

BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
TALLAHASSEE BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association.

Section 2. The Tallahassee Bowhunters Association shall be a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II - Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association shall be the following:

- A. To serve the common interest of the bowhunters of the Tallahassee area.
- B. To protect our forests and wildlife from any influences that may be detrimental to them.
- C. To do all things possible which contribute to quality bowhunting conditions.
- D. To protect the bowhunter from undue taxation of the sport.
- E. To stimulate a greater interest in an understanding of and to help perpetuate the sport of bowhunting.
- F. To engage in any other activities permitted by and not prohibited by Florida law.

### ARTICLE III - Membership, Dues, and Fees

Section 1. Membership in the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association shall be granted to anyone who attends at least annually one or more regularly scheduled members' meeting(s) and who pays the annual dues.

Section 2. The amount of membership dues for individual and family memberships shall be set by the board of directors subject to approval by the general membership at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting. Annual membership dues shall be due on March 1st of each year. The board of directors may also, at its discretion, establish fees for intra- and inter-club shoots if said fees are ratified by a majority vote of members at a regularly scheduled members' meeting.

Any membership in the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association shall be automatically terminated at the end of April of each year for nonpayment of dues.

Section 3. Any membership may be terminated for any reason by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board of directors at any regular or special meeting of that body, and thereafter ratified at the next regular meeting of the members by a majority vote of the members.

Section 4. A family membership in the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association is limited to immediate family and dependent children (through age 18) living at home, or such other criteria as is established by the board of directors.

Section 5. Special paid memberships (life membership) may be awarded upon vote of the board of directors and by vote of club members in attendance at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 6. The members' annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in May of each year. Regular monthly meetings shall be on the second Tuesday of each month.

## ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. The management of all day-to-day business affairs of the association, not specifically delegated by these by-laws, shall be vested in the board of directors. The board may establish standing and special committees to assist it. Members in attendance at regular club meetings shall vote on club affairs and shall generally have the final deciding vote, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Section 2. The board of directors of the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association shall be composed of at least seven (7) members in good standing.

Section 3. The board of directors of the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association shall consist of the president of the association, the vice-president of the association, the treasurer of the association, the secretary of the association, and at least three (3) directors at large, all of whom shall be elected from the membership by a popular vote of the members in good standing at their annual meeting in May. Nominations for the director at large positions shall be taken at the regular members' meeting in April, at the same time officers are nominated.

Section 4. Each member of the board of directors shall be elected for a one-year term. Any member of the board of directors may voluntarily resign by providing a letter of resignation to the president of the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association. Any member of the board of directors may be involuntarily removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board of directors, and a majority vote of the members in attendance at the next monthly meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies existing within the board of directors shall be filled by regular election procedures at the next monthly meeting of the members.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of each member of the board of directors to actively perform his/her duties by:

- A. Representing the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association.
- B. Keeping the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association members informed of all activities.
- C. Performing other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the president.

Section 7. The board of directors shall meet at the call of the president or by petition of any three (3) members of the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association. The annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, after the members' annual meeting.

Section 8. At any meeting of the board of directors, a majority number of directors (4) shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and all officers must at all times be in good standing.

Section 2. The officers shall be nominated at the regular Tallahassee Bowhunters Association members' meeting in April of every year. The election shall take place at the regularly scheduled members' meeting in May of each year. Officers shall be elected by popular vote of members in good standing. The term of each office shall be one (1) year.

Section 3. The duties of each office shall be as follows:

A. The president shall:

1. Preside at all meetings.
2. Appoint members of all standing and special committees and be an ex-officio member of such committees.
3. Assume all of the functions and responsibilities conferred upon him by these by-laws.
4. Act as liaison officer to the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission in all matters involving bowhunting.
5. Serve as the bowhunters' representative in all matters pertaining to bowhunting.
6. At his discretion, appoint an alternative or representative in his place.

B. The vice-president shall:

1. Perform the duties and assume the powers and responsibilities of the president in his absence or temporary incapacity.
2. Serve as chairman of the range committee.

C. The secretary shall:

1. Conduct the secretarial work of the association.
2. Prepare and preserve in a permanent record the minutes of all regular or special meetings of the association.

3. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the president or these by-laws.

D. The treasurer shall:

1. Conduct all of the regular duties of the office of the treasurer, including but not limited to collecting dues, advising delinquent members of their termination, making bank deposits and withdrawals, and providing members and directors with reports of the association's financial condition.

2. Prepare and preserve the financial records of the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association.

3. Prepare and file on a timely basis all corporate annual reports and tax returns required by Florida and Federal law.

4. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by these by-laws or the president.

Section 4. Any officer may voluntarily resign from the office to which he was elected, and thus, also from the board of directors by providing a letter or resignation to the president or to the vice-president if the president is the officer resigning. Any officer may be involuntarily removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the board of directors, and a majority vote of the members in attendance at the next monthly meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies in any office shall be filled at the next monthly meeting of the members in attendance. The election procedures shall be the same as for regular elections.

#### ARTICLE VI - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association shall begin on the first day of March of each year and shall end on the last day of February of the next year.

## ARTICLE VII - Committees

The president may appoint such special committees from time to time, as, in his judgment, may be required to promote and expedite the association's activities or for any other purpose consistent with the objectives of the association and the provisions of these by-laws. He may also add to the membership of any standing committee and may apportion the responsibilities of the members thereof. The standing committees of the association shall be:

1. The Range Committee.

## ARTICLE VII - Order of Business

- A. Meeting called to order.
- B. Introduction of new members and/or visitors.
- C. Reading of minutes.
- D. Reports of standing committees.
- E. Reports of special committees.
- F. Unfinished business.
- G. New business.
- H. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE IX - Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the board of directors by a majority vote of the members present, and by a ratifying vote of a majority of the members in attendance at the next monthly members' meeting.