

~ Constitution (Revised 1993) ~

International Waterfowl Breeder's Association

Article 1:

The name or title of the organization shall be the International Waterfowl Breeder's Association - a non-profit organization

Article II:

Purposes

- 1) To promote all types of waterfowl.
- 2) To encourage the exhibition of waterfowl through the sponsorship of meets (Special, District, National) at shows throughout the United States and Canada.
- 3) To encourage the continued growth in the popularity of waterfowl through cooperation with any other Organization which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, shares that purpose.

Article III: Membership:

Membership is open to anyone who is in agreement with the purposes of the organization. The following types of membership are available:

- 1) individual membership
- 2) Family membership: This includes any members of the immediate family who live in the same household.
- 3) Junior membership: This includes any youth under the age of sixteen.

All memberships run for one year from the date on which the dues are paid.

Article IV: Officers

Any member in good standing may run for election to any one office.

Section 1:

Officers shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary - Treasurer
- D. District Director (one from each district)

The Board of Directors shall consist of all of the above named elected officers.

Section 1: Terms of Office

Terms of office shall be for three years beginning on Feb. 1st and ending on Jan. 31st.

Section 3:

Each District Director shall appoint one Representative for each state or province within his/ her district

Section 4:

Any office vacated during the term shall be filled by appointment by the President. An office is considered vacant either by formal resignation, death or failure of the officer or director to fulfill his/ her duties for a period of three months or more. The Board of Directors shall determine by vote whether a failure to perform duties has occurred on the part of an officer or director. The person involved shall not participate in any removal from office vote which shall involve him/her.

Article V: Meeting

- 1) General membership meetings shall be held at National meets when either the President or Vice President is in attendance and when the newsletter or other method of communication has been used to notify the membership of the meeting at least two weeks in advance. Minutes shall be taken and carried in the newsletter. The purpose of the general meetings is to keep the membership apprised of the issues of concern in the Association. Votes taken at general meetings are advisory only and are not binding on the Board of Directors. The agenda shall be prepared by the Secretary with the input from the Board of Directors and from the membership.

2) Meetings of the Board of Directors: While meetings of the Board may be conducted at any site when a majority of the Board is present, most business will be conducted by mail. The Board may be polled on any issue either by the President or by the Secretary without permission of the President. All Board members must receive the same material on which to base their decisions and all Board members must be given at least 14 days to respond from the date on which the material was mailed to them. Any Board member can submit a matter to the President for inclusion in the next packet to be sent to the Board. Packets should be sent to the Board on a regular basis and should contain a statement of the status of the Association accounts as well as any other materials which might properly be Association business.

Article VI: Amendments

- 1) Amend the Constitution: Any proposed amendment must be submitted to the Board which must vote whether to take the matter to the membership. If the proposed amendment receives a 2/3 vote of those voting in favor, the Board must announce the amendment to the full membership via the newsletter. To pass, the amendment must then receive a 2/3 majority of the members who vote on the matter.
- 2) Amend By-laws: to amend the By-laws, a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors is required. Any amendment of the By-laws should be preceded by publication of the proposed change in the newsletter.