**Definitions**

**Administrative Bylaws: refers to** bylaws that pertain to all club members, which are created and overseen by Joseph Lewis.

**Full Membership Bylaws:** **refers to** bylaws that pertain to members possessing full membership rights, which are created and overseen by the club members possessing full membership rights.

**Partial Membership Bylaws: refers to** bylaws that pertain to members possessing partial memberships, which are created and overseen by the club’s Board of Directors.

**Guest: refers to a guest who is hunting.**

**Spectator: refers to a guest who is NOT hunting.**

**Honorary Member:** **refers to** a member possessing full membership rights, who is not obligated to pay membership dues.

**Juvenile: refers to** an individual under 18 years old or an individual currently in secondary school.

**Off-Season-Deer-Running: refers to** chasing deer with dogs out of their intended season.

**Partial Membership: refers to a club member** possessing **partial membership rights, said rights being to conduct a specific activity or hunt a specific game on club property; said membership does not have voting rights.**

**Official Meeting: a called meeting by Joseph Lewis.**

**Dog Hunting:** refers to hunting deer by chasing deer with dogs.

**Split Hunting: refers to** willful dog hunting in a separate area from other dog hunters. *(e.g., While the club is dog hunting the Camp Block, John Doe dog hunts the C Block.)*

1. **Administrative Bylaws -**
2. **MEMBERSHIPS:**
   1. Memberships will include the payee, their significant other, and any juveniles of whom they have guardianship.
   2. Full membership possesses the rights to hunt all wild game, the rights to conduct activities on the club’s property, access to the club’s camp, access to the club’s shooting range, and voting; permitting that said rights comply with the club’s bylaws.
   3. Partial membership possesses the rights of hunting specific wild game, the rights to conduct specific activities on the club’s property, access to the club’s camp, and access to the club’s shooting range; permitting that said rights comply with the club’s bylaws.
   4. Full and partial memberships expire on March 1st of every year.
   5. Annual dues for full and partial memberships will be determined by the President.
      * 1. Members may be allowed to have their annual membership dues reduced if they assist with the club’s annual field trial.
   6. Renewal deposits for full membership must be paid by March 1st of every year.
   7. Full membership dues must be paid by May 31st of every year.
   8. Renewal dues for partial membership must be paid by March 1st of every year.
3. **The BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
   1. The Board of Directors will consist of the President, Vice President, and no more than three Trustees.
   2. Joseph Lewis shall fulfill the position of club President indefinitely and reserves the right to overrule any decision or bylaw made by the Vice President, Trustee(s), and/or the club’s membership. Joseph Lewis will also have the final decision on any issue that is not addressed in the club’s bylaws.
   3. A Vice President will be assigned every year by the President. The Vice President reserves the right to overrule any decision or bylaw made by the Trustee(s) and/or the club’s membership.
   4. Trustees will be elected every year by the club’s membership. Candidates must submit their names to the President or Vice President before the designated meeting.
   5. Each Board Member reserves the right to suspend and/or terminate any club membership, and any guest or spectator.
   6. The Board of Directors will oversee all disciplinary actions.
   7. The Board of Directors will oversee all Partial Membership Bylaws*.*
   8. The Board of Directors will oversee honorary membership statuses.
4. **MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:**
   1. Members, guests, and spectators are obligated to comply with all federal and state laws, the RMS lease agreement, and the club’s bylaws.
   2. Individuals inquiring about full membership are required to sign a copy of the *Modes Island Hunting Club Member Agreement* before membership is granted.
   3. Members will be held responsible for all fines given to the guests and spectators they sponsor.
   4. Any dogs that are caught on Modes Island Hunting Club property should be released in the area where it was captured when contact cannot be made with the dog owner.
   5. Members are obligated to notify other clubs/landowners before entering their property.
5. Members, as well as their guests and spectators are obligated to notify a Board Member before entering Puter’s Neck Hunting Club’s property.
6. When contact cannot be made with a Board Member, the individual will need to leave a voicemail on the President's or the Vice President’s cell phone.
7. Members are not permitted to enter the woods, blow a vehicle horn, shout at their dogs, or shout at other individuals when on Puter’s Neck Hunting Club’s property unless permitted by a Board Member.
8. **PROHIBITION:**
   1. Hunting and running dogs are prohibited on Sundays.
   2. Trapping is prohibited.
   3. Any member that exhibits alcohol consumption before or during any Board or membership meeting will forfeit their voting rights for that specific meeting.
9. **NO TRESPASSING LIST:**
   1. Individuals on the “No Trespassing List” are prohibited on Modes Island Hunting Club property, unless otherwise permitted by the President or Vice President.
   2. The Board of Directors will oversee the “No Trespassing List.”
   3. No Trespassing List:

*Bradley Vining*

*Donald Caison*

*Frank Phelps*

*Mark Fairfax*

*Scott Milstead*

*Robbie Smith*

1. **DEER HUNTING:**
   1. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while deer hunting.
   2. Split hunting is prohibited.
   3. Dog hunters are prohibited from entering the woods when dog hunting unless permitted by the Hunt Master.
   4. Members that are dog hunting with another club are prohibited from harvesting any deer on Modes Island Hunting Club that is or has been chased by dogs from said club onto Modes Island Hunting Club.
2. **HUNT MASTER:**
3. The Hunt Master is responsible for managing deer hunts, receiving monetary fines, and addressing any issues that may arise during the current time.
4. The President will assume the duty of “Hunt Master” when present.
5. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will assume this duty.
6. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, a Trustee will assume this duty.
7. In the absence of all Board Members, the present members will appoint a member to assume this duty.

1. **Full Membership Bylaws -**
2. **CLUB DECISIONS:**
3. Club decisions will be decided by a majority vote at an official meeting unless otherwise stated.
4. In the event of a tie, the President will make the final decision.
5. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
6. **PROBATION MEMBERS:**
   1. Probation members are prohibited to hunt or run dogs until their membership dues are paid in full.
   2. Probation members do not possess voting rights.
   3. Probation members are prohibited from being Board Members.
   4. New members possessing full membership will be on probation for the duration of their first year as a member.
7. **HUNTING REGULATIONS:**
   1. All deer meat that is harvested from dog hunting must be shared with all dog hunting participants who request it.
   2. All deer harvested on Modes Island Hunting Club must be documented in the *Modes Island Hunting Club Harvest Logbook*.
   3. Dog hunters will meet at the camp by 7:00 a.m. to begin dog hunting. Tardy dog hunters will receive the next available stand.
   4. Rifle and Slug Use:
      1. Members may only use a rifle or slug when dog hunting if they are shooting from off-ground level into a separate area of woods that has no one around it. Said individuals are not to shoot a rifle or slug into the block or down a road that is currently being dog-hunted.
      2. Probation members are prohibited from using a rifle or a slug when dog hunting.
      3. EXCEPTION for *MIHC 2-3d (1)*, *MIHC 2-3d (2)*: When harvesting a bear.
8. **HARVEST REGULATIONS:**
   1. It is prohibited to harvest a doe or a buck, when his horns are below his ears, during December. {$60.00 fine for violation.}
   2. It is prohibited to harvest a buck if the buck does not have the minimum of a forked antler on one side of his antlers. **NOTE:** The brow tine will NOT be counted as part of a fork. {$60.00 fine for violation.}
      1. EXCEPTION for *MIHC 2-4b*: Bucks with antlers below their ears will not be penalized; **EXCEPT** if they are harvested during December (ref: *MIHC 2-4a*). The harvester will still be required to tag said deer as an antlered buck.
   3. It is prohibited to harvest a doe or buck weighing under 60 pounds. {$60.00 fine for violation.}
   4. EXCEPTION FOR MIHC 2-4A, MIHC 2-4B, MIHC 2-4C:
      1. If this harvest is the juvenile’s or female’s (female of any age) first deer harvest, of the season, on Modes Islanding Hunting Club property.
      2. When a deer is chased by at least 2 dogs, and the deer is in or crossing the Border Road or the portion of the Rock Road beside the C Block. **NOTE:** The deer MUST be in the road or crossing the road, NOT in the roadside ditch or the block of woods.
      3. When a deer is suffering to the point of death, aka: “Mercy Killing.” Mercy Killing will be at the discretion of the Hunt Master. The final shooter before “Mercy Killing” is declared will be responsible for tagging the deer.
9. **GUEST**:
10. Guest Passes:
    * 1. Members will be allotted five guest passes each year.
      2. A guest pass is considered “used” after the guest begins their first hunt of the day, regardless of how long they hunt afterward that day.
      3. Guests will be allotted to hunt with any member that possesses a valid guest pass, up to five times each year.
    1. Members are prohibited from having more than one guest at any given time.
    2. Guests must be sponsored by a member.
    3. Dog hunting guests will be permitted from November until Christmas day.
    4. Guests are prohibited from using a rifle or a slug when dog hunting, except when harvesting a bear.
11. **OFF-SEASON-DEER-RUNNING (AKA: “Off-Season Running”):**
    1. Members may off-season run during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, and July.
       1. Members are prohibited from off-season running for the duration of the 15 days *(counting the day of the event)* before any East Carolina Deer Classic Field Trial Series hosted by the club and during turkey season.
    2. Members are permitted to have one guest with dogs when off-season running.

1. **Partial Membership Bylaws -**
   1. Members are prohibited to hunting or running dogs during the daytime of deer season and turkey season.
2. EXCEPTION for *MIHC 3-1*: Bear hunters are permitted to hunt and run dogs during the daytime of deer season.
   1. Turkey hunters prohibited from having guests.