

# KNOB POND CLUB BY - LAWS



## Section I. Officers:

- Article I - The officers of the club shall be as follows: 4 Board of Directors, 2 co-chair (presidents), 1 treasurer, and 1 Secretary.
- Article II - All officers will be elected by majority vote of the members present at the Annual meeting or a special meeting if needed. Following elections at this meeting the terms of the new officers will be from September of the current year to July of the following year.
- Article III - Members interested in holding office in future years should submit their name to the Secretary by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the election year.

## Section II. Meetings:

- Article I - The club will hold meetings on a quarterly basis. The subsequent meeting date will be determined by the officers present at the previous meeting.
- Article II - The Annual meeting has been designated as the “September” meeting. The time and place of the next meeting will be designated by the officers present at the current meeting.
- Article II - Special meetings may be called by club officers or by three or more members upon approval of the Co-Chairs. A specific agenda must be given in order to call such a meeting.

## Section III. Minutes:

- Article I - All minutes shall be recorded by the club Secretary and will be read at the following meeting. Minutes will be sent to members Via US mail. E-mail may be used if addresses are confirmed as current and accessible.
- Article II - The minutes must be accepted or changed by the majority vote of the members present.

## Section IV. Dues:

- Article I - Dues will be paid to the Treasurer by August 31<sup>st</sup> each year for the Club fiscal year. (September 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>) \*Letters will be sent by the treasurer to each member to remind them that dues are due. Payment can be made monthly or quarterly-as chosen by the member, with a payment book. You need to request such book from the treasurer.
- Article II - If dues are not received by October 1<sup>st</sup>. the non-paid members will be replaced with “NEW” paying members. No access will be given to present members for – Hunting, Fishing, Camping or use of Club Land- if their dues are delinquent. \*This includes members who are delinquent with the payment books as well. (Monthly or quarterly)

## Section V. Members:

- Article I - Membership will be limited to 40 members. However, this number may be adjusted as the Club’s need changes by a majority vote of members present at the meeting at which such change is proposed. Only (1) vote per membership. This vote will take place at the annual meeting as outlined previously – September meeting, if not a Special meeting.
- Article II - Membership is defined as follows: You will be considered a member once you have been approved for membership by 75 % vote of members attending a meeting, you accept membership, and have made arrangements to pay your dues. Member’s immediate family will consist of husband, wife, son, and daughter. Sons and daughters will lose immediate family status when they reach 18 years of age, (unless they are serving in the military, attending college, including consecutive Masters/Doctorate studies) full time, then graduation would rule. Upon reaching 18 years of age, finishing service duty or graduation from college/degree then they have the privilege of joining the club even if the quota has been met. If not exercised within the club’s fiscal year following such they have to proceed through the normal application process to join. (i.e.: as when membership becomes available to the waiting list and their position on the waiting list.)
- Article III - Anyone wishing to become a club member should contact a present member. Their name will be given to the secretary and put on the waiting list. Names on the list will be voted upon at meetings as vacancies occur. (75% majority vote required of members attending this meeting, on this subject.) Preference of availability will be given to the waiting list in the order of contact/request of entry to the waiting list by dates only. If the

next available declines at the time but still wishes to be considered in future, their name goes to the bottom of the waiting list with current date for one time only. If the individual passes a second time, they may reapply in one year - as all other interested individuals do, by 8/31/--.

- Article IV - There will be no part-time members or split memberships.
- Article V - If a paid member dies, preference to the membership will be given to immediate family members: husband/wife, son/daughter who wishes to continue membership in future years. Otherwise husband/wife, son/daughter will relinquish membership at the beginning of the next fiscal year. (September 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Article VI - Keys to the gate/camp will be in possession of members only. Members found violating this rule will face dismissal of their membership.  
\*Note: keys to the camp are available only to those members who pay an additional fee for its use.
- Article VII - Sons/daughters/spouses of any member will have access to club land as approved by the Club Officers for “Day Use”, if they are given access to the club land by the member and up to the age of 18. “Evening Use” or overnight use under the age of 18 is not permitted unless the member is providing on-site supervision for the entire night. (Supervision will not end until all exit the club property). Members who have sons/daughters who have access to the Club property/facilities are totally responsible for ALL actions committed by them and or their guest, and the member assumes responsibility for all expenses incurred as needed for repair or replacement of anything damaged by them.

***Notes for use: Members must notify/request availability of use for Day or Night. Each son/daughter is limited to one guest per event of use. Each guest must submit to the Member/Host Parent/Guardian, and a copy to at least one Club Officer, a note of Authorization for Urgent/Medical Care to be used by the Member/host Parent/Guardian, Should the need arise. This authorization will not imply or be mistaken for the Clubs acceptance of responsibility for any injury incurred by the Members/family guest.***

- Article VIII - Former members will no longer have access to the club. Once they themselves terminate membership, or have been dismissed by the Club Officers, they will not be permitted to return to Club Lands, for use of hunting, fishing or any Club facilities unless they are a guest of a member. **They will not be permitted “Guest” status for hunting - specifically.** Former members who will be attending a party, picnic or barbecue as a

guest of a member will be given guest status – as authorized by the Club Officers. **There will be no exceptions during hunting season.**

## Section VI. Guests:

Article I – **Hunting “guests” are not permitted.**

Article II - The Member is responsible for his/her guest. This includes any illegal or inappropriate actions made by the guest as well as any destruction to Club land / facilities / camp sites etc. Guests are to be accompanied by a member – **No exceptions.**

Article III - A mailbox with a “Log-Book” will be placed in the clearing/triangle by the front gate. All members with guests **MUST** sign in.

## Section VII. Membership Withdrawal:

Article I - Any Member wishing to withdraw from the club must do so either in writing or in person at a club meeting, or notify any club officer.

Article II - No refunds will be made of dues already paid.

Article III - Keys and badges will need to be returned to the club at the end of their membership year.

## Section VIII. Camps/Camping Areas:

Article I - Any member or group of members shall be allowed to build a camp upon obtaining permission from the Paper Co. and approval by majority vote of membership.

Article II - Any additional expenses incurred by the Club because of such a camp will be absorbed by the camp owners/builders.

Article III - Anyone wishing to use a tent or camper must be at least 100 feet from any permanent building unless they get permission from the building owners. All tent/camper sites must be reserved by calling Peggy Moore at 547-8410.

Article IV - All members and their guests are responsible for cleaning the area they have reserved/used, prior to departure. **Anything brought in must be taken out with you at the end of your reserved time/visit.**

## Section IX. Insurance:

Article I – Knob Pond Club will not be held liable for any claims above and beyond such coverage by insurance.

## Section X. Responsibility:

Article I - It is the responsibility of each and every member and guest to uphold any and all laws set by the Department of Environmental Conservation, the lease with the Lyme Timber Paper Company, and the By-Laws of the Knob Pond Club.

Article II - Anyone caught doing or allowing any actions to be done contrary to those set by the organizations mentioned above will be subject to disciplinary action. (i.e. Termination of membership)

Article III - Any member having a guest will accept the responsibility of the actions of such guests.

Article IV - Members have a responsibility to ask trespassers to leave. Members should get the name, address, or license plate number of trespassers. Repeat offenders should be arrested.

## Section XI. Discipline:

Article I - Any member or guest of a member failing to abide by the general rules and regulations and the By-Laws of the club shall be disciplined.

Article II - Discipline shall be determined by the Club Officers and Board of Directors.

Article III - Such discipline may include, but not be limited to, a fine, censure, or termination of membership.

## Section XII. Amendments:

Article I – Any amendments that will be made to or incorporated with the By-Laws will be done by majority vote of the members at any meeting.

Article II - No Does will be taken during muzzle loading and/or firearm season.

## Knob Pond Club Camp & Picnic Area By-Laws

Welcome to Knob Pond Camp & Picnic Area. Please respect the rights of all members of the club regarding its use.

*Please note that the Picnic and Swimming Areas around the camp will be available to all club members at all times.*

*We will schedule at least one camp "Work Day" for cleaning, getting firewood, repairs, etc. If you can not attend the work day, it is expected that you will help out on your own time!*

### Section I. Camp Dues:

- For \$30 a Knob Pond Club member can obtain a key to the camp.
- This fee shall be paid before a key is issued.
- Once you have a key to the camp the fee will be added to your club dues invoice that is due annually on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The camp dues will be applied to our camp taxes and camp insurance. The remainder will be used as needed for camp supplies (gas tanks, lime for the out house, etc.) and for repairs.
- The fee will be adjusted as needed if the account falls short or reserve is at a moderate amount.
- The camp receipts/expenses will be included with the clubs report, which is available at any time.

### Section II. Reserving the Camp:

- For overnight use the camp must be reserved by calling Peggy Moore at 547-8410.
- The camp may be reserved for seven days or less.
- Longer stays may be possible if there are no reservation conflicts.
- Specific dates must be given.
- If the camp is already reserved, your inquiry will be documented in case of a cancellation.
- If reservations are made and cannot be kept, Please call Peggy immediately in case there are other members interested in the same dates.
- Peggy will issue a card showing the exact dates of your reservation. The card should be with the member using the camp for verification of permission to use the camp.

Section III. Housekeeping:

- The camp and picnic areas are to be left neat, clean and orderly after your stay.
- If you use the gas and/or water it must be turned off when leaving.
- If the water and/ or gas runs out please notify Peggy.
- Conserve water (don't leave the faucet running) Water has to be pumped from the pond.
- Camp floors must be swept; mopped if needed.
- Dishes done and put away.
- Tables, stove, sink, etc. wiped clean.
- Only use the out house; the toilet in the camp is not hooked up.
- Keep the outhouse door open while you are there and close it tight when you leave so wildlife doesn't chew up the outhouse.
- Lime for the outhouse is in the little shed attached to the camp.
- **Your garbage, recyclables, cans, bottles, etc. must be taken with you.**
- It is your responsibility to replace anything broken during your stay. (windows, floats, etc.)
- Please notify Peggy of any damage.

Section IV Camper/Tent Area

- The camper/tent site by the camp are now included with the camp reservation.
- Tents or campers will only be allowed on this site with the permission of the member who has the camp reserved.

Please cooperate and help save  
*"This little piece of Heaven"*  
for all of us to enjoy.