

# **YORKANA GAME AND GUN CLUB, INC.**

**Original Revision: 10-12-2005**

**Revision: 9-20-2011**

**Revision: 2-8-2023**

**Current Revision: 12-11-2024**

**The Yorkana Game and Gun Club was formed in 1928 and Incorporated in 1951 to provide its members with a dog training area.**

**As of September 1, 1973; the club owns a total of two hundred thirty seven (237) acres.**

**As of September 20, 2011; the club owns a total of two hundred forty three (243) acres.**

**As of March 4, 2011 the club acquired 10 acres and bringing the total acreage to 253 acres.**

**OFFICERS:** The officers of this organization shall be the **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER** and twelve (12) **DIRECTORS** elected from the charter membership.

These sixteen (16) officers shall exercise the duties of governing the operation of the club. They will interpret the rules and BY-LAWS of the club.

#### DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the **PRESIDENT** to preside at all meetings of the association as well as the Board of Directors, call special meetings when necessary, appoint and be a member of all committees, give casting vote on matters in case of a tie, sign all orders drawn on the **TREASURER**, have general supervision of all matters pertaining to the association, see that order is preserved, and that the rules and BY-LAWS of the associations are enforced.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the **VICE PRESIDENT** to render such assistance as may be required of him and perform the duties of the **PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, or TREASURER** in their absence.

**SECRETARY:** The **SECRETARY** shall act as secretary of all meetings. It shall be the duty of the **SECRETARY** to keep minutes of each meeting and read the minutes of the previous meeting, to keep the roster of the membership, keep a record of all Moines received or due to the association, attend all meetings with his books and records, turn over to the **TREASURER** all Moines received, and keep a record of the money in the treasury, notify the members of special or regular meetings when necessary, and take care of all association correspondence. Any BY-LAWS, additions or corrections will be updated by the **SECRETARY**.

**TREASURER:** It shall be the duty of the **TREASURER** to keep and accurate account of all the money received by him and to deposit same immediately after receipt thereof, in the name of the association and to its credit in a bank approved by the Board of Directors, sign all checks, drafts, or notes, and keep a record of all money received or paid out. The **TREASURER'S** balance and the **SECRETARY'S** balance shall balance at all times.

A compilation will be performed each year and posted in the Club House. (Changed/Passed 2-8-2023)

# **BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I – Meetings**

- Sec. 1. The regular meeting of the club shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 PM. If a regular meeting is canceled, it will be held the following Wednesday.
- Sec. 2. Sixteen (16) members of the organization, nine (9) of which must be officers of the club, shall constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called at any time by the PRESIDENT, or at the request of the officers of the club.
- Sec. 4. Any officer missing three (3) meetings in one year may be replaced by the officers of the club.

## **ARTICLE II – Organization**

- Sec. 1. American Citizens only shall be eligible for membership.
- Sec. 2. A person must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age to be a member.
- Sec. 3. The BY-LAWS of this organization may be amended as follows: A notice in writing of the proposed amendment must be given to the officers of the club and a copy thereof approved by the officers, and then must receive a two-thirds favorable vote of the club membership present at the following two (2) consecutive meetings.
- Sec. 4. Member must be present to be elected to office.

- Sec. 4a. A member must have three (3) years in the club to run for PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER or SECRETARY.
- Sec. 4b. Member must be present to be nominated for office.
- 4c. At the end of a members 1<sup>st</sup> year, they can be nominated For a Directors position. (Added/Passed 12-11-24).
- Sec. 5. There will be two (2) nominations for officers and directors (Changed/Passed 12-11-24). The first nomination shall be at the November meeting, the second and final nomination shall be at the December meeting. After this nomination, the election shall be held to fill the offices for the following year. Members must show current membership card to vote.
- Sec. 6. The person elected to the office of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, and TREASURER will serve for one (1) year. All new officers will take over at the January meeting. **(Passed 10 December 2008)**
- Sec. 6a. Any vacancies which occur during the year may be filled by the officers of the club.
- Sec. 7. The officers of the club shall spend the amount needed to maintain the buildings and grounds by approval of the Board of Directors, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).
- Sec. 8. Nine (9) officers of the club shall constitute a quorum to transact business. They shall have regular monthly meetings. These meetings precede the club meetings, and a general report of these meetings shall be given at the regular meetings of the association.

- Sec. 9. The officers of the club shall be responsible for the legal distribution of all fish and game received by the association and shall give a report of all game distributed.
- Sec. 10. Any person participating in any activity of the association does so at his own risk and free will. In case of injury, the association will be fair in its treatment of the case. (**Amended 6/11**).
- Sec. 11. The **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT,** and SECRETARY shall receive a donation of the same amount for one (1) year of service. The amount to be \$500.00. The TREASURER shall receive a donation of \$300.00 per month (Changed/Passed 2-8-2023). The paid officers of the club must be present at least ten (10) monthly meetings or a deduction of their donation will be decided at the director's discretion. (**Amended 6/11**). Officers can submit to YGGC Treasurer for Club related mileage on their personal vehicle. Mileage must be logged accordingly and handed to the current treasurer to get reimbursed at the Federal going rate. (Added/Passed 2-8-2023)
- Sec. 12. The picnic building will be rented to members only. Members are responsible for the condition of the building. There will be a deposit required. Member must receive approval from the Board of Directors.
- Sec. 13. Any officer not fulfilling their term may not run for office for three (3) years, unless officer has a legitimate reason for not fulfilling their term or approval by the Board of Directors.

## **Article III – Membership**

- Sec. 1. The yearly dues of the club will be \$50.00 per year. Dues can be paid between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Any member not paying his dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the roster of the club. Dues will be paid to the SECRETARY or a DIRECTOR who will receipt the payee.
- Sec.1a. Members are required to put in four (4) hours of time for the year or pay a ten-dollar (\$10.00) fee. (changed/passed 12-11-24)
- Sec. 2. New members will be approved within the first three (3) months of the year by the officers and the membership present and a maximum limit of paid members set at four hundred (400). Applications will be selected by a lottery at the January meeting. Applicants will be selected by a lottery in January meeting, if there are more applicants than applications available. This process will continue until February meeting. Applications will only be available during the January and February meetings. The number of Applicants. that are available for each year are determined by the Officers and Directors and never to exceed 400 paid active member status. All new applicants must pass through the BOD and membership meeting. (Changed/Passed 7-10-2023) The member sponsoring an applicant must be present for the lottery drawing or have a qualifying member present. **(Passed 13 September 2006).**

- Sec.2a. the four hundred (400) paid membership may not be exceeded when new members are taken in, but new applicants will not be taken until the limit falls below four hundred (400) paid members.
- Sec.2b. The SECRETARY will have the amount of applications to be handed out. This will be decided by the amount of members not paying yearly dues and passing's of members. All applications will be numbered.
- Sec.2c. Applicants will have two (2) weeks to return applications. They can be returned by mail, and the secretary will keep proof of receipt by postmark date, given to their sponsor to be hand delivered to an Officer, or dropped off in the kitchen door slot. (Changed/passed 2-8-2023)
- Sec. 3. A member of at least three (3) years may sponsor and CO-sponsor one (1) new membership application per year.
- Sec.3a. All applications must have two (2) sponsors.
- Sec.3b. Both sponsors must have (3) years in the club.
- Sec.3c. Each qualified member can sponsor and CO-sponsor an application.
- Sec.3d. A qualifying sponsor who received an application thru the lottery is not eligible until the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of applications the following year. He may CO-sponsor **an applicant at any time.** (Passed 13 September 2006).

Sec. 4. Any application for membership must first be approved by the officers of the club. The application then shall be presented at a regular meeting and a majority vote of the members present shall be required to approve the applications and elect to membership. The new applicant then has until the next monthly meeting to pay a fifty-dollar(\$50.00) application fee and sixty-dollar(\$60.00) yearly dues.

Sec. 4a. Any member who sponsors a new application membership must be present when applicant comes up for interview.

Sec.4b. All new members must work at least eight (8) hours per year for three (3) consecutive years or their membership may be dropped by the Board of Directors. (added 6/11).

Sec. 5. Any member may be suspended for cause for a period of time, or dropped from the membership by unanimous vote of the officers of the club, however a member who received three (3) suspensions is automatically dropped from the club membership.

Sec. 6. Any member with twenty (20) calendar years of continuous service and sixty-five (65) years of age by the first of January will receive free a membership upon proof of age.

Sec.7. All Life members will not be included in the four hundred (400) membership limit.

Sec.8. All members name and addresses will be kept at the club.

Sec.9. A member who holds office for one (1) full year will receive a free membership.



## **ARTICLE IV – Club Regulations**

Sec. 1. Dog training is permitted the year round except during trapping season and certain hunting seasons which will be decided by the officers of the club.

Sec. 1a. Hunting shall be decided in June by written ballot that will be conducted during the meeting. Only members that are in attendance will be permitted to cast a ballot. The choices on the ballot will be for Buck only, Buck and Doe, or NO Hunting. The ballots will be counted in private by two (2) Board of Directors and (2) members that are in attendance at the meeting. The results of the ballot will be announced before the meeting is adjourned that evening.

Sec. 1b. Trapping will be voted on each year during the June meeting and the results will be announced before end of meeting.

Sec. 2. Only three (3) dogs are allowed per member.

Sec. 3. Any member training dogs, trapping, hunting, fishing or using rifle range must carry his card and wear his badge proving membership if called on to do so.

Sec. 4. Any member letting his dogs run out of control will be warned.

Sec. 5. Only officers and authorized help are allowed in the kitchen.

Sec. 6. A member is allowed to bring only two (2) non-family guests into the club house. The member is responsible for his guest(s). Guest must vacate the premises at 11:00 PM and can return the next day at 7:00 AM. (12-13-2017 Passed)

- Sec. 7. All club functions held in the picnic building will pay bills within five (5) days of event and post financial report in the clubhouse.
- Sec. 8a. Fishing/Hunting – A club member and his wife may fish or hunt on club grounds. He may also bring a son, daughter, or grandchild under sixteen (16) years of age to fish or hunt on club grounds. A member can bring only two (2) guests at a time (wife and child) or two (2) children/grandchildren for hunting/fishing purposes.
- Sec. 8b. When hunting on club grounds. Archery(crossbows allowed), Muzzleloader (Inlines allowed), and Shotgun ONLY. No rifles or handguns allowed.
- Sec. 9. Rifle range – When using Rifle range, member must sign in and out. Member is allowed 1 non family member guest, and immediate family. Consisting of father, mother, wife, son, daughter, grandson, and granddaughter. Signing member and guest's to OCCUPY ONE BENCH. All other rules pertaining to range use, still in affect and are posted at the range except guest changed dated. (6-14-2017 Passed)
- Sec. 10. Trapping and hunting for fox and raccoon will be allowed by special approval of Board of Directors.
- Sec. 11. No new tree stands shall be built without written approval of Board of Directors. Stands that are removable, may be put in starting Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> and must be removed from the tree by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> due to safety purposes.
- Sec. 12. Any club function held in the picnic building must be approved at a regular meeting by a majority vote of Board of Directors.
- Sec. 13. Clubhouse closed to all non-members on the day of a club function during the times determined for each event.
- Sec. 14. Violations of BY-LAWS may be cause for suspension.

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