

BY-LAWS OF THE POGGIE CLUB OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE CHAPTER

Revised and approved at the August 2003 General Membership Meeting

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation shall be Poggie Club of Washington, Seattle Chapter.

ARTICLE II

The principal office of the Corporation shall be in King County, Washington, and its mailing address shall be that of the Secretary. In the case where the Secretary's address is not available a post office box shall be purchased by the Corporation.

ARTICLE III

The purpose of the Corporation is defined and declared to be as follows:

Section 1: To protect, propagate, and increase fish and game and food fish and to improve the habitat for all wildlife.

Section 2: To aid in the enhancement of laws for the protection and restoration of wildlife, forests, marshes, streams and lakes; and to promote the observance of such laws.

Section 3: To create and foster public sentiment in favor of the protection and restoration of woods, waters and wildlife.

Section 4: To promote sportsman like methods in hunting and fishing, and proper respect for the rights of landowners.

Section 5: To cooperate with all associations or agencies having similar objectives.

Section 6: To foster the education of the youth of Washington along the lines of these objectives.

Section 7: To participate in any undertaking, of any description, whether National, State, Civic or private, that may be deemed necessary by the Corporation, to fulfill and carry out the heretofore written objectives of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: Membership in the Corporation is limited and is dependent on the payment of its dues and the support of its objectives.

Section 2: Any person over 18 years of age and who has attended at least one meeting can qualify for membership.

Section 3: Names of proposed members shall be submitted to the Corporation and voted upon in the absence of such proposed members. Their membership must be sanctioned by a majority vote of the

members present.

Section 4: The Corporation shall be defined as the general membership.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: The membership fee shall be \$20.00, which shall be full payment for all dues for the current year; January 1st to December 31st of each year; \$15.00 for any additional family members residing at the same residence. Initiation fees and dues of new members after September 1st shall be \$20.00 to December 31st of the following year; \$15.00 for any additional family members residing at the same residence.

Section 2: Any member failing to meet dues or other indebtedness to the Corporation after 60 days and final notice by special letter from the Chief Poggie shall cease to be a member and their name shall be dropped from the rolls. Only members in good standing shall vote.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: Life members and honorary members shall be elected by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors with the concurrence of the Corporation by majority vote, in the absence of the proposed members.

Section 2: A LIFE MEMBERSHIP is an honor that may be bestowed upon a Poggie who has for a least 10 years actively demonstrated leadership in the principles and objectives of the Poggie Club. This is a very high honor that would be held and conveyed to only a very small and select group who have always lived up to these principles. It carries with it a paid-up membership and a bronze membership card in the Poggie Club of Washington, Seattle Chapter, for the life of the Poggie upon whom this honor is bestowed.

Section 3: An HONORARY MEMBERSHIP is an honor that may be bestowed on Fisheries, Game and/or Ecology people, newspaper person or any person who has demonstrated an interest in the objectives and principles of the Poggie Club. It carries with it a paid-up membership for the year in which it is given and can be renewed each year for the life of the individual if so approved. Honorary members shall not be required to pay initiation fees or dues and are not entitled to vote.

Section 4: The office of a LIFE HONORARY PRESIDENT may be filled by the majority vote of the entire Board of Directors with the concurrence of the Corporation by majority vote. The holder of the office shall have been a past president, in good standing, and one who has actively demonstrated their leadership in the principles and objectives of the Poggie Club for at least twenty-five years and shall hold the office during his life. The office is subject to all the rules and regulations hereinbefore and hereinafter set forth and carries with it a paid-up membership for life with voting privileges in the Corporation and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

The Corporation may suspend or expel any member by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Corporation, or any special meeting called for that purpose, on receiving evidence

of any member committing acts inconsistent with the objectives of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

The officers of this Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and Game Warden (Sergeant at Arms) the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The term of office for President shall not exceed two consecutive years unless approved by two-thirds vote of the paid-up members present at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

The management of this Corporation shall be entrusted to a Board of Directors consisting of the officers and directors as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE X

Section 1: In the absence of the president the Vice-President, shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Corporation, cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The President shall have power to appoint a Corresponding Secretary, if necessary, who shall perform the duties hereinafter mentioned, and shall serve during the pleasure of the President. The President and Vice-President and other officers shall serve without salary.

Section 2: In the absence of the President, Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer at any meeting of the Corporation or Board of Directors, any member may be elected to preside by a majority vote of those present, and shall have the same powers as the President for that meeting. Any officer or board member who misses three consecutive board meetings can be replaced by the Chief Poggie with approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Corporation and the meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall preserve all records in proper books furnished by and which shall remain the property of the Corporation, and shall hand such books and records over to the successor in office within ten days after the election of such successor. The Secretary shall serve without salary.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall keep a roll of all members, collect all dues and initiation fees, mail to all members their membership cards, shall have in custody all monies of the Corporation and shall pay all bills, claims or rewards, but only on warrants approved by the Board of Directors and/or the voting members. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and shall exhibit a full statement of the financial affairs of the Corporation at each regular annual meeting, or to the Board of Directors at their request. The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, require the Treasurer to furnish a bond as security, the expense of such bond shall be paid by the Corporation. The President shall appoint at the discretion of the Board of Directors a committee of at least 5 members, one

of which shall be the Treasurer, to serve on a finance committee. The Treasurer shall hand over to the successor in office within ten days after election of such successor a complete and correct financial statement together with all funds, books and records pertaining to the office.

Section 5: No member or members shall commit any club monies, not budgeted, in excess of \$25 without prior review by the Finance Committee and/or approval by the board of Directors.

Section 6: The Corresponding Secretary, if one is appointed, shall issue call for all meetings, keep a roster of the officers and members, notify officers and committees of their election and appointment, carry on and have charge of all correspondence of the Corporation, and shall make such reports to the regular annual meeting as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 7: No chairman of the Corporation shall at anytime assess the members during a meeting for other than misconduct fines not to exceed twenty-five cents. All donations shall be voluntary.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1: A. The election of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and/or Treasurer and Game Warden shall be by ballot at the annual meeting. By unanimous consent of the meeting, formal ballot may be dispensed with.

B. A Board of six Directors shall also be elected: Two for one year, two for two years, two for three years. But at the end of the first year the office of the one year Directors shall become a three year office, and the same shall apply to the two year Directors office, so that all Directors shall eventually serve three years.

C. Two additional associate Directors may be appointed by the President and approved by the Directors, with the concurrence of the Corporation in their absence. Associate Directors shall have voting privileges on the Board of Directors, and shall have been paid-up members of the Corporation, in good standing, and shall serve for one year unless reappointed.

Section 2: In case of failure to elect officers and directors at any annual meeting because of the lack of a quorum, or for any other reason, the officers and directors then in office shall hold over until their successors are elected.

Section 3: In case of failure to elect officers and directors at any annual meeting the President and Secretary of the Corporation shall, upon the written request of twenty-five (25) members of the Corporation, call a special meeting of the Corporation to be held within thirty (30) days from date of such call, for the purpose of electing officers and directors and after such special meeting the elected officers shall immediately assume their respective offices.

ARTICLE XII

Section 1: The regular annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the third Wednesday of December of each year for the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year. Regular social and business meetings shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise ordered.

Section 2: Special meetings of the Corporation may be called by the President when deemed that such meeting is in the interest of the Corporation.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Corporation shall be called upon a request of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, or shall be called upon the request of four (4) members of the Board with approval of the President. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors and Officers shall be on Tuesday of the week prior to the regular Wednesday meeting of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1: The President shall within 30 days after election appoint standing committees (standing committees usually consist of the following: Resolutions, Legislation, Membership, Publicity, Entertainment, Educational, Game Fish, Salmon, Pollution, etc.)

Section 2: The duties of such committees shall be as follows: (Duties of each committee shall be outlined by the President when committees are appointed.) The Standing Committees shall report at the regular monthly meetings as requested by the President.

ARTICLE XIV

Special committees may be appointed by the President for any purpose within the scope of the Corporation, and such committees shall make written reports and file same with the Secretary, and also present a copy thereof to the Corporation at the next meeting after their appointment. Such committees may make verbal reports in lieu of written reports as requested by the President.

ARTICLE XV

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the property affairs of the Corporation. Any and all action shall be by two-thirds vote of the entire board.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or expel any officer of the Corporation or member of the Board of Directors on receiving evidence of the unfaithful discharge of duties only after due notice of the charges and an opportunity for defense has been given the accused, and said Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy occasioned by such suspension or expulsion until the next annual election.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall also give prior approval to all standing and special committee appointments made by the President and prior approval to all awards to be made by the Corporation, and shall give prior approval to all correspondence under the name of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XVI

Twenty-five (25) paid-up members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of any special or regular meeting of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XVII

The Board of Directors shall have full power to fill any vacancy which shall occur from death, resignation or otherwise, and any such appointment shall be valid until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XVIII

Resignations of officers or members in good standing may be accepted by two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting after notice in writing has been given the Secretary.

ARTICLE XIX

Any questions as to the meaning or construction of these By-Laws shall be decided by the Board of Directors, and their decision shall control and be binding, thereafter until rescinded by the Corporation.

ARTICLE XX

Any matters not particularly provided for in these By-Laws shall be controlled by the Board of Directors, and the decision of two-thirds of said Board shall be final and binding upon the Corporation.

ARTICLE XXI

Section 1: These By-Laws shall not be amended except by a two-thirds vote of the paid-up members present at an annual meeting of the Corporation, or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2: A notice of proposed changes of the Corporations By-Laws shall be posted in the newsletter and copies of the changes made available at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE XXII

The order of business at any annual or other regular meeting shall be:

Section 1: Introduction of Guests.

Section 2: Roll call of Officers.

Section 3: Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting and of the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Reports of Officers.

Section 5: Reports of standing committees.

Section 6: Reports of special committees.

Section 7: Proposals for membership - Introduction of New Members.

Section 8: Unfinished business.

Section 9: New business.

Section 10: Communications.

Section 11: Election of Officers (annual meeting only).

Section 12: Adjournment.

ARTICLE XXIII

It shall be the duty of the Game Warden, to see that the orders of the President are carried out and to collect all fines assessed. The Game Warden shall have charge of the Salmon Box used for the collection of fines, which shall be returned to the Treasurer at the close of the meeting. In the absence of the Game Warden, the Chair shall appoint a temporary Game Warden.

Section 1: It shall be the duty of each member to address fellow members by the first or given name, with the prefix "Poggie", and the chair with the prefix "Chief Poggie."

Section 2: Profane, vulgar and obscene language shall not be used by any member or guest during a meeting.

Section 3: Buttons - Regular club membership buttons may be approved by the Board of Directors with concurrence of the Corporation.

Section 4: Button Awards – Merit button awards to members will be made for the largest fish caught January 1st to December 31st of each year. To qualify for a button award, members' dues must be paid to date of the fish caught.

Section 5: First prize fish in all divisions, in addition to button awards, shall receive an appropriate trophy as approved by the Board of Directors

Section 6: Awards shall be made in compliance with the current contest rules.

ARTICLE XXIV

Section 1: Should this Corporation at any time in the future decide to disband, dissolve or liquidate, then any funds of assets belonging to said Corporation shall be donated to the "Natural Resources & Wildlife Foundation, Inc.," a Washington Corporation, after any and all debts and/or obligations owing have been met.

Section 2: Should the said "Natural Resources & Wildlife Foundation, Inc" cease to exist at any time, then this Corporation shall take legal appropriate steps to appoint another beneficiary.

END

This copy of the By-Laws of the Poggie Club of Washington, Seattle Chapter, was retyped by John Mataka then Secretary of this Corporation. It reflects one change from the original By-Laws as follows:

Article V Section 1. Change annual dues to \$20; additional family members residing at the same residence \$15.00

Submitted this 11th day of January 2005