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A group of farmers and sportsmen met at the Fitchville Grange hall to organize the Fitchville Conservation League there by causing the following articles and by-law to be adopted:

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the Fitchville Conservation League.

Article II - Aim

The aim of this organization shall be the conservation, propagation, restoration, and protection of upland game and fish habitat.

Article III - Organization

This organization shall consist of a president, vice president, sec. - treas., and standing committees.

Section 1 - Officers must be residents of Fitchville Twp.

Section 2 - These officers shall be elected annually by nomination from floor

Section 3 - There shall be two or more nominations for each office to be elected by ballot.

Section 4 -

Election shall be the first meeting in January.

Section 5 - Vacancies shall be filled by election as above.

Section 6 - The following standing committees shall be appointed by the president:

1. Membership
2. Finance
3. Raccoon
4. Fish
5. Pheasant

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Article IV - Membership Dues

The membership dues shall be \$1.00 per year. - Amendments

Article V - Time and place of meetings

The meetings shall be held the last Tues. of each month at 8:00 (o'clock) at the Fitchville Grange Hall.

Article VI - Amendments

These by laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

After the constitution was adopted the following officers were elected and committees appointed.

President - Archie Case

Vice President - Norbert Roeder

Sec. & Treas. - A. E. Ganz

Committees:

C. Robbins chairman of Membership

A. E. Ganz " Finance

{ Jeff Davis " " Raccoon

{ Elmer West

{ C. Zanker

{ N. Roeder " " Fish

{ J. Vogt

{ Geo. Collingwood

{ J. Porter " " Pheasant

{ Reg. Marette

{ A. Crowshaw

{ Herman Langshaw " " Refuge

{ W. Cavese

{ W. F. Porter

It was decided to have a Membership Drive with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes being awarded.

Before the meeting adjourns refreshments of Slippy Joes and Coffee were served.

Jim Garrett made a motion we adjourn.

A. E. Ganz Sec

FITCHVILLE CONSERVATION LEAGUE INC.

By Laws

Amended September 8, 2009

Article I

This organization shall be known as Fitchville Conservation League Inc. located at 2623 Jennings Rd. , P.O. Box 66 , New London, Ohio 44851 and is set forth to provide a venue for members and local citizens to express their views and suggestions on how to better use our local Natural Resources and the wherewithal to carry out programs to that effect. To initiate projects and programs such as but not limited to Ohio's Hunter Education Courses and Archery in the Schools. To provide manpower and facilities to promote shooter education in several disciplines, including archery, shotgun sports, pistol, rifle, and muzzleloader for both children and adults. To sponsor events for all to practice and enjoy both nature and the shooting sports, all while continuing to promote and defend the wise use of our Natural Resources. Both Membership and Fiscal year begin January 1 and end December 31.

Article II

Section 1 : QUORUM : At all meetings five members shall constitute a quorum

Section 2 : PERIODICAL MEETINGS : Quarterly meetings shall be held at Fitchville Conservation League on the second Tuesday of March, June, September, and December at 7:00 P.M.

Section 3 : ANNUAL MEETINGS : Annual meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of December. All Officers elected shall take office January 1st.

Section 4 : SPECIAL MEETINGS : Special Meetings may be called by any Officer or any two members by notifying the intent to the President . Notice of meeting shall be given by the President, to each member at least ten days prior to the date of such meeting via e-mail or phone at his/her last known address or phone number and notice in the local newspaper.

Section 5 : ORDER OF MEETINGS : The order of business at a meeting shall be as follows:

- [A]** Roll call of Officers
- [B]** Reading of Minutes
- [C]** Reading of Treasurer's Report
- [D]** Additions or corrections to the agenda
- [E]** Old Business
- [F]** Reports of Committees
- [G]** New Business

Section 6 : Roberts Rules of Order will govern the conduct of all meetings.

Article III

The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, each elected annually, five Trustees elected for three year staggered terms, and one alternate Trustee serving a one year term. These elected Officials will be known as the Board of Directors. Nominations for such Officers shall be on the second Tuesday of September. Two or more nominations shall be submitted for each office. No member under eighteen years of age and or that has not been an active member in good standing for at least one year prior, may hold office. Said Officers shall be chosen by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting and shall hold that office until January 1 of the following year. Trustees shall be elected in the same manner but will serve staggered three year terms @ 2 / 2 / 1 per year.

Article IV

DUTIES OF BOARD of DIRECTORS

Section 1 : The Board of Directors shall have the power to manage all the affairs of the League on any and all questions regarding in any manner whatsoever thereto, and make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of all business ; they shall have total jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the care, conduct, control, supervision and management of the League and it's finances and all appropriations shall be made by them.

Section 2 : It shall be the duty of said Board of Directors to prescribe and publish rules regulating the use and occupancy of the rooms of the Clubhouse, grounds, and equipment and for the care and protection of such.

Section 3 : At the Annual Meeting of the League, the Board of Directors shall make a full report of their proceedings during the preceding fiscal year and recommend such measures as they shall deem advisable.

Section 4 : The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy among the Officers or Trustees by the vote of the majority of those present at any meeting of such Board. Such election shall be for the unexpired term.

Section 5 : Any Officer or Trustee who is absent from three consecutive meetings, either general or Board meetings without presenting a fair and reasonable excuse for the absence to the President, may be suspended from his/her respective office and the vacancy filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 6 : In no case where a resolution has been passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors affecting the relationship of any member of the League towards the League, shall such resolutions be reviewed at subsequent meetings without notice in writing sent by the Secretary to every member of the Board of Directors and the involved member or members at least ten days prior to the meeting that such previous action will be brought up for review or consideration.

Section 7 : The Board of Directors shall have the following specific powers :

- [A]** To appoint delegates to the different associations of which the League may be a member or for the purpose of conferring with any association or club respecting any matters in which this League may be concerned.
- [B]** To make rules for the conduct of the members of the League and for their use of the League property.
- [C]** To suspend or expel a member for any conduct in violation of the rules
- [D]** To fix and enforce penalties for violation of rules.
- [E]** To remit penalties for offenses against the rules.
- [F]** To call special meetings of the League to consider special subjects.
- [G]** To prescribe additional duties for any Officer, in addition to those herein set forth.

Article V

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS :

- Section 1 :** **PRESIDENT :** The President shall preside over all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, sign the records thereof, and shall appoint all committees, and perform generally all the duties usually performed by Presidents of like Corporations, and such other and further duties as shall be from time to time required by the members.
- Section 2 :** **Vice President :** The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the latter. In case both the President and Vice President are absent or unable to perform their duties; the members, Officers, or Trustees, as the case may be, may appoint a President Pro-Tempore.
- Section 3 :** **SECRETARY :** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all proceedings of Officers and members of this corporation and make a proper record of the same, which shall be attested by said person, and generally shall perform such duties as may be required of said person by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 :** **TREASURER :** The Treasurer shall receive and have in charge all moneys and securities belonging to this Corporation and shall disburse, or otherwise deal with the same as ordered by the Board of Directors, with the exception of expenditures for normal operating expenses. Said person shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed, to be audited annually by a committee appointed by the President, and shall generally perform such duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. On the expiration of term of office be required to turn over to successor, or to the Board of Directors, all money and property of this Corporation in said persons hands, and the the records are to be immediately audited by the current Board.
- Section 5 :** **TRUSTEE :** Trustees are elected members of the Board of Directors and act as the overseers of the care and maintainence of the physical property of this League. They are responsible for all property ; however, approval of the entire Board of Directors

is required before contracts can be let or money be spent. Any member wishing changes or improvements to any physical property of this League must present in writing their wishes to one of five elected Trustees for consideration. Trustees will be elected on staggered three year terms of office [2 / 2 / 1] as to provide continuity of responsibility.

Article VI

QUALIFICATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS :

Any person may become a member of this Corporation through the following process :

- A. Submit a written and signed application.
- B. Application signed by a sponsor member in good standing.
- C. Be introduced by sponsoring member at a regular meeting.
- D. Receive approval by a yes vote of two thirds of the members present.
- E. Payment of initiation fee and annual dues from the schedule in Article VII of this document.

By signing the application and accepting membership, you are agreeing to be bound by the rules, regulations and by-laws of this Corporation as written, and are considered a Probationary Member for the first year with this Corporation. a Probationary Member shall be subject to dismissal if found to have committed any violation of our safety rules. A Probationary Member is ineligible to sponsor new members, but has all other rights of an active member.

Article VII

DUES :

The annual dues for members shall be charged from the schedule attached to this Article VII and shall be paid annually in advance of January 1st. If dues are not paid in full before January 15th , membership is revoked and access to and use of League facilities is denied except during open to the public events. No member shall vote , propose a motion, or promote any other action at a meeting unless his/her dues are paid. A former member may be reinstated within thirty days with payment of current dues along with a 20% penalty. Any former member wishing reinstatement after February 1st may apply to the Board of Directors along with payment of one half the current initiation fee and full years dues, and upon such, shall be reinstated.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

Initiation Fee — One Time — All New Members — \$ 50.00

Associate / Social — \$ 35.00

** Member has voting rights with no use of grounds or facilities other than open to the public events.

Active / Contributing — \$ 50.00

** Member has unrestricted use of grounds any time except during organized events. — This payment is for members that have contributed during work days or other events. Qualification is stated in the Policies and Procedures of this League

General — \$ 75.00

** Member has unrestricted use of grounds any time except during organized events, but has not made a significant contribution at any time throughout the year as stated in the Policies and Procedures of this League. Notification will accompany annual dues notification before the December meeting.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RATES

Lifetime Membership may be achieved by paying a one time fee according to the following AGE / RATE schedule

Age 14 - 25 years — \$ 500.00

Age 46 - 55 years — \$ 150.00

Age 26 - 35 years — \$ 300.00

Age 56 - 65 years — \$ 125.00

Age 36 - 45 years — \$ 200.00

Age 66 - 75 years — \$ 50.00

Article VIII

These by-laws and schedules may be amended, supplemented or repealed by the motion being made, seconded and discussed at three regular meetings, then by putting the finished product before the members for vote and being carried by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. Also the Secretary must notify all members of the amendment and or changes by mail/e-mail at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the vote will take place.

This current set of by-laws was voted on at the September 8, 2009 Meeting of the Fitchville Conservation League and the approval vote was witnessed by and is hereby acknowledged by the following Officers, to take effect January 2, 2010.

By-Law Committee

Gary Ebinger – Secretary / Chair

Gary L. Ebinger

Phil Wolfe – Vice-President

Phil Wolfe

Gary Palm – Trustee

Gary Palm

Lon Burton – Trustee

Lon Burton

Vaughn Thomas – Trustee

Vaughn Thomas

Witnessing Officers

Wayne Kiser – President

Wayne Kiser

Allen Simmons – Treasurer

Allen Simmons

Orville Westfall – Trustee

Orville Westfall

Dean Beck – Trustee

Dean Beck