the first Monday of every month, except when the date falls on a major holiday.

Section 4: Meetings will be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order on parliamentary procedures.

## **Article VI. Officers**

Section 1: The Officers of this Association shall consist of:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Recording Secretary
- d. Treasurer

Section 2: Rules of Office

- a. No two offices may be held by one person at the same time.
- b. The President must have been a member of the Association in good standing for a period of four years before being elected to this office.
- c. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote, by ballot of the members in good standing present at a regular December meeting of this organization.
- d. Officers shall hold office for one year.
- e. In the case an office becomes vacant the President may name an individual in a temporary capacity to fill the office until such time the office can be filled.

Section 3: Duties of the Officers

- a. President shall:
  - 1) Preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee;
  - 2) Be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees;
  - 3) Perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office
- b. Vice-President shall perform the duties of the president in their absence or at the request of the President.
- c. Recording Secretary shall:
  - 1) Have charge and keep a full and correct recording of all proceedings of all meetings;
  - 2) Keep records as the Association may require, except the Treasurer's books of account;
  - 3) Render reports when called upon at any meeting.

- 4) Under the direction of the President, handle all official correspondence of the Association;
  - 5) Notify all members of special meetings as required by Article V, Section 2;
  - 6) Be responsible that the Association is re-affiliated with the National Rifle Association annually.
- d. Treasurer shall:
- 1) Have charge of all funds of the Association and place same in such banks as may be approved by the Association. Such money shall only be withdrawn by checks signed by the Treasurer or President, for the payment of such bills as shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
  - 2) Keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting when requested.
  - 3) Make a monthly report to the Association during its monthly meetings.

## **Article VII. Board of Directors**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall:

- a. Consist of at least five members in good standing; in addition to the President who will function as the Chairperson;
- b. Be appointed by the President before the February meeting;
- c. Perform duties consistent with such matters that may be brought before them by the President and any member at a regular board meeting that requires a recommendation for approval.
- d. Have general supervision of all the activities of the organization.

## **Article VIII. Committees**

Section 1: The President, upon taking office each year, shall appoint the following standing committees before February:

- a. Membership; which shall:
  - 1) Have charge of all membership lists and application for memberships;
  - 2) Be responsible for all dues and fees; and shall turn them over to the Treasurer at such meeting of the Association with proper receipts.
- b. Fish; which shall:
  - 1) Have charge of procuring the Association's fish;
  - 2) Aid in the distribution of them;
  - 3) Oversee the Children's Fishing Tournament
- c. Building and Grounds Maintenance; which shall have charge of all matters pertaining to:
  - 1) The care of existing structures;
  - 2) Renovation;

- 3) Erection of new structures;
  - 4) Property and building(s) of the association; and
  - 5) The planning necessary to accomplish these functions.
- d. Audit; which shall audit all funds and books on a quarterly basis.
  - e. Legislative; which shall ensure that new or proposed federal, state, and local legislation that impacts the workings of the Association is shared in a timely manner at each monthly meeting.
  - f. Other committees as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and/or the President.

Section 2: The committees shall consist of the Chairperson, designated by the President, and such members as deemed necessary by the Committee Chairperson.

### **Article IX. Rules of Conduct**

Section 1: The Board of Directors may suspend any members of the Association for the following reasons:

- a. Violation of fish and game laws;
- b. Unsportsmanlike behavior
- c. Any conduct detrimental to the Association;
- d. Any violation of the Range Rules.
- e. Being involved in any incident that puts the club, club members or guests in danger.

Section 2: Charges against any Officer or Member

- a. May be brought by any Member in good standing
- b. They 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
- c. Shall be filed by the Recording Secretary, who will immediately notify the President.
- d. The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges.
- e. The Recording Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors & elected Officers, and to the accuser and to the accused.
- f. Notice shall be in writing and shall include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

### **Article X. Amendments**

SECTION 1: These By-Laws may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at a regular or special meeting, providing:

- A. The proposed amendment shall have been:
  - 1. Read at the preceding regular or special meeting of the Association.
  - 2. Submitted in writing to all Members 60 days in advance of the date when amendment is to be voted upon, and/or
  - 3. Proposed on the Association web-site 60 days in advance of the date when amendments is to be voted upon.
- B. The meeting announcement ensures the understanding that at such meeting a proposal to amend the by-laws is to be voted upon.

## **Article XI. MISCELLANEOUS**

SECTION 1: Election of Officers will be held in December. Nominations for Officers will be held in October and November. The officers shall be elected by the members present at the general member meeting in December.

SECTION 2: The Recording Secretary's and Treasures' books will be open for inspection for any member in good standing by prior appointment.

SECTION 3: Any activity concerning firearms shall comply with NRA safety rules and regulations.

SECTION 4: The Association on a yearly basis will pay for the NRA dues for its elected Officers.