

September 17, 2023 Revision

**REVISED BYLAWS
OF
FATHER and SON HUNTING CAMP
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
DCNR State Lease: 15-C-180
725 Reed Run Road
Keating Summit, PA**

(This Organization was formed January 19, 1941)

ARTICLE 1 Camp Officers

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers will change every four (4) years. All members are entitled to vote in the election of camp officers. Ballots shall be sent to all members and their vote may be cast at the election meeting either by returning the ballot in person or by returning an absentee ballot so that it is received prior to the election meeting.

ARTICLE 2 Camp Meetings

A quorum shall consist of 1/3 of the camp members are present at any regular or special meeting provided that written notice has been given to the membership stating the time and the place of the meeting. A temporary chairman may be elected in case the absence of the President and Vice President.

Regular meeting shall be held the second Sunday of April, August, and November unless changed by written notification. A regular meeting will also be held the Sunday of antlered deer season. This meeting will be held at camp.

Amendment 1

Camp meeting schedule changed. Meetings to be held the second Sunday of April, August, and November. Also at work detail and at deer camp.

ARTICLE 3 Obedience to Camp Regulations

All members must abide by the regulations of the organization or they are liable for expulsion from camp.

ARTICLE 4 Initiation Fee and Dues

The initiation fee is \$200.00 and annual dues are \$100.00 and as an option, members age 65 or over may pay \$45.00 annual dues. Annual dues are to be paid by the end of April. A penalty of \$2.00 per month will be charged thereafter. However, this penalty may be waived due to mitigating circumstances by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting. All special assessments are to pro-rated among voting members. Written notification must be given to the members to increase the initiation fee and/or membership dues. All members are entitled to vote on changes of the initiation fee and annual dues and may vote either in person or by absentee ballot. A majority vote is required.

If a camp member is delinquent in paying dues for a period of two years, he is liable for expulsion from camp, receiving the prevailing rate less delinquencies. Expulsion may be waived due to mitigating circumstances by a majority vote of the camp membership. There will be a penalty of \$100/year for not attending a work detail. Members are to be duly notified by email of all work details.

Amendment 1

Penalty for late payment of dues increased to \$2.00/month. Approved March 8, 1999 as amendment to Article 4.

Amendment 2

Yearly dues are increased to \$50.00/ year, \$25/year retirees. Approved November 26, 2006 as amendment to Article 4.

Amendment 3

Members that are present for work detail will receive a \$10 reduction in the next year's membership dues. Retirees are exempt from work detail penalty. Approved September 15, 2007 as amendment to Article 4.

Amendment 4

Raise Membership dues to \$75; Retiree (defined as age 65 or older) raise to \$45.00. Raise Work detail penalty to \$75; Retiree exempt; No \$10 reduction for attending work detail. Approved September 18, 2010 as amendment to Article 4.

Amendment 5

Raise Membership dues to \$100; Retiree (defined as age 65 or older) no change to \$45.00.

Raise Work detail penalty to \$100; Retiree still exempt;. Approved September 17, 2023 as amendment to Article 4.

ARTICLE 5 Camp Membership and New Members

The membership shall be limited to 25 voting members. Any member's son having reached the age of 18 and having submitted proper notification will be placed on the membership waiting list and given priority for membership. Any prospective members name shall be presented at the meeting prior to his election and the membership shall be notified by mail before any balloting on the prospective member. Camp members may ballot on the membership by either voting in person or by absentee ballot. All candidates for membership must be approved by a majority ballot to become camp members.

Amendment 1

The camp membership to be limited to 25 members. Five memberships to be reserved for son of members. The remaining memberships will be for members of legal age or those living independently. Approved August 22, 1999 as amendment to Article 5.

Amendment 2

Any person wishing membership must attend a work detail prior to applying for membership. Approved August 22, 1999 as amendment to Article 5.

ARTICLE 6 Membership Withdrawals

Any member desiring to withdraw membership shall receive the sum of \$100.00 with all delinquencies deducted there from, unless the son of a member retains the membership and pays all accounts due on the membership.

Any member facing expulsion shall be entitled to, and receive, a hearing if same is requested. Members against whom expulsion action is taken shall not be entitled to vote during the expulsion action. If expelled, a member shall receive the same sum, less delinquencies, as a member withdrawing. No member withdrawing or expelled shall receive any until a new member is selected and becomes a full member, unless the organization desires to purchase the membership. Any member withdrawing from the organization due to circumstances deemed misfortunate should receive due consideration.

When any membership share is withdrawn from the organization due to the members death, a sum equal to the full value of this share less any delinquencies shall be paid immediately to that member's family providing that the treasury permits and/or the membership does not decide otherwise.

ARTICLE 7 Method of Balloting

All ballots other than routine business shall be secret. The presiding officer shall appoint two tellers who shall serve for all ballots cast during a regular or special meeting. All members may vote either by voting in person or by casting absentee ballots received prior to the meeting.

No member shall be entitled to vote in expulsion proceedings when the proceedings are instituted against that member or his son.

ARTICLE 8 Rules of Conduct and Enforcement

The excessive use of intoxicants shall be limited. Any improper actions due to intoxication are an infraction of the Bylaws. Minor members shall not be permitted to indulge in intoxicants.

A loaded gun cannot be taken into camp and it is to be the custom to unload firearms before reaching thereto, using the utmost caution. Members of a returning party desiring to unload firearms are to exercise caution by pausing, pointing firearm away from accompanying members and camp structure and then unloading. No firearms shall be handled in camp without the utmost caution or consent of the camp captain who has the vested authority to enforce camp rules.

The camp captain is to be elected at any regular or special meeting and his alternative or assistant shall be the highest ranking officer present at any time. The eldest member shall serve in this capacity when the camp captain is not present. Members and guests shall be subject to reproof when it is for the good of the organization, and shall be expected to accept same in sportsmanlike manner. Infractions of camp regulations shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$5.00 or expulsion.

ARTICLE 9 Use of Camp

The camp shall be available to all members at all times and available for camping by member's families and their guests except during turkey, bear and deer seasons. There is no charge for use of the camp by a member or his family. Each guest will be charged \$2 per day for use of the camp, with the exception of work detail and the first week of rifle

deer season. Guests using the camp during the first week of rifle deer season will be charged a flat fee of \$40. A member's family is defined as the immediate family meaning his wife and children living at home or a child who is supported by a camp member.

Members are permitted three guests not to exceed a party of ten. Example: Two members can take six guests, three members can take seven guests and five members can take only five guests. No guests are permitted in camp unless accompanied by a member. If at the planning meeting for the deer season, not more than ten members are going hunting; guests are permitted not to exceed a party of 18 hunters. Guest's names intending on hunting deer must be submitted at the planning meeting. Sons of members have first choice. Any member living outside the membership body is permitted a guest exclusive of the above restrictions. All members shall make arrangements with the secretary regarding guests so the occupancy of the camp may be known.

A dependent son of a member who is hunting as a guest will not be charged for use of the camp. During the first week of antlered deer season he will pay a full share of the camp expenses for the entire week, including a full share of the food bill.

Amendment 1

No change to the current family member exemption. During the first week of deer season, guests will pay \$40 for the week. All other times, except for the first week of deer season and work detail \$2 a day. Approved September 18, 2010 as amendment to Article 9.

ARTICLE 10 Member Guest Responsibility

All members shall be responsible for their guests as to damage, assessments for expense and infractions of rules, and payment of fines (which are to be paid to the secretary). As it is the intent and purpose of this organization to provide recreation and pleasure for members and families, all minors shall be considered as adults and treated accordingly in so far as their conduct permits.

ARTICLE 11 Amendment of Bylaws

No Bylaws shall be amended, rescinded, or new laws adopted unless presented in writing, read in two open meetings and voted upon by the membership. A majority of member's present and duly signed envelope of absentee members being necessary to rescind, amend, or adopt new laws.

ARTICLE 12 Motions Enacted at Meetings

All motions, unless otherwise rescinded, will be enforced for a period of two years. After two years, they will be reviewed and will either be dropped or will be reinstated.