

## APACHE BOWHUNTERS INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

**Article I - NAME:** The name of this association shall be the Apache Bowhunters Incorporated.

**Article II - PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Apache Bowhunters shall be; to foster, expand, and promote the practices of bowhunting in the State of Ohio. To foster a spirit of fraternal sportsmanlike fellowship and conduct among the bowhunters of the State of Ohio. To educate our members and the public in the sport of bowhunting using legal archery equipment with the proper proficiency to take game in a humane manner. To cooperate with all State and Federal Governments, recognized groups of sportsmen, and other related conservation bodies, in the propagation and conservation of game and its habitat.

**ARTICLE III - GOVERNING BODY:** The Governing Body of Apache Bowhunters Incorporated will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Advisors. This Governing Body will be known as The Executive Council. The Executive Council will meet whenever any member of the Executive Council deems business urgent enough to warrant a meeting. The members of the Executive Council shall be responsible to keep informed on any matter concerning the well being of the club. An elected officer may be removed from office by action of the Executive Council. A vote of two-thirds will be minimum requirements for removal, with all members of the Executive Council voting. The officer being charged shall have the opportunity for rebuttal to the charges, and those bringing these charges must present them to the Executive Council in the presence of the accused. A special meeting must be called by the Executive Council to amend, revise, or otherwise change the Constitution of the Apache Bowhunters Incorporated, no other matters are to be brought before this special meeting, a majority of votes of those members attending is required for approval.

### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND DUTIES:**

- **President:** The President will be the nominal leader of the Apache Bowhunters Incorporated, will preside at all meetings, and will be one of the policy makers of the club. The President will act as chairman of the Executive Council, and will conduct all meetings on a common procedure order of business. The President will have the authority to set up separate committees for any function or activity as he/she deems necessary, while not conflicting with the duties of the Executive Council.
  - **Vice President:** The Vice President will act whenever the President cannot be present at meetings and/or other functions of the Apache Bowhunters Incorporated, or when the President relinquishes his/her responsibilities. The Vice President will be in charge of all work parties, and may be assigned specific projects concerning the club by the President. The Vice President will be one of the policy makers for the club.
  - **Secretary:** The Secretary will be responsible for keeping all records of the club and Executive Council, serve notice of any meetings, carry on any correspondence, and upon the direction of the President carry out duties normally expected of the secretary. The Secretary will present the minutes at each meeting. The Secretary will be one of the policy makers of the club.
  - **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Apache Bowhunters Incorporated, and deposit it in the name of this organization. He/She will be responsible for keeping an accurate account of all transactions of this organization, and shall prepare a monthly financial report to be given to each of the other officers each month and shall present a current financial report at all meetings. Apache Bowhunters Incorporated shall be bonded; two signatures are to be required on all checks. The Treasurers books are to be available for review at all meetings. The books are to be audited yearly. The Treasurer will be one of the policy makers of the club.
- Advisors:** There will be three members in good standing elected for the position of Advisor to the Executive Council, (The immediate Past President shall have the option of serving as an Advisor for one year after leaving office, after that year they are subject to the yearly election process). Each Advisor will be a policy maker for the club. The Advisors may be assigned specific duties by the President.

**ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS:** All nominations for any office must be sent in writing to the Club Secretary by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Confirmations to be made by August 10<sup>th</sup> by Club Secretary.

**ARTICLE VI - DUES:** Dues shall be determined by the Officers and Executive Council and approved by a majority of the voting membership at the next meeting following notice of the dues increase.

**ARTICLE VII - QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Every member of the Apache Bowhunters incorporated must affirm that his/her primary interest is in bowhunting/archery, and if he/she hunts, must use legal archery equipment as defined by the Ohio Division of Wildlife for the State of Ohio. When hunting game with broadhead points, the cutting surface of these points shall be kept sharp, keen, and maintained in all ways so as to comply with Article II of this constitution. The Executive Council of the Apache Bowhunters Incorporated has the right to refuse membership to anyone convicted of a game or hunting violation. Every member must subscribe to the purpose of the Apache Bowhunters Incorporated as outlined in Article II of the constitution.

**ARTICLE VIII - ACTIVITIES:** Qualifications for all Apache Bowhunters Incorporated shoots is to be at the discretion of the Executive Council. All District I Rules and Regulations will apply.

**ARTICLE IX - MEMBERSHIP:** Membership to Apache Bowhunters incorporated will be of three distinct classes:

1. Individual Membership – pertains to one person only and must be eighteen years of age.
2. Family Membership – pertains to husband, wife and any children under the age of twenty one, unmarried and living at home.
3. Lifetime Membership – Lifetime memberships are presented by the Executive Council, certain guidelines may apply.

All three categories will be referred to as the general membership. Only those age eighteen and over will have voting rights. One vote per Individual Membership, two votes per Family Membership.

**ARTICLE X:** Federal and State flags are to be displayed at all Apache Bowhunters Incorporated events, weather permitting.

**Article XI:** Apache Bowhunters Property and Facilities can not be mortgaged without the written consent of 75% of the members in good standing. This article may not be amended without written approval of 75% of members in good standing.

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