



Bylaws of the Wisconsin Coon Hunters Association

Article I Name

- A. The name of this corporation is Wisconsin Coon Hunters Association, WCHA

Article II Purpose and powers

The Wisconsin Coon Hunters Association is a non-profit corporation and shall be operated for the education and charitable purposes within the 501(c) (3) and any corresponding tax code.

The purpose of this corporation is to promote the sport of hunting with hounds, competition coonhunting events, and responsible hunting.

The corporation will have the power to work alone or in conjunction with others to do any lawful acted deemed necessary or convenient to affect the charitable purposes, and to assist other organizations or individuals whose activities further accomplish, foster, or attain such purposes.

Article II Non Profit Status

- A. The Wisconsin Coon Hunters Association is a nonprofit corporation, recognized as tax exempt by the 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Code
- B. Exempt Activities. No officer, director, or member of this corporation may take on any activity on behalf of the organization that is not permitted by the 501(c)(3). No part of the corporation earnings shall be distributed to an officer, member or director, nor any one individual.
- C. Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Wisconsin Coon Hunters Association, any assets available for distribution shall be distributed to one or more 501(c) (3) organization having a similar purpose to this corporation.

Article IV Distribution of proceeds

- A. Net Proceeds of this corporation shall be distributed annually at minimum in the following manner:
- B. Contributions by the Association can be distributed to programs aligned with Mission, but shall not exceed percentage of contributions in given year.
1. 33% for conservation or game related, or new hunter recruitment effort of our own design, or through another organization that is also 501(c)(3)
 2. 33% for education of public through our own programs and events, by sponsoring a related organization that is also 501(c)(3), or by offering scholarship funds to selected applicants
 3. 33% for charitable purposes to one or more organizations classified 501(c)(3)

Article V Officers

1. The officers of this corporation shall be the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Election of officers will occur annually at the first quarter meeting. Election will be by Board of Directors.
2. Each office term is 2 years



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- a. President and Secretary will be voted on in even years
 - b. Vice President and Treasurer will be voted on in odd years
3. Only members whose current membership status equals 2 years or more are eligible for office
4. If the board and officers deem logical or necessary, the Secretary and Treasurer offices may be combined and held by one individual, as voted in by election.
5. Duties
 - a. President: The president shall preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, shall call special meetings of the Board of Directors, perform all acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officer, and sign all membership cards and such other papers of the Association as he may be authorized and directed to sign by the Board of Directors, provided, however, that the Board of Directors may authorize any officer to sign any or all checks, contracts, and other instruments in writing on behalf of the Association. If the President misses four meetings unexcused, his/her office shall be deemed vacant at the regular meetings of his/her fourth absence and the Vice-President shall replace him.
 - b. Vice President: In absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall also serve to assist the Treasurer or Secretary in his or her duties. The Vice President shall also oversee website and social media updates. If the Vice-President misses four meetings unexcused, his/her office shall be deemed vacant and an election shall be held at the regular meetings of his/her fourth absence to replace him.
 - c. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall carry on all necessary correspondence and meeting notification. He or she shall keep current and accurate information on all member, including name, address, phone, email, and date of joining. If the Secretary-Treasurer misses four meetings unexcused, his/her office shall be deemed vacant and an election shall be held at the regular meeting of his/her fourth absence to replace him.
 - d. Treasurer: The treasurer shall have general charge and supervision of the financial accounts and records of the Association. He or she shall have installed an accounting system which shall be adequate to the requirements of the business and it shall be his or her duty to require proper records to be kept of all business transactions. He or she shall give a full report of assets and liabilities at each meeting of officers and directors, and financial report to members during annual meeting. He or she will use the financial institution selected by the Board of Directors, and will have authority to sign checks and related documents on behalf of the corporation, as approved by the Board. If the Treasurer misses four meetings unexcused, his/her office shall be deemed vacant and an election shall be held at the regular meeting of his/her fourth absence to replace him.



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- A. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of the affairs of the corporation. It shall ensure that the nonprofit obeys applicable laws and acts in accordance with ethical practices; that the nonprofit adheres to its stated corporate purposes, and that its activities advance its mission.
 1. There shall be 5 Directors on the Board
 2. To become a Director, another Director must successfully nominate the candidate at a regular Board of Directors Meeting, and voted in with a majority vote
 3. The term for a position on Board of Directors is 1 year
 4. If a Board member missed 4 consecutive meetings unexcused, his/her office shall be deemed vacant and an election shall be held at the regular meeting of his/her fourth absence to replace him/her.
 5. A Director may resign with written notice at any time
 6. Duties:
 - a. The duties of the Board of Directors
 1. Aid in banquet planning and committees
 2. Unexpected expenditure approval
 3. Make every effort to attend and serve in some capacity WCHA banquet, competition coonhound events, public education programs, and other events. Also assist on coordination with other volunteers.
 4. Promote membership to others
 5. Be a positive ambassador to coonhunting and the Association

Article VII Membership

- A. Any person whose intentions are aligned with the purpose of the corporation and who pays membership fees may become a member of the association.
- B. Membership dues are to be determined by the Board of Directors, and are due annually at the beginning of each calendar year
- C. The association shall issue a membership card to each member
- D. Membership is not transferrable
- E. If a member has not renewed his or her membership by March 30th, his membership will suspend and all member communications will cease until renewal.
- F. The Board of Directors may, by majority vote at a Board meeting, suspend or terminate the membership of a member for misconduct or for actions not consistent with the purpose of this corporation.

Article VIII Committees

- A. The Board of Directors may establish any standing or ad hoc committee it deems fit. If such committees are established, they may bring recommendations before the Board. The president shall be an ex-officio member of such committee.

Article IX Meetings



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- A. An annual meeting open to all members will be held in the first quarter of each calendar year. If an action item requires a vote by membership, majority will rule.
- B. The Board of Directors shall meet once each quarter of the calendar year, the first one may be combined with member meeting. The Board meeting is open to Board members only. If an action item requires a vote by Board members, a quorum may be established.
 - 1. A meeting at which 3 of the 5 Directors are present, it shall constitute a quorum
- C. Meeting notification must go out 10 days prior to meeting. Notification may be electronic, so long as it reaches all interested parties. Email, website, text message and Facebook are suitable means.
- D. Meetings will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

Article X Books and records

- A. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounting and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and of all committees having any authority of the Board. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or director for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Article XI Fiscal

- A. The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on the last day of December each year.

Article XII Licensed events

- A. All licensed events sponsored by this corporation will be run in accordance with rules and policies set forth by the organization for which the license has been issued.

Article XIII Liability

- A. The corporation shall have no capital stock, and the private property of the incorporator, members of the Board of Directors, officers, committee members, agents and members shall not be liable for debts or obligations of the corporation. Provide, foregoing sentence shall not in any way limit, restrict, or replace any statutory, common law, or administrative exemptions which might be available to any one or more of such persons or entities.

Article XIV Seal

- A. This corporation shall exist without a corporate seal. A statement to that effect shall be made on those documents requiring a seal.

Article XV Amendment of Bylaws

- A. These bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the Officers and Directors present at any meeting. Any proposed amendment to the bylaws must be on the agenda prior to the meeting.

XVI Certification



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- A. The undersigned corporation secretary does hereby certify that the foregoing bylaws were truly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Coon Hunters Association.

Article XVI Amendments

- A Mailing address will be:

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PO Box 87

Ashippun, WI 53003

- B. Membership dues will be \$20 annually, expiring at the end of the calendar year in which it was paid.