

# Oakdale Sportsmen's Club Oakdale, California 95361

## Constitution and Bylaws

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### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club, Incorporated.

The object of this club shall be to foster and support true sportsmanship in all its work, and to assist in any way possible the conservation and propagation of fish, game, and wildlife, the control of the animals and birds of the predator class, and to promote and encourage field sports and good fellowship among sportsmen, and to foster and support the fish and game laws of the State of California and elsewhere, to heed and acknowledge just rights of property owners.

The Oakdale Sportsmen's Club was incorporated in August, 1940.

### BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE I

Section 1. The officers of this club shall consist of and be as follows: President, Vice-President, Past-President and Board of Directors. The election of new club officers shall be elected or appointed at the annual meetings. The nomination committee shall have the responsibility for screening nominations, having the assembly elect the Board of Directors members, counting votes, and publishing results.

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body for this club and shall be composed of the three club officers, six O.S.C. members, and section representatives. The President, Vice-President, Past-President, three Sergeant-at-Arms, three Directors-at-Large, plus section representatives (which will be elected by section they are representing or appointed by the Board of Directors). The election of officers shall occur during the annual November Board of Directors meeting. Any vacant office shall be filled by special appointment by the President, except for the offices of President or Vice-President; these offices must be elected by the Board of Directors. Each incoming President shall appoint all appointed positions on the Board of Directors at the annual December Directors meeting.

SECTION 2. The President shall preside at all the meetings, preserve order, promote harmony, and enforce the Constitution and the Bylaws. He shall decide questions of order, subject to appeal of the body; shall cast his vote in case of a tie; shall appoint all committees (with Board approval); and shall act as exofficio member of all committees.

The President shall serve a term of two years. With Board of Directors approval, the Vice-President becomes President after serving as Vice-President for two years. If this is not possible, the Board of Directors shall elect the President.

After the President's term of office expires, he shall become a member of the Board of Directors for a two-year term as Past-President.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties and shall, in the President's absence, fill his place. The Vice-President shall be elected from the Board of Directors and by the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall serve a term of two years. After completing his term of office the Vice-President shall become President, pending approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Past-President shall assist the President and vice-President in the discharge of their duties. He shall also assist whenever his past experiences are beneficial. The Past-President serves a two-year term.

Section 5. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings, read all documents and correspondence, conduct all official correspondence, issues all summons to meetings. The Treasurer shall draw and sign all orders of the treasury. He shall receive all monies paid into the treasury and shall make no disbursements except with the sanction of the Board of Directors, or, in an emergency, the President's, or by order of the assembly. He shall keep a record of all monies received and paid out by him and submit his book to the Board of Directors for inspection whenever they deem it necessary.

The Secretary and Treasurer are approved by the Board of Directors and continue in these offices deeming the approval of the Secretary and Treasurer and the consent of the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer shall receive a monthly financial compensation for their labor. The amount of this compensation shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Secretary and Treasurer shall not be classified as a member of the Board of Directors, shall not have a Director's vote. Their yearly dues shall be exempt as part of their compensation for their labor.

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors shall have supervision of all funds and properties of this club, subject to the instructions of the club; shall see that the Treasurer shall deposit all monies in a bank or banks selected by them; shall approve all orders upon the treasury; shall examine and audit all accounts and books of the Treasurer by the end of June, and report findings to the Board of Directors. All sections handling monies and inventory must keep books and records of inventory, to be audited by an appointed committee in the month of January of each year.

The Board of Directors appoints additional Oakdale Sportsmen's Club members to fill any vacancies which may arise within the Board of Directors. The newly appointed Director shall fill the remainder of the unexpired term to which he is assigned.

For services rendered, The Board of Directors members are exempt from paying yearly dues.

The President may alter the number of Directors of the Board as deemed necessary with Board of Directors approval.

SECTION 7. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall enforce order, eject anyone disturbing the decorum of the meeting. They shall also collect all fines levied and deposit same in the Club Treasury. There shall be one master Sergeant-at-Arms and two deputy Sergeant-at-Arms. All three must be members of the Board of Directors.

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall serve a term of two years, and are elected by the membership at the annual meeting.

SECTION 8. Three Directors-at-Large are elected by the membership at the annual meeting. The Directors-at-Large serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. Section Representatives are to be elected by the section they are to represent, prior to the annual meeting, or they are appointed by the Board of Directors or the President upon approval of the Board of Directors. Section Representatives shall serve a one-year term and may be reappointed or re-elected. Section Representatives will keep up to date books on all monies and inventories, and will report on such at monthly Board of Directors meetings.

SECTION 10. The officers and all Board members elected or appointed must faithfully attempt to discharge the duties of office to which they are serving. Each member must abide by and uphold the Constitution and the Bylaws and all rules and regulations of the club; and fulfill to the best of his ability his duties and responsibilities without malice or prejudice, or be subject to reprimand or dismissal, upon review by Board of Directors. Decision of dismissal must be by two-thirds majority silent vote, by Board of Directors.

SECTION 11. Any person elected or appointed to the Board of Directors of the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club shall take the oath of office. The person shall not have a vote until the oath is taken. The President shall administer the oath of office to all incoming board members upon taking office. The incoming President and Vice-President oath of office will be given at the annual December social meeting. The oath will be as follows:

I \_\_\_\_\_(state your name)\_\_\_\_\_AFTER READING THE OAKDALE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB CONSTITUTION, AND BY LAWS, PROMISE TO UPHOLD AND OBEY THEM. I FURTHER PROMISE TO FULFILL MY DUTIES TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY FOR THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE OAKDALE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB. I WILL ALWAYS TRY TO PROMOTE SPORTSMANSHIP AND GOOD ETHICS IN SHOOTING EVENTS, FISHING AND HUNTING, THIS I PROMISE, AS A OAKDALE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB (OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER.) [Which ever applies.]

## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Only male members, 21 years or older, shall be eligible to membership in this club.

There is a junior membership for 18 years and older. The junior member must be sponsored by a member in good standing and come before the Board of Directors for approval.

The junior members are exempt from initiation fees, must pay dues of one-half of the regular membership dues. Junior members are allowed one guest per visit. The junior members have access to all facilities and activities as a regular member. Junior members may not attend social meetings and all functions requiring an age limit of 21 years or older.

SECTION 2. Any person wishing to join the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club must be sponsored for membership by a member in good standing who will vouch for the sportsmanship and character of such person. Membership is accomplished by paying one year's dues and initiation fee. The new member shall then be introduced by the President to the assembly on first club social meeting that the said new member attends.

SECTION 3. Each member must agree to abide by and uphold the Constitution and the Bylaws and all rules and regulations of the Oakdale Sportsmen's club.

SECTION 4. Each member, paying or honorary, joining the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club will be given the oath of the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club Membership which must be read and signed. Until that time he will not have full privileges of an Oakdale Sportsmen's club member. The oath will be as follows:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_ AS A MEMBER OF THE OAKDALE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB PROMISE TO ABIDE BY AND UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AND ALL RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OAKDALE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB. I WILL ALWAYS PROMOTE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND GOOD ETHICS IN ALL ASPECTS OF BEING A TRUE SPORTSMAN.

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(signature of member and date)

### ARTICLE III

#### DUES

SECTION 1. Dues and Initiation fees shall be set by the Board of Directors. The dues for this club shall be set per year, and prorated per month, with yearly dues being payable by January first of each year. There is an initiation fee to be charged the first year only for new members.

SECTION 2. Any member more than forty-five days behind in dues shall be declared delinquent. If dues are not paid by February fifteenth, the member will be dropped from the membership.

## ARTICLE IV

### DELINQUENCIES

SECTION 1. A delinquent member shall not be eligible to compete for any prize or entitled to any club privileges or functions.

SECTION 2. Members shall be notified of payment of Dues by mailing each member a copy of the Golden Pheasant for the Months of October, November and December. This shall constitute having notified the membership by Mail for the payment of dues.

Members who have been dropped from the membership rolls for failure to pay dues must reapply as a delinquent member, pay the initiation fee and be readmitted when space is available, unless special consideration is made by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. A person who is not a member of the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club may attend not more than two meetings in any one year as a guest.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of the club shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, except for the months of January and July, when there shall not be a regular club meeting.

The date may change by a vote of the members at any regular meeting, providing notice of such proposed change has been given in writing and sent by mail to each member.

If the first meeting date of any month is a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of that month.

SECTION 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, on the written request of fifty percent of the members in good standing, or by a voice vote at a regular meeting.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall meet on the second Tuesday of each month. If the first Tuesday is a holiday, the meeting will be the third Tuesday. Special meeting shall be called by the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President. Special meetings must be called by informing every member of the Board of Directors, of the special meeting.

A minimum of one-half of the Board members must be present at all Board of Directors meetings to form a quorum.

SECTION 4. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in November of each year.

SECTION 5. The annual social meeting shall be held in December of each year.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Nominations to the Oakdale Sportsmen’s Club Board of Directors shall be made by the General Membership writing a nominee’s name in a blank section provided on the dues form, which all members receive in the October Golden Pheasant.

The President shall appoint an election committee of not less than three members to screen the nominated members and present a ballot to each Oakdale Sportsmen’s Club Member at the annual December meeting. The names of the members running for the Board of Directors shall be placed on the ballot by Draw. Nominated Members to the Board of Directors must be Present at the December Club Election Meeting to be considered for Office.

SECTION 2. Director’s structure, terms, and election procedure:

1. The three Oakdale Sportsmen’s Club officers are; President, Vice-President, and Past-President. The President and Vice-President are elected by the Board of Directors and serve a two-year term in each position. The Past-President serves a two year term.

2. The Section Representative is to be elected by the section he represents or to be appointed by the Board of Directors, or the President with approval of the Board of Directors in November prior to the Board Meeting in November, or be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to the annual social meeting in December.

3. The Sergeant-at-Arms are elected by the membership at the annual social meeting. They serve a two-year term.

4. The Directors-at-Large are elected by the membership at the annual social meeting. They serve a two-year term.

CONSIDERATION

1. As a Sergeant-at-Arms or Director-at-Large completes his term, he may be placed on the ballot for re-election, if he so desires.

STRUCTURE

President  
Vice-President-----Elected by the O.S.C. Board of Directors.  
Past-President

Section Representatives-----Elected by the section being represented or  
Trap appointed by the Board of directors or the  
Rifle President with board approval for one year.  
Pistol  
Bar  
Fishing

Kitchen  
Archery  
Misc.

3 Sergeant-at-Arms-----Elected by the general membership to a two-  
3 Directors-at-Large year term.

Maintenance, Clean-up-----Salaried: They are approved by the Board  
and Secretary and Treasurer of Directors or appointed temporarily by the  
President.

Internal Affairs-----Appointed by the President and Approved  
Historian by the Board of Directors

SECTION 3. No member shall be eligible for nomination to hold office unless he is in good standing.

No proxy or cumulative voting shall be allowed.

ARTICLE VII

RESIGNATIONS

SECTION 1. In the event of the resignation of the Secretary or Treasurer, he shall submit his resignation in writing at least one meeting in advance of its being acted on. The Board of Directors will then examine his book and funds and, if they find them correct, said resignation will be turned over to the Board of Directors with their recommendation for action.

SECTION 2. If any officer or director is absent from three consecutive regular Board meetings, the Board of Directors shall determine the reason for his absence, and may declare his office vacant unless there are good and sufficient reasons for his absence. Excused absences will be noted by the Secretary in the minutes.

ARTICLE VIII

COMPLAINTS

SECTION 1. All complaints and protests must be made in writing and signed by the individual club member or members making the complaint or protest. All complaints and protests are to be given to the President of the club.

SECTION 2. Complaints and suggestions may be presented at the annual social meeting.

## ARTICLE IX

### PROCEDURE

SECTION 1. A regular meeting for the transaction of business cannot be conducted without a minimum of one-half of the Board of Directors present.

SECTION 2. A regular Board of Directors or committee meeting for transaction of business may be held when at least one-half of the said assigned groups are present.

SECTION 3. All meetings shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts Rules of Order, whenever a situation deems necessary.

SECTION 4. Order of business at the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club Board of Directors meeting shall be: 1. Roll call. 2. Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting. 3. Treasurer's report. 4. Correspondence. 5. Old business. 6. New business. 7. Proposals and suggestions. 8. Reports of committees. 9. Section reports. 10. Meals and program. 11. Golden Pheasant. 12. Adjournment.

SECTION 5. Names or addresses of the general Oakdale Sportsmen's Club members or officers shall not be given out for any public or commercial use.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENTS AND AUDIT

SECTION 1. With the exception of ARTICLE XI, these Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided notice has been given to each member prior to the meeting at which time such action is taken.

SECTION 2. At no time shall the Constitution or Bylaws of this club be suspended or annulled.

SECTION 3. The financial books shall be audited by an appointed committee in June as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, with the financial year ending December thirty-first.

## ARTICLE XI

### DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. This club shall not be dissolved as long as there remain ten member desirous of continuing it; nor shall the funds or properties be divided in any manner among the members present so long as there are ten dissenting votes. This article shall not be subject to change, alteration, or omission.

ARTICLE XII

DUTIES OF SECTIONS AND COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The election committee shall have the duties of having nominations performed, screening nominees, presenting ballots to the members at the annual social meeting, counting votes, and publishing election results.

The election committee must be not less than three Oakdale Sportsmen's Club Board Members.

SECTION 2. There shall be a section for each interested group within the club. The formation of new sections must have the consent of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Special committees or sections may be appointed by the President as occasions arise, and shall serve until discharged.

ARTICLE XIII

VIOLATION OF THE BYLAWS

SECTION 1. If any officer or member violates the Constitution or the Bylaws of this club, or commits and offense that will bring discredit to the club, or willingly neglects his duty, his case shall be referred to the Board of Directors and their recommendation shall be final.

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Amended April 8, 2014

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Wayne Elam, President

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Zane D. Clark, Secretary