



**BYLAWS of the WATERLOO CHAPTER of
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA**

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Article 1 – Membership and Dues

- Section 1: The annual membership dues of the Waterloo Chapter shall be \$66 for individual, \$104 for family, \$30 for student, and \$15 for youth (17 and under) members. Dues shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year in order to be deemed a member in good standing for the calendar year.
- Section 2: All members, whose dues are paid, shall be deemed active members. Only active members shall be eligible to hold office, vote at meetings, or otherwise enjoy the privileges of the Organization.
- Section 3: Any member, who by his/her conduct violates any of the rules of this Chapter or of the National Organization, may be expelled from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at a regular board meeting, provided the accused has been given at least twenty four (24) hour notice of the proposed action, and is given an opportunity to be heard before the Board. All charges must be supported by affidavit.
- Section 4: Any member whose connection with this Chapter shall be severed by resignation, death, expulsion or otherwise, shall forfeit all interest in any funds or property belonging to this Chapter.
- Section 5: Membership in the Chapter shall be open to any person who supports the goals and policies of the Chapter. No person shall, on grounds of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, or handicap, be excluded from participation in or be subject to discrimination in any program or activity of the Chapter.

Article II – Membership Meetings

- Section 1: Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held each month on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. In the event of a special day or holiday falls on the 1st Tuesday, the meetings shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
- Section 2: Special meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors, or not less than one-fifth of the active members, by mailing a written or printed notice stating the time and place of such meeting, at least five (5) days before the time of such meeting.

Article III – Board of Directors

- Section 1: The Board of Directors shall meet the 1st Tuesday of each month or following the regular membership meeting.
- Section 2: A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.



Section 3: Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the President or at the request of a majority of the members of the Board. Special meetings shall be held on not less than twenty-four (24) hours verbal or written notice.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1: The officers of this Chapter shall be elected to hold office for the term of two years or until their respective successors are elected and qualified by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after the annual election of Directors each year.

Section 2: Only active members for 1 year or more shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 3: The President shall be the chief executive officer of this Chapter. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

Section 4: The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and such further duties as shall be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 5: The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that an accurate record in permanent form of all business transactions of the Chapter shall be kept and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt of all money owing to the Chapter and the deposit of such money in the manner hereinafter prescribed. The Treasurer shall on a monthly basis account for the same to the Chapter; and at such further times as requested by the Board of Directors. At the end of his or her term, the Treasurer shall turn over to his or her successor control of all funds and records belonging to the Chapter. The Treasurer and other officers of the Chapter handling money shall furnish satisfactory bond, the cost of which shall be paid by the Chapter.

Section 7: Combinations to all safes and security devices shall be changed when a new Treasurer and or President takes office.

Section 8: The duties of all officers and agents shall be such as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 9: The Directors of the Chapter may at any time by a majority vote ask for, demand, receive and accept the resignation of any officer of this Chapter, and upon such individual's refusal to tender a resignation or resign, the majority of said Board of Directors may dismiss the individual from office, declare said position vacant and select a successor.

Section 10: If any vacancy occurs during the year, in any one or more of the above offices, for any reason, the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting, may elect a successor or successors who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurs.



Article V – Committees

- Section 1: The President, with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such standing and special committees as the Board of Directors shall direct. The President shall be an ex-officio member, without vote, of all committees.
- Section 2: Any member in good standing for at least the previous 12 months shall have the right to be a committee chairman.

Article VI – Finances

- Section 1: The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December in each year.
- Section 2: All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited by the Treasurer, or upon his/her order, in the name of the Chapter, in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3: All disbursements shall be by check or automatic withdrawal.
- Section 4: A thorough audit shall be made at least once each year by a committee designated by the Board of Directors and submitted at a regular meeting of the Chapter.
- Section 5: An audit shall be made after a change of the Treasurer.

Article VII – Awards

- Section 1: The Joe Thiry Membership award shall be given away at the Annual State Convention
- Section 2: The Judge Tobin Award shall be given to a member of the local Chapter in August of each year.

Article VIII – Other

- Section 1: Any member desiring to run for State or National office of the Izaak Walton League shall be sponsored by this Chapter if elected for the following costs unless the State or National defrays these expenses: Mileage (to the discretion of the Board of Directors), Phone Calls involving Izaak Walton business, Postage involving Izaak Walton business.
- Section 2: The objects of the Chapter and the powers granted to the Chapter by applicable law and the Articles of Incorporation are substantially similar to the objects and powers of the Izaak Walton League of America, and the Chapter shall exercise its powers to



pursue the objectives of the Izaak Walton League of America and shall comply with the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the Izaak Walton League of America. In the event of inconsistencies between the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this Chapter and those of the Izaak Walton League of America, the latter shall control.

Section 3: No transfer of the assets of the Chapter to any other entity, in excess of ten-percent (10%) of the Chapter's total assets, shall be effective or valid unless approved in advance of such transfer by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board of the Izaak Walton League of America and by a two-thirds vote of the Chapters' membership present at a meeting, provided that all members of the Chapter were notified of the meeting twice in writing, once at least 30 days but no more than 60 days in advance, and again at least 10 days but not more than 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Section 4: In the event the Chapter becomes inactive, dissolves, withdraws, has its charter revoked, or otherwise ceases to operate or function as a chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, all assets of the Chapter shall be disposed of in accordance with the Bylaws of the Izaak Walton League of America.

Section 5: These Bylaws may be amended as provided in the Articles of Incorporation of the Chapter. No amendment to the Chapter's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws that would violate the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Izaak Walton League of America shall be effective unless the Izaak Walton League of America amends its bylaws as necessary to incorporate or permit such amendment by the Chapter.

Submitted to: The Izaak Walton League of America Executive Board via the National Office.

Signature of Chapter President

Date

Signature of Chapter Secretary

Date



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