CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section I - The name of this organization shall be the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club.

Section 2 - The Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club may or may not be affiliated with the Illinois Wildlife Federation of Sportsman's Clubs and or through it, with the National Wildlife Federation.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section I - Objectives of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club shall be as follows: To work in the conservation and restoration of our Natural Resources. In the propagation of fish and game, in development of true Sportsmanship in our citizenry and in developing a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation between all classes and groups of Conservationists, Nature Lovers, Farmers and Sportsmen, to the end that the interests of each group may be served to the fullest extent consistent with the rights and privileges of others.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section I - Any person, 18 years or older, who expresses an interest in resource conservation and other measures that will benefit the environment of mankind; and must comply with the provisions of the by-laws of the Constitution of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club.

Section 2 - New Members must pay Building and Lake Funds for the first year plus the current year's dues according to by-laws.

Section 3 - Dues and fines must be paid by March Meeting Night (3rd Thursday of the month). If not paid, the member will be dropped from membership.

Section 3A - Justification for any late payment or non payment on prescribed due date will be dealt with by the Board of Directors on an individual basis, primarily based upon member participation in club functions.

Section 4 - Each member holding active status shall have the right to vote, to open all issues which may come before the organization for a decision and permit no member to cast a vote for another member not present.

Section 5 - All members and guests must sign their name and identify themselves whether a member or a guest. The person in charge of this (Secretary) will report the number of members and guests present in the minutes of each meeting.

Section 6 - This organization membership shall not exceed 400 active members. Retirees with 5 years or more as a member and are 62 years of age or older, shall not be counted towards the 400 membership limit, no dues are required from retirees who are in retired status December 31, 2001 or before that date. Any member changing to retired status January 1, 2002 or after will be required to pay one-half of the dues but not required to do or pay work hours.

Any member changing to retired status January 1, 2012 or after will be required to pay full amount of the dues but not required to do or pay work hours. ALL STATUS CHANGES MUST BE IN WRITING and DOCUMENTATION SENT TO CLUB TREASURER. To be eligible for disabled status, you must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 5 years and submit your documentation of disability to the club treasurer. He will submit this application to the Board of Directors for review. Each case will be assessed on an individual basis as to what will be required of you regarding dues and work hours.

Section 7 - With each application for membership, there shall be an initiation fee, which will be returned if the applicant is not accepted for membership. This fee shall apply towards the first year's dues in the organization upon acceptance. If accepted, an ID card and a gate key/card will be given. If membership expires for any reason, ALL must be returned. No dues will be refunded to any member expelled from the club. A lost key/card will cost the member $5.00 for the 1st key/card and $25.00 for any additional keys thereafter. Any member and their immediate family, which consists of spouse and children under 18 years of age and unmarried, living within the same household, has the privileges of the member's club facilities. A key/card and ID card must be present.

Section 8 - Effective January 1, 1995 the work program was Re-instated.

A. All members are covered by the work program except those on the membership listed as retired status.
B. All persons are required to work ten hours per calendar year, January thru December or pay $20.00 per hour ($200.00) in addition to the annual dues of $75.00 or changes thereafter. The additional charges will be added to the January statement and statements thereafter and will be paid in full by Meeting Night - 3rd Thursday in March.
C. Work time may be accumulated by:
    a. Attend Monthly Meetings - one hour per monthly meeting up to a total of five hours ($100.00) for meeting attendance.
    b. Work at Spring Dinner or Fall Dinner.
    c. Work at indoor range at 720 S. Bloomington Street.
    d. Work at any or all work projects listed on the annual activity calendar. Each activity will have a project leader who will record hours worked and will direct workers to a common goal.
D. No additional credit will be given for hours worked over the required ten hours.
E. Retirees are not required to work but their helping hand and experience is always welcome.

Section 9 - Requirements for Supplemental Membership.

A. If a member becomes deceased and has a surviving spouse, the membership may transfer to the spouse by paying the annual dues and work hours.
B. If a dependent or dependents are the only survivors and are under the age of 18, he or she can remain members by paying the annual dues per family with guardian's consent.
    a. The guardian can become a member only by paying a full membership and only as a vacancy is available.
C. Any dependent child of a member after reaching the age of 18 can become a member by paying the annual dues and work hours. They would not be placed on a vacancy list.
D. Membership total can only exceed its capacity in the above situations.
E. Dependent: If you are a full time college student, you must send documentation as proof of college status every year to the club treasurer. With this STATUS, you can use your family's membership. When you graduate from college, after showing proof, you will be able to join the club for yearly dues and work hours. The initiation fee will be waived. You can join with this status up to the age of 25 years old.
F. Military leave of absence: Dues and work hours waived until you return but we need to know this status.
G. Any special adjustments to the above rules must be with board approval.

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ARTICLE IV - POWERS

Section I - Powers of the Board of Directors shall be (a) to direct, supervise and control the business, property and funds of this organization: (b) to make surveys, conduct research and experiments bearing upon wildlife and other conservation programs; (c) to propose and issue publications relating to its work; (d) Board of Directors shall have powers on all expenditures over $1,500.00; (e) Board of Directors shall have power of approval on new applications for membership into the club. Rejection of membership can be due to Criminal records.

Section 2 - The work of the Board of Directors shall not be conducted for private gain.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section I - Regulation meetings of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club shall be held the 3rd Thursday of each month. January, February and March meetings shall be held at the indoor range (720 S. Bloomington St.). All other meetings will be at the clubhouse. There is no meeting the month of December.

Section 2 - Special or call meetings may be held upon call of the President and any three Directors or by any group of members totaling not less than ten, provided at least three day's notice shall be given to all members of the organization by mail or public notice.

Section 3
a. Ten or more members in good standing shall constitute a quorum (regular meeting) with officer present to preside.
b. Seven or more shall constitute a quorum unless approved by president and members present for emergency meeting (board meeting).

ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT

Section I - Management of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors, composed of thirteen members; each in good standing and each with a minimum of three years of active service in the club. Replacement of Directors shall be handled in the manner hereinafter stated.

Section 2 - Said Board of Directors shall be the administrative body of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club and shall be empowered to approve all business and manage all property and funds as well as activities of the organization.

Section 3 - Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In an emergency basis, may be done by telephone vote.

Section 4 - If any member of the Board of Directors shall be absent from as many as three consecutive duly called meetings of the Board of Directors; their position shall be held vacant.

Section 5
(a) For the chairperson to properly excuse a Board member from attending a meeting, the reason must be of an important nature such as illness, death in the family, shift work, etc. A board member must be notified at least two hours before the meeting time. Failure to report absenteeism will be shown as failure to report. Three failures to report in one year against any one name is automatic release of their position. (b) Beginning election time 1981, there will be three vacancies on the rotating Board of Directors. Each member elected thereafter beginning 1981 will serve a 4-year term. (c) Any vacancy filled on the Board will fill out the remaining time of the person replaced. (d) Each board member must attend 6 of the regular monthly meetings to maintain or be eligible for the Board of Directors of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club unless same excuse applies from section A.

Section 6 - The Chairperson of the Board of Directors must make it known a vacancy exists and that a replacement is necessary to maintain a Board of thirteen members. At the time of the announcement to the general membership, the Board of Directors will recommend to the general membership the names of persons they believe are most devoted to conservation and sportsmanship as a replacement. The general membership can also recommend names for the position, providing they qualify according to the constitution.

Section I of this article. The general membership will vote for their choice from the names supplied. The name with the highest number of votes by ballot or yea or nay. Depending on number running for position, becomes the new director and shall be installed as quickly as possible, not to exceed three months.

Section 7 - Board of Directors shall hold Election of Board of Directors annually, at the March or April meeting.

Section 8 - In any and all cases where subjects are not covered in this constitution, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to act.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section I - Any amendment to change the Constitution or by-laws, must be presented, in writing, to the Board of Directors for their study. If approved by the Board, ballot or show of hand or aye or nay shall vote it on. Each member receives a ballot and 2/3 of the ballot cast is required to carry a change.

ARTICLE VIII - RESOLUTION

The Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club does hereby make the following resolution: That the purchased lake and property, (formerly known as the Vernon Henry Gravel Pit) purchased acknowledged by Club Vote (April - 1984), that the purchase property formerly known as the Wren's Gun Range (1994) shall be the said property of the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club and shall remain so as to such time any liquidation of such property shall follow the Sandy Ford Sportsman's Club By-laws.