

**By-Laws**  
**Washington Waterfowl Association**

**Article I**  
**Section I**

The name of this Association shall be Washington Waterfowl Association, and referred to as WWA hereinafter. The fiscal year of WWA shall begin January 1<sup>st</sup> and end December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Article II**  
**Section I**

The purposes of WWA are the following:

To promote, sponsor and assist in the propagation and restoration of waterfowl in the State of Washington, with the purpose of increasing the sport of waterfowl hunting in compliance with state and federal regulations.

To provide an opportunity for waterfowl hunters of this state to express their desires and ideas pertaining to regulations and amendments of the state and federal laws governing the means of taking waterfowl.

To own and/or manage personal and real properties for the purpose of meeting WWA's goals.

To cooperate with state and federal agencies concerning shooting regulations, conservation and propagation.

To aid and educate sportsmen on all matters that are conducive towards better hunting and utilization of waterfowl resources.

**Article III**  
**Section I**

The officers of WWA shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All are elected for two years; and a Board of Directors consisting of not less than nine (9) members.

The Board of Directors shall generally consist of a representative from each Chapter.

**Electronic attendance by Officers and/or Board members is permissible.**

**When any director shall have missed three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause, he shall be replaced. In the event that no replacement is timely made by the Chapter, the Board of Directors may appoint a replacement.**

**A Chapter's officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chapter offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be occupied by one person.**

## **Section 2**

**Nominations for all WWA offices shall be made in May. Election of all WWA offices shall take place in June.**

**Elections of all WWA officers shall be made by official ballot.**

**Each Chapter shall conduct their own elections.**

## **Section 3**

**New officers and directors shall take office at the first meeting following the election, and shall not be eligible to succeed themselves in organization-wide office more than one additional term, except for Secretary and Treasurer; which may be continuing offices.**

## **Section 4**

**In the event of a vacancy arising in any organization-wide office, the Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint and fill the same until the next annual election.**

## **Section 5**

**To ensure orderly succession of elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) to WWA, the following mechanism is outlined:**

**The progression of elected officers to WWA shall require a Board member or Chapter Officer to have served at least one year to be eligible for nomination and election to an organization-wide office.**

**Any past President may serve as an officer, board member, committee chairperson, or perform other constructive assistance to WWA.**

## **Section 6**

**It shall be the right of the President to preside at all meetings of WWA and meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform all duties usual to the office of President of similar organizations.**

**The President shall appoint committees to carry on the function of WWA.**

**The President shall assign specific responsibilities to each member of the Board of Directors to maintain continuity and further the ongoing interests of WWA.**

#### **Section 7**

**It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all duties of the President in the event of the President's absence.**

**The Vice-President shall have the authority to cast the deciding ballot should a tie occur on a vote of the Board of Directors.**

#### **Section 8**

**It shall be the duty of the Secretary:**

**To keep the full minutes of all board meetings of WWA and to send copies of the minutes to the Chapter Chairpersons within 14 days.**

**To prepare and send notices of all meetings to all members of WWA.**

**To prepare, maintain and preserve a correct roll of the membership of WWA.**

**To present a current membership roster to the Chapter Chairpersons by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Chapters shall audit the roster and return with corrections to the Secretary in a timely manner.**

**To take charge of and preserve all papers pertaining to WWA.**

**It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:**

**To receive all monies payable to WWA and deposit same in a bank or banks to be designated by the Board of Directors.**

**To pay all bills in the regular course of business and those which are specifically ordered by the Board of Directors.**

**To make and prepare a Treasurer's report for each board meeting and to perform such other duties relative to such office, as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.**

**It shall also be the duty of the Treasurer to prepare a yearly forecast of income and expenses and submit it to the WWA Officers and the Board.**

**All committees and the Board shall help make the forecast of income and expenses.**

**Chapters seeking extraordinary project funding shall submit their proposal[s] in writing to the Board of Directors.**

### **Section 9**

**The Board of Directors shall conduct all business of WWA subject to the will of the membership.**

**The membership, by and through its Chapter Officers may direct the Board of Directors to take action or not to consummate any projected action prior to it's inception.**

**In such an event, each Chapter shall have one (collective) vote. A super-majority of 60% shall be required to overturn the Board of Directors.**

### **Section 10**

**New members may be admitted by signing an application and paying the dues as set up by the Board of Directors.**

**Persons of good moral character and sportsmanlike tendencies may be accepted for membership subject to review by the Board of Directors, and persons may be removed from membership for good cause, as determined by the Board of Directors.**

### **Section 11**

**Annual dues (at this time \$25.00 for individuals) may be changed from time to time to keep pace with WWA expenditures.**

**Junior memberships up to 18 years of age and Senior memberships over 65 years of age will be 50% of the current annual dues.**

**Lifetime Memberships shall be 30 times the current annual adult individual membership dues.**

### **Section 12**

**All meetings shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition.**

### **Section 13**

The above By-Laws may be amended and changed by popular vote of a simple majority of the membership by official ballot.

#### Section 14

In the event WWA should cease to exist as an entity/organization, all remaining (net) assets shall be donated to the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife for the exclusive use of waterfowl enhancement within the migratory bird-stamp program.

#### Article V

##### Section I Amendments

###### Amendment #1 (November 1991)

Amendments to Article III, Section I: To increase the number of Directors from six to nine. And to rephrase the sentence which reads: “The Board of Directors shall generally consist of six members.” to read: “The Board of Directors shall generally consist of nine members.”

###### Amendment #2 (November 1991)

Amendment to Article III, Section 2: To change dates of nomination, and election of new officers from: “nominations of new officers at the January meeting” to the February meeting. “And election of new officers from the February general meeting” to the March general meeting.

###### Amendment #3 (July 1993)

Amendment to add to the provision for disposing of Club assets in the event Washington Waterfowl Association should cease to exist, creating Article V as appears on page 3 of the By-Laws.

###### Amendment #4 (November 1, 2007)

Amendment to substitute Washington Waterfowl Association for Washington Duck Hunters, Inc., in all references in the By-Laws in order to conform to this same name change as contained in the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Washington Secretary of State on July 9, 1999.

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