



B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION

2025 – Draft Resolutions Package

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PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS AT CONVENTION

The following shall be considered the procedures for handling Resolutions at the Annual General Meeting & Convention:

- All resolutions will be voted on by the assembly of voting delegates.
- Amendments may be moved on the floor; an amendment form must be used.
- All Resolutions will be debated in general assembly, which can be in the closed session if deemed necessary.
- Only registered delegates are eligible to vote, and they will be required to use the coloured voting card that will be issued to them upon registration.
- Scrutineers will be appointed by the Chair and must **NOT** be voting delegates.

Submission of Resolutions on important matters which were not evident before the December 31st, 2024 deadline, and which, by their very nature, cannot wait until the 2025 Convention **MAY** be considered an **EMERGENCY RESOLUTION** at the discretion of the Resolutions Committee.

These Resolutions must be submitted for consideration, in a readable form, to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee **PRIOR TO** a Resolutions session listed on the Convention Agenda. No Resolutions received during a session will be entertained during that session in order to allow for proper distribution, if appropriate, to the voting delegates.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mark McDonald, Chair
B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION Resolutions Committee

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RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution to Raise the Age Requirement for Big Game Hunting Wildlife 01/24

WHEREAS, British Columbia is the only province in Canada where 10- and 11-year-olds can hunt big game with their own allocation (in eight other provinces, the starting age is 12, while New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia the starting age is 16), and,

WHEREAS, hunting opportunities for British Columbia resident hunters are shrinking, with more General Open Season hunts switching to Limited Entry, while demand for hunting opportunities is growing and,

WHEREAS, there are very few 10- and 11-year-old children that are physically and mentally ready to harvest most big game species, and,

WHEREAS, there are very generous youth only hunts for deer in most regions of the province which would still be available for 10- and 11-year-olds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the B. C. Wildlife Federation Wildlife Committee work with the Province of British Columbia with the aim to change the minimum age requirement to start hunting most big game species in British Columbia from age 10 to 12 except for black bear and deer, which 10 and 11-year-olds would be permitted to harvest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Province of British Columbia be requested to make the necessary adjustments to the Limited Entry Hunting system to reflect that 10- and 11-year-old hunters may only apply for draws for deer and black bear.

Submitted by: BCWF Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Approved by: BCWF Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

SUPPORTING BRIEF:

After researching the LEH systems and age requirements to hunt big game and apply for LEH draws in other provinces, British Columbia is the only place that allows 10- and 11-year-olds to hunt big game, and to do so and apply for LEH tags with their own bag limit if they have passed the CORE exam. There are very few children that, at that young age, are ready to hunt bison, elk, caribou, moose, sheep and goats. There are very generous youth deer hunts all over the province which are ideally suited to young hunters. We do not need to give an 11-year-old a moose draw as well.

It has been brought up several times at our Region 1 meetings that some families always seem to get LEH draws. Family units with multiple FWID numbers do have a huge advantage over families with only one member with a FWID number when it comes to drawing an LEH tag. Considering our increasing hunter numbers and shrinking allocations, and with more general open seasons being moved to Limited Entry, we need to find ways to maximize opportunity for hunters capable of hunting large, big game species while still providing opportunity for new youth hunters.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

2. Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Special Resolution 01/24

WHEREAS, section 9.6 Notice and Minutes of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Constitution and By-laws stipulates that the Board of Directors meeting minutes shall be available within 30 days of the meeting and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to have the responsibility assigned as to the responsibility for ensuring that this actually occurs and,

WHEREAS, to ensure the approved minutes are available before the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting, the minutes should be available within 21 days,

WHEREAS, the B.C. Wildlife Federation President chairs the meeting of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors, it should be the President’s responsibility to ensure these minutes are available as set out in Section 9.6 of the B.C. Wildlife Federation By-laws and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws Section 9.6 Notice and Minutes be amended to include:

9.6 Notice and Minutes

A notice giving the date, time and place of Board of Directors meetings shall be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to each Director at least 20 days before the holding of such meeting, except for special Board of Directors meetings as heretofore mentioned. A mailed notice shall be deemed to be received on the day it was posted. Adopted minutes of Directors meetings, shall be available to any club, regional association or member and will be available for viewing upon request within 21 days of the meeting.

- a) The Chair shall be responsible for compiling and providing a written agenda
- b) The President will ensure that the Board of Directors meeting minutes shall be available within 21 days of the meeting date.

Submitted By: Past Presidents Advisory Council

Approved By: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed_____

Defeated_____

Withdrawn_____

Amended_____

Deferred_____

SUPPORTING BRIEF:

This amendment is being made to ensure that the B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors meeting minutes are available to the membership as stated in Section 9.6 of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws. This clearly stipulates who will be responsible.

Here is the current provisions of the Bylaw 9.6

9.6 Notice and Minutes

A notice giving the date, time and place of Board of Directors meetings shall be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to each Director at least 20 days before the holding of such meeting, except for special Board of Directors meetings as heretofore mentioned. A mailed notice shall be deemed to be received on the day it was posted. Adopted minutes of Directors meetings, shall be available to any club, regional association or member and will be available for viewing upon request within 30 days of the meeting.

3. Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes

Special Resolution 02/24

WHEREAS, the B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors have specific meeting requirements and reporting as set out in the By-laws Section 9.6 and,

WHEREAS, B.C. Wildlife Federation Executive Committee have no clear requirements regarding Executive Committee Meetings and minutes and there needs to be accountability, and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to have requirements for the Executive Committee meetings and the minutes in the By-laws and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Section 10.7 (e) Calling of Meetings of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows:

10.7 e. Meeting Notice and Minutes

- i) The meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the President or on the request of a majority of the Executive Committee. At the discretion of the President, a meeting may be conducted by telephone conference call on giving at least 24 hours' notice by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail to each member of the Committee, as to the arranged time and date of the conference call meeting, provided that no such notice is required where all members of the committee are present in person.
- ii) Board of Directors will be notified when Executive Committee meetings are scheduled.
- iii) The Board of Directors shall receive notification at least 24 hours in advance of any cancelled meetings.
- iv) The Chair shall be responsible for compiling and providing a written agenda.
- v) Each member of the Executive Committee shall provide a written report.
- vi) Adopted minutes of Executive Committee meetings, shall be available to the Board of Directors, any club, regional association or member and will be available for viewing upon request within 21 days of the meeting.
- vii) The President will ensure that the Executive Committee meeting minutes shall be available within 21 days of the meeting date.

Submitted by: The Past Presidents Advisory Council

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

SUPPORTING BRIEF:

In the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws the Board of Directors have under Section 9.6 Notice and Minutes direction regarding meetings and minutes

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A notice giving the date, time and place of Board of Directors meetings shall be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to each Director at least 20 days before the holding of such meeting, except for special Board of Directors meetings as heretofore mentioned. A mailed notice shall be deemed to be received on the day it was posted. Adopted minutes of Directors meetings, shall be available to any club, regional association or member and will be available for viewing upon request within 30 days of the meeting.

4. Branches and Clubs

Special Resolution 03/24

WHEREAS, Section 2.9 of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws refers to the Direct members Club, and

WHEREAS, Consistency and clarity is preferred in the Bylaws of the B.C. Wildlife Federation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the following portion of Section 3.2 of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws be changed from

3.2 Branches and Clubs

Each branch and club, excluding the Direct Members branch or branches constituted as Regional Wildlife Associations, shall pay per capita dues to the Federation for each member of the branch or club each year. The per capita dues shall be assessed on:

To read as follows:

3.2 Branches and Clubs

Each branch and club, excluding the Direct Members [Club or Branch](#), or branches constituted as Regional Wildlife Associations, shall pay per capita dues to the Federation for each member of the branch or club each year. The per capita dues shall be assessed on:

Submitted by: BCWF Governance Committee

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed_____

Defeated_____

Withdrawn_____

Amended_____

Deferred_____

5. Amount of Annual Dues

Special Resolution 04/24

WHEREAS, dues increases for Annual Dues happens from time to time, and

WHEREAS, there is no definition of what is time to time, and

WHEREAS, there is no direction for a committee to review,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Section 3.4 Amount of Annual Dues of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws which currently reads:

3.4 Amount of Annual Dues

The amount of annual dues shall be determined from time to time at the Annual General Meeting by resolution as proposed by the Board of Directors provided that:

- a. Clubs and branches shall be given 60 days' notice of proposed dues increase.
- b. The dues for a new club or branch shall be the current per Capita dues for each membership category. Upon joining the Federation, the club or branch is required to submit their membership list and pay the applicable per member fee for each membership category.

Be changed to read:

3.4 Amount of Annual Dues

The amount of annual dues shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee annually and, where an increase is recommended, be determined at the Annual General Meeting by Special Resolution to be submitted by the Board of Directors provided that:

- a. Clubs, branches and members shall be given 60 days' notice of a proposed dues increase.
- b. The dues for a new club or branch shall be the current per Capita dues for each membership category. Upon joining the Federation, the club or branch is required to submit their membership list and pay the applicable per member fee for each membership category.

Submitted by: BCWF Governance Committee

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

6. Direct Members

Special Resolution 05/24

WHEREAS, dues increases for Direct Member happens from time to time, and

WHEREAS, there is no definition of what is time to time, and

WHEREAS, there is no direction for a committee for review

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Section 3.6 of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws which currently reads

3.6 Direct Members

Dues shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Be changed to read:

3.6 Direct Members

The amount of annual dues for Direct Members shall be reviewed annually by the Finance Committee. The B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors will review proposed dues increases and provide direction.

a. Shall be given 60 days' notice of proposed dues increase.

Submitted by: BCWF Governance Committee

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed_____

Defeated_____

Withdrawn_____

Amended_____

Deferred_____

7. Corporate and Associate Members

Special Resolution 06/24

WHEREAS, dues increases for Corporate and Associate Members happen from time to time, and

WHEREAS, there is no definition of what is time to time, and

WHEREAS, there is no direction for a committee to review

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Section 3.7 of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws which currently states:

3.7 Corporate and Associate Members

Dues shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Be changed to read:

3.7 Corporate and Associate Members

The amount of annual dues for Corporate and Associate Members shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee annually.

The Board of Directors will review proposed dues increase and provide direction.

- a. Shall be given 30 days' notice of proposed dues increase

Submitted by: BCWF Governance Committee

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed_____

Defeated_____

Withdrawn_____

Amended_____

Deferred_____

8. Life Members

Special Resolution 07/24

WHEREAS, dues increases for Life Members happen from time to time, and

WHEREAS, there is no definition of what is time to time, and

WHEREAS there is no direction for a committee to review

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Section 3.9 Life Members of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws which currently reads:

3.9 Life Members

Dues shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Be changed to read:

3.9 Life Members

The amount of dues for Life Members shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee annually.

The Board of Directors will review proposed dues increase and provide direction.

a. Shall be given 30 days' notice of proposed dues increase

Submitted by: BCWF Governance Committee

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed_____

Defeated_____

Withdrawn_____

Amended_____

Deferred_____

RATIFICATION 2025

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, all acts, contracts, resolutions, proceedings, appointments and payments enacted, made, done, and taken by the Officers and Directors of the B.C. Wildlife Federation since the last Annual General Meeting held April 11, 12 & 13, 2024 at the AGM & Convention held in Kelowna, BC, are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

SUBMITTED BY:

Mark McDonald
Resolutions Chairman

Passed_____

Defeated_____

Withdrawn_____

Amended_____

Deferred_____