# CONSTITUTION

# ARTICLE I NAME, LOCATION AND PURPOSE

## SECTION 1

### A. NAME

Richmond Hunting Club, Inc.

### B. LOCATION

The principle office of the corporation shall be located in the City of Maxwell, County of Colusa, and the State of California.

## C. PURPOSE

The purpose for which the organization is formed is as follows:

- 1. To accrue by lease or purchase land and equipment for the purpose of providing for its members the opportunity to hunt:
  - (a) Migratory birds
  - (b) Upland game
  - (c) Furbearers
- 2. To promote enforcement of fish and game rules and regulations.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

## **SECTION 1** Eligibility

Any person of good character 16 years of age or older with a valid California hunting license who supports the purpose of the organization shall be eligible for membership.

## **SECTION 2** Regular Members

Membership in and dues of the organization shall be based on the following: All applications for membership must be made in writing upon an application blank provided for this purpose and are accompanied by the appropriate dues. The dues shall be for the year starting May 1 to April 30 of each year.

## **SECTION 3** Junior Members

Must be under 16 years of age and be accompanied by a regular member they shall have no voice or vote.

## <u>SECTION 4</u> Honorary Membership

The executive board may award honorary memberships they shall have no voice or vote or hold any office. Honorary memberships are awarded for the life of the recipient but shall be reviewed annually by the executive board. Recipients may lose their membership if it is determined that the Policies, Procedures, Rules or Regulations set forth by the club have been violated.

## **SECTION 5 Farmers Passes**

Farmers Passes are provided at the request of landowners. These passes may be revoked, denied or suspended without due process. They have no voice, vote or run for any office.

## **SECTION 6** Dues

The dues and initiation fees may be adjusted once a year at the annual meeting by majority vote

#### ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

### **SECTION 10FFICERS:**

The officers of the Richmond Hunting Club shall consist of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer

PRESIDENT is the Chief executive of the corporation. He presides over all meetings, arranges for all land leases, temporarily fills vacancies or officers and director, trouble shoots for all departments, works directly with patrolman during hunting season, and co-distributor of corporate moneys.

VICE-PRESIDENT is the assistant chief executive. He assumes all duties of the president in his absence. He is the general manager of all hunting areas, he appoints area managers, pond coordinators and trailer park managers with the consensus of the President, sees that all lands are posted and that all clubhouses are in order for the hunting season. He is co-disburser of corporate moneys. If consensus cannot be reached on the appointment of coordinators or managers the selection shall be approved by the board of directors at a regularly scheduled meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY is the legal custodian of the corporation, including the safekeeping and proper use of the corporate seal. He/She records the transactions of the corporation and the minutes of all meetings, prepares the general membership meeting

notice cards, draft the quarterly Newsletter and oversees production of maps of the hunting areas. In the absence of the treasurer, he is co-distributor of corporate moneys.

FINANCIAL SECTRETARY shall oversee the collection of all applications for membership and dues. Assures a roster and mailing list is prepared of the membership, reports moneys deposited to the Treasurer, assures membership cards are printed and issued, and is co-disburser of corporate moneys.

TREASURER is the financial officer of the corporation and co-disburser of corporate moneys. He receives and records all moneys paid to the corporation and is responsible for their safekeeping, prepares the annual budget, and advises the corporation financial matters, makes all tax reports, and receives all bills and recommends their disposition.

DIRECTORS There shall be six (6) in number, one representing each area including Arbuckle, Butte City, Princeton, Maxwell, Williams/Colusa and one director at large. Each shall be elected under ARTICLE 11 Sections one (1) through four (4) of these by-laws.

### **SECTION 2 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and 6 directors. The duties of Executive Board are:

- (a) Establish procedures to carry out the general policy determined by the membership,
- (b) Oversee the operation of the corporation,
- (c) Recommend a dues structure that reflects the cost of leases and expenses at the annual meeting under new business.
- (d) Approve all disbursements and expenditures made by those authorized to disburse club monies

### SECTION 3 FINANCIAL LIABILITY

No officer or director shall render the club liable for an amount exceeding its appropriation as voted on at a regular meeting or approved by the executive board. No officer director or members shall be personally liable for any official debit of the corporation.

### **SECTION 4** FINANCIAL GAIN

No officer, director or member shall be rewarded or receive compensation for their time labor or services rendered without a competitive sealed bid process and board approval of the lowest bid. An officer, director or member can be reimbursed for expenses incurred while conducting club business with the approval of the executive board. Mileage expense shall be reimbursed at the current federal government rate.

## SECTION 5 ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Any officer or director may be removed from office if he/she has 2 or more unexcused consecutive absences.

### ARTICLE IV AMENDMENTS

### **SECTION 1 NOTICE OF INTENT**

Written notice of intent to amend the constitution or the bylaws shall be sent to the executive board at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

## SECTION 2 NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The secretary shall notify the membership of the proposed change at least 10 days before the annual meeting.

## SECTION 3 APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT

The vote on the proposed amendment shall take place at the annual meeting following a reading of the proposal and discussion. The constitution or by-laws shall be amended if the proposal is passed by 2/3 vote and quorum (25 members) is present.

# **BY-LAWS**

### ARTICLE I ANNUAL MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

### **SECTION 1 ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The annual meeting shall be held on or before the first Tuesday in March at a time and location selected by the executive board with at least 30 days notice to the membership.

### **SECTION 2 SPECIAL MEETINGS**

The president or a majority of the executive board may call a special meeting where the only items open for discussion are the stated reason or reasons for the meeting on the announcement that shall be mailed to the membership by the secretary.

### ARTICLE II NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFCIERS AND DIRECTOR

### **SECTION 1 NOMINATION**

Nominations for officers shall be made from the floor at the annual meeting. An individual may only be nominated for a single position.

### **SECTION 2 ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to be nominated to any office a member must be a current regular member in the Richmond Hunting Club.

### **SECTION 3 ELECTION**

Elections shall be held during the annual meeting. All voting shall be by secret ballot. Each member shall be given a ballot after displaying his/her membership card. Officers shall be elected by a majority of those casting votes. Directors shall be elected by a plurality of those casing votes. In the event of a tie a second ballot will be cast for that office.

## **SECTION 4** TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall be for 1 year and until their respective successors are elected.

## **SECTION 5** VACANCIES

Any vacancy temporarily filled by the president requires executive board approval to become permanent.

### **SECTION 6 IMPEACHMENT**

Any officer, or director may be impeached for a violation of any Policy, Procedure, Rule or regulation. The procedure is as follows:

- (a) A complaint must be filled in writing with the executive board detailing the reasons why the individual should be impeached.
- (b) The executive board shall consider whether or not the complaint has sufficient merit to warrant action. If a majority of the board feels the complaint has merit the board shall invite the complainant(s), the officer or director in question and any witnesses either side wished to be present to attend the next board meeting where both sides may present their case, rebuttal and cross examination if desired. A reasonable effort must be made to schedule this meeting at a time convenient for both parties.
- (c) After presentation of evidence, both parties and their witnesses shall be dismissed and the board shall consider its action. The board may impeach the officer or director with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board members present and voting. The ballot shall be secret and the subject shall not have a vote.

### ARTICLE III

Any regular, junior or honorary member may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of any Policy, Procedure, Rule or regulation.. The disciplinary action procedure is identical to the impeachment procedure detailed in Article 2 Section 6 of these by-laws. The executive board may revoke, suspend, deny or apply conditions to any membership

## ARTICLE IV COMMERCIAL HUNTING

Commercial hunting is forbidden on all Richmond Hunting Club property.

## ARTICLE V DISSOLUTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF ASSETS

### **SECTION 1 DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution of this corporation shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the regular members present at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on dissolution. All proposals for dissolution shall be in writing and signed by not less than a majority of the executive board. The board and regular members must be notified of the proposed dissolution meeting in the manner outlined in Article 4 of this constitution.

# **SECTION 2** DISTRIBUTION

In the event of dissolution, all assets, funds or property, tangible or intangible, belonging to this corporation at the time of dissolution shall be transferred to, Ducks Unlimited, California Waterfowl or other nonprofit Corporation organized with a purpose similar to the purpose of the Richmond Hunting Club.

No part of the receipts, earnings, fund, property or other assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefits of, or be distributed to any of the officers, directors or members of this corporation. The executive board shall, however, be authorized and empowered to pay compensation for services rendered and to make all reasonable and necessary disbursements of corporate funds in furtherance of any permitted or authorized purpose of this corporation.

# ARTICLE VI CONDUCT OF REGULAR MEETING

# Section 1 Order of Business

The annual meeting shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Call to order
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance
- (c) Roll call of officers and directors
- (d) Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- (e) Report by treasurer
- (f) Old Business
- (g) New Business
- (h) Nomination of officers and directors
- (I) Election of officers and directors
- (j) Good of the club
- (k) Adjournment

## Section 2 New Business

Any items to be submitted under new business shall be submitted in writing 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

## Section 3 Rules of order

The business of the Richmond Hunting Club shall be conducted according to the constitution and by-laws and as outlined in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.