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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Wisconsin Game Protective
Association.



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ARTICLE I.

NAME AND PLACE.

The name of this Society shall be "Wisconsin Game Protective Association;" located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE.

1. The purpose of the "Wisconsin Game Protective Association" shall be, what its name means: An Association of Hunters for the Protection of Game. To be successful in this praiseful enterprise, every member is obliged to do all his best for the creating and enforcing of good, sensible and practical game laws, and assist the official and society Game Wardens in the performance of their duties.

2. This Association will do all in its power, that exclusively practical, experienced, well known hunters of good moral character, and qualified, will be appointed as official Game Wardens.

3. It shall also be the purpose and duty of this Association to give its full attention to all unjust arbitrary laws, proposed in the interest of monopolies or certain covetous, rapacious people, against the rights of citizens or hunters.

4. The Wisconsin Game Protective Association shall educate its members in the art and skill of hunting, and educate them to "True Sportsmen;" and shall contribute whatever is in its power to render a better reputation for the American hunters.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Every true hunter of good moral character, and 21 years of age, may become a member of this Association, if in a regular meeting, not less than three-fourths of the members present, vote for the candidate.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Game Wardens, who shall be elected by ballot, for the term of one year.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers shall attend to all meetings of this Society (if possible) and perform their respective duties, or such duties as may be required of them by the Association, in the best and business-like manner.

2. The Treasurer shall furnish a bond in the sum of \$500, as soon as the Association will have \$100 on hand.

3. If the money on hand amounts to \$50, it shall be deposited at a bank in the name of the Wisconsin Game Protective Association. Money can be drawn from the bank by the signatures of the Treasurer and President of this Association.

4. All books of this Association shall be open for examination for any member in good standing, in presence of an officer of this body.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF GAME WARDENS.

It shall be the duty of the Game Wardens to assist the official Game Wardens in the enforcing of the game laws, and shall do otherwise all they can for the protection of game and for the conviction of violators of said laws. They shall also gather all information relative to game or hunting which the Association may deem necessary, and shall have to report in every regular meeting and may receive instructions by this Association.

ARTICLE VII.

RESPONSIBILITY.

Although the Wisconsin Game Protective Association does all its best to protect and help its Game Wardens by the enforcing of the game laws and in doing their duties, the said Association will not take upon itself any responsibility for any unlawful action of their officers or Game Wardens.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS.

1. The regular meetings of this Association shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m.

2. *General Meetings*—The meetings in the months of January and July shall be general meetings, of which the members shall be notified in writing by the Secretary.

3. Special meetings may be called by resolution of said Association at any regular meeting, or upon the written request of five members in good standing to the Secretary, who shall notify in writing every member of each special meeting and of the object of the same.

If the Secretary neglects to notify the members, the five members may do this by signing their names at the end of the notice.

A special meeting shall not transact any other business than specified in the call.

4. One-third of all the members shall constitute a quorum by a general meeting, and seven members in good standing shall constitute a quorum in a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

FEEs AND OTHER DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

1. The initiation fee for a new member shall be \$1.
2. Each member shall pay semi-annual dues of 50 cents, payable at the general meetings.
3. Special dues may be assessed in the regular and general meetings, which shall be paid the next following meeting.
4. No member shall divulge or communicate any business or transaction of this Association.
5. Changes of addresses, etc., shall be reported to the Secretary immediately.

ARTICLE X.

REMOVALS FROM OFFICE.

Any general meeting shall have the right to remove any Officer or Game Warden by a three-fourths vote of the members present, if said Officer or Warden is unfit or fails to do his duty, or acts against the interest or principle of this Association.

ARTICLE XI.

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Wisconsin Game Protective Association reserves the right to expel any of its members, if in a general meeting two-thirds of the members present vote for the expelling. The motion and complaints must be made in writing, and at least one month before, in a regular meeting.

No such expelled member shall be entitled to any money paid by him to the Association as fees, dues, assessments, etc., nor any part of the property belonging to said body.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

Amendments to these statutes and by-laws can be made if two-thirds of the members present in the regular meeting move for such alteration, and if by the next general meeting three-fourths of its members present vote for the proposed amendment or new law.

These statutes shall be in force on and after the 10th day of January, 1900.

