

Constitution and By-laws of the Traditional Bowhunters of Montana

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Traditional Bowhunters of Montana. It may be referred to as the TBM.

Article II – Purposes and objectives

1. It shall be the purpose of the TBM to provide fraternalism and camaraderie for those engaged in the ancient and honorable art of bowhunting with “Traditional” bowhunting equipment.
2. Encourage and promote the taking of wild game by means of bow and arrow in a humane and sportsmanlike manner.
3. While the TBM recognizes the issues that threaten the future of bowhunting and encourages its members to support the organizations working to protect bowhunting, it shall not be the sole purpose of the TBM to act on a political level as its main purpose is that of providing fellowship to those who wish to pursue a traditional bowhunting lifestyle.

Article III – Membership

Members in the TBM shall be available to any person of good characters, regardless of sex, race, religion, creed or nationality who meets the following requirements:

1. Completes a TBM application.
2. Pays current yearly dues.
3. Is in full accord with the TBM Constitution and Bu-Laws.
4. Observes the “Rules of Fair Chase” as set forth by the “Pope and Young Club” when pursuing big game animals.

Article IV – Officers and Their Duties

1. President and Treasurer/Membership director to be elected in odd numbered years. VP/Secretary to be elected in even numbered years at the annual winter meeting.
2. No person may hold more than two (2) consecutive terms of office to any elected position.
3. Elected officers of the TBM will consist of a President, Vice President/Secretary and a Treasurer/Membership Director.
4. Officers of the TBM must be residents of the State of Montana

President – Shall preside at all meetings of the TBM. The President shall be responsible for the operation of the TBM. The President shall appoint a newsletter editor and special committee chairmen as needed. The President shall also be required to sign any checks or agreements of behalf of the TBM.

Vice President/Secretary – Shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. This position shall also be responsible for all official correspondence, take minutes of the meetings, and submit the minutes of such meetings to the newsletter editor.

Treasurer/Membership Director – Shall be responsible for all TBM funds and membership correspondence. This position shall maintain an up-to-date roster and file to include, but not limited to, constitution bylaws, membership application and agreements.

Article V – Appointed Positions

1. Newsletter Editor – Shall be appointed by the President. This appointee shall be responsible for originating, editing, publishing and mailing the quarterly newsletter.
2. Special Committee Chairmen The president will appoint as deemed necessary.

Article VI – Meetings

1. Annual Meetings – Will be held in the winter as determined by the TBM officers.
2. Quorum – Two (2) TBM officers and either eight (8) other members of 30% of the total membership, whichever is less, constitute a quorum.
3. All meetings where any official action is voted upon must be announced in a TBM newsletter that was delivered at least one week prior to the meeting

Article VII – Operating Year

Each new operating year shall commence on January 1st of each year.

Article VIII – Dues

1. Annual dues of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars shall be payable by each member to the Treasurer/Membership director no later than January 31st. Life membership is available for one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars.
2. Any member who fails to have his dues to the Treasurer/Membership Director by January 31st shall be dropped from the rolls of the TBM on March 31st.
3. Anyone joining after September 1st shall have his dues carried through the following year.
4. Renewal notices will be included in the newsletter.

Article VIII – Finances

1. All finances shall be maintained by the Treasurer/Membership Director.
2. All expenditures except for the general operative expenses associated with maintaining the TBM shall be approved by the membership present at any TBM meeting in accordance with quorum requirements.
3. Any account and all financial transactions originating from those accounts shall be established so as to require the signatures of the President and the Treasurer/Membership Director.

Article X– Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the TBM, all debts will be paid, property sold and any funds remaining shall be donated to a charitable organization dedicated to the growth and preservation of bowhunting and/or wildlife. Dissolution of the TBM shall be by a majority vote of all members attending a meeting scheduled for this purpose, as printed in the newsletter.

Article VIII – Amendments

Any proposed amendments to this constitution and bylaws may be introduced by any TBM member at any TBM meeting. Proposals must be in writing, and must appear in the newsletter prior to the next meeting at which time a vote will take place. Adoption of the amendment will be determined by a majority vote at said meeting.