

# Pleasant Hill Hunting Club By-laws

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## General Governance

This section defines the governance framework of the club, establishing the authority and responsibilities of its officers and Board of Directors, and setting forth the terms of membership and financial obligations. These provisions are intended to ensure orderly administration, accountability, and the continued preservation of the club.

1. Officers of the club shall consist of:
  - a. **President** to preside at all meetings, and committees not otherwise provided for, and ensure all club business is handled promptly by the responsible members.
  - b. **Vice President** to assist the president and to preside at the meeting in the president's absence.
  - c. **Secretary-Treasurer** to receive all monies and securities pertaining to his office. He shall pay out monies only after authorization by a majority vote of members present at the club meetings, except in cases of emergency (flowers, short notice leases, etc.) He shall keep an account ledger showing all money transactions. The ledger will be made available to officers of the club at their request and to all members at the club meetings. He shall, upon leaving office, have his ledger in proper order and deliver same and all other club property to his successor. The treasurer will be exempt from yearly dues as long as he/she holds that position.
  - d. The term limit of all officers is to be three years. Terms may be repeated unlimited times.
2. **Board of Directors** to consist of five members of the club. They shall be the legal advisers of the club. The board shall have disciplinary power over all club activities, members, and guests. The Board shall elect its own chairman and not less than once per year, audit the books of the treasurer and report their findings to the club. Term limits for Board of Directors is 10 years except during extenuating circumstances based on resignation or termination of membership for any reason.
3. All club officers are to be voted upon at the April meeting according to the length of their term, and the terms of office are to begin during the September meeting. Only those who have been members for 10 or more consecutive years may be considered for Club Officers or Board of Directors positions.
4. There will be two regular club meetings held each year. Business meetings will be held on the last Tuesday in April and on the first Tuesday in September.

5. The annual period of membership will begin on the first day of June. All club membership dues are to be paid not later than the April business meeting. In case of financial difficulties, the member must contact the Board of Directors or Club Officers. Hardships approvals will be decided by the Board of Directors. Anyone who doesn't pay by the April meeting will have to pay a \$100 penalty in addition to dues. Anyone who hasn't paid by June 1<sup>st</sup> will lose their membership and fall to the bottom of the waiting list. They must pay a penalty of \$100 to rejoin, just like new members would pay for their first year. If a membership raffle is planned for that year, any members who have not paid in full before the meeting will not be eligible for the drawing. This includes hardship members and those paying late before June 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. Club Membership will also include hunting privileges for the spouse. Doe limits set during the April meeting will be the set yearly limit typically for both the husband and wife separately, unless otherwise specified for a particular season (refer to section 13 below). Any does killed by children or grandchildren will be attributed toward the limit of the husband or wife or family member who brings them, such as a grandparent who is a member.
7. The club shall obtain "Posted" signs and place them in prominent places on club lands.
8. The Amount of club membership dues will be established by the Board of Directors prior to the Spring Meeting to ensure leases and budgeted expenses will be covered.
9. The club shall adopt the laws of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.
10. A deceased member's child can be voted into the club when eligible.
11. Voting for membership applications and officers shall be done by secret ballot and the majority vote shall rule.
12. Members who are at least 70 years of age and have been in the club for at least 30 consecutive years will be considered honorary members and will not be paying yearly dues.

## Club and Wildlife Preservation

This section of rules is intended to preserve the culture, legacy, and integrity of our hunting club, while ensuring its continued success for generations to come. They are intended to uphold the vision set forth by our founders and to carry forward a tradition that has been proudly maintained since 1965.

13. The Board has authority to regulate all wildlife harvests, to preserve the health of the local herd. A decision on doe harvest will be made prior to the April meeting so that hunters can decide whether they want to renew their membership or otherwise have alternate locations to fill the remainder of their tags either on public game lands or by other private hunting opportunities. **Addendum: For the year 2026, due to the reduced herd size that we are seeing, the Board has decided to set the limit at 1 antlerless deer taken per paid membership which would encompass either the husband, wife, child, or guest.**
14. Members should always adhere to NC Hunting Regulations. A member found to have

shot does which exceeds club allotment shall be fined \$100. As second infraction is subject to expulsion. Any member who exceeds the legal limit of any game by law will be levied a \$100 fine and the game warden must be contacted to make restitution. Breaking state laws can jeopardize the integrity of the club and have the entire club shut down for 30 days.

15. Dog training is to be suspended in the period between March 15th and June 15th in order to protect young wildlife. Dog training is limited to paying members only. Guests may ride along in the offseason for \$30 but cannot drive separately and release their own dogs. Bear hunters are allowed to train their bear dogs after Turkey Season ends.
16. Hunters should always treat each other and landowners with the utmost respect. This includes not driving in planted or disced fields, not turning out dogs on other people's corn piles while they are in their stands, not releasing dogs on land that is not under lease by the club, etc... Any member who threatens another member may be subject to expulsion following review by the Board of Directors. Any complaints should be brought to the President or Vice-President to be settled, and any serious complaint will be brought to the Board of Directors.

## Guests

The following rules are related to guest hunting privileges.

17. Guest permits are required prior to hunting during open seasons. A member bringing a guest will be suspended for 30 hunting days of the gun season for not obtaining a guest permit before they begin to hunt. This includes bow, muzzle loading, gun, and turkey seasons. The guest will be banned from hunting for one (1) year from the date of the violation.
18. Visitors are only allowed to guest hunt 5 times during the membership year no matter who signs them in.
19. A member's child can hunt without guest fees if they are a full-time student and under the age of 21.
20. Rules for killing/hunting bear and doe deer will be established each year before the April meeting. If any limits are set for any game, for example does, a guest's harvest of said game will count against the members quota who signed them in.
21. Members who sign in guests are responsible for the actions of the guest. If a member who signs in a guest must leave early for any reason, then the guest he/she signs in must leave also.
22. Members shall be limited to only one (1) guest per day. Members must be present to sign-in the guest
23. Guest Dues are \$50 per day when hunting big game and \$30 per day for small game.
24. Non-members and guests of other clubs may not turn dogs loose on Pleasant Hill Club property. They are also not permitted to shoot on Pleasant Hill Club lands if their dogs

cross onto club property, unless a guest pass is obtained prior to the hunt. Likewise, Pleasant Hill members must extend the same courtesy: do not release dogs on non-leased property, and do not carry or use firearms on non-club lands without the landowner's written consent. Maintaining harmony with the community requires that we always respect others' property.

## Other General and Safety Related Rules

The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that hunters and dogs remain safe and to comply with all relevant state, local, and lease regulations.

25. Members should have a dog box and participate in catching dogs.
26. For Safety purposes, high speeds on club roads, and shooting towards others will not be tolerated.
27. The use of any alcohol and/or drugs will not be tolerated during hunting hours while participating in any hunting activities where firearms are present.
28. All stands should have blaze orange visible from all sides when occupied during rifle season. This includes box stands and ground blinds especially, where occupancy is difficult to determine. A simple flag, painted flaps, or sign will suffice. Blaze-orange clothing or hats will be enough for open and climbing stands.
29. According to the lease agreement, members are only allowed to hunt Whitetail Deer on Maxwell Foods Lease (which runs along both sides of the Camp Road just past the trail to the river in the hardwoods stand.) The leased land beyond that point is only available via trail from the Dog Fennel Rd either by foot or ATV after January. A gate is put up by the landowner at the Cut-Thru Road so that his family can Turkey Hunt on that land during the spring. Please be respectful of this fact. Gates are supposed to be unlocked by July 1st.
30. Any Bear less than 200 lbs. should not be harvested on Ralph Britt's Land. This is the land at the back of club which starts prior to Red's Dead End and runs back to the Long Road.
31. No disking of roads during hunting season except for food plots.
32. Each paid membership is allowed to have only 2 stand sites prior to the beginning of rifle season in order to allow new members a greater opportunity to scout and erect stand sites of their own. After the start of rifle season, additional stands can be added at will. After the season ends, the member must reduce his/her stands back to two by the end of January to give others plenty of time to scout for new locations. Spouses/children do not get two additional stands unless they pay an additional membership fee(s).

33. Game left in cooler for more than 7 days may be removed and thrown out by others. This is necessary to keep the cooler as clean and sanitary as possible for others who use it. Anything left in the cooler needs to have a tag on it containing the following: Hunter's Name, Phone Number, Date of Kill, and Wildlife Authorization Number obtained during registration process.
34. During Bear Season, deer hunters running dogs should not turn out until 7 am to allow Bear Hunters time to decide where they will hunt, since they have a short season. Deer hunters should hunt on the other side of the club to prevent confusion and interference of races. Bear hunters rarely hunt more than a half day and will contact other members when they are done hunting each day.
35. Carcasses are no longer allowed to be dumped on club property. They may be buried but not dumped. This is accordance with NC Wildlife Regulations found and further information can be found at the following link: <https://www.ncwildlife.gov/disposal-deer-harvested-within-ncpdf/open>