

# BRAIDWOOD RECREATION CLUB

## BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS BY-LAWS

### Article I General

**Section 1 - NAME.** The name of this non-profit corporation shall be the Braidwood Recreation Club.

**Section 2 - PURPOSES.** The purpose of the Braidwood Recreation Club is to lease or own a land and water area in excess of 1,000 acres, including buildings and facilities, adjacent to Braidwood, Illinois and operate the Club to provide outdoor recreation in swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, camping, picnicking, golfing and such other recreation as appropriate to provide educational programs in swimming and lifesaving, boat operation and water safety, and game and wildlife conservation for its members.

**Section 3 - ADDRESS.** The Post Office address of the Braidwood Recreation Club shall be P. O. Box 9, Braidwood, Illinois 60408.

**Section 4 - SEAL.** The Corporate Seal of the Braidwood Recreation Club shall be of such design as the Board of Directors may adopt.

**Section 5 - FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of the Braidwood Recreation Club shall be the calendar year.

### Article II Membership

**Section 1 - CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP.** The membership of this Club shall be classified as Resident Members, Non-Resident Members, Golf Members and Complimentary Members.

**Section 2 - RESIDENT MEMBERS.** This class consists of members residing within the Townships of Reed and Custer, Will County, State of Illinois, *excluding those residing within Shadow Lakes properties and/or private recreation areas*. These members shall pay the prescribed initiation fee, annual dues and special assessments. This is the only class of members that shall have the right to vote at annual or special meetings and is the only class of members eligible to hold office.

**Section 3 - NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.** This class consists of members who reside outside the Townships of Reed and Custer. These members shall pay the prescribed initiation fee, annual dues and special assessments. They do not have the right to vote or to hold office.

**Section 4 - GOLF MEMBERSHIP.** This class consists of qualified Club members who have paid an initiation fee. These members shall pay the golf assessments as prescribed by the Board of Directors plus the regular dues and special assessments due the Club.

a. **GOLF ONLY MEMBERSHIPS.** These Members shall pay the Golf annual dues, initiation fees, and assessments as set forth by the Board of Directors. These Members shall have the privilege of the Silver Oaks Golf Course **only**.

b. **NON-RESIDENT GOLF/BRC MEMBERSHIPS:** These members shall pay all Golf & Braidwood Recreation Club annual dues, fees and assessments as set forth by the Board of Directors. These members will have the privileges of Silver Oaks Golf Course and the Braidwood Recreation Club. These members may not drop golf membership; if golf is dropped they will at that time forfeit the membership to the Braidwood Recreation Club. These members will have no voting privileges and may not hold Office. Transfer of Membership may be requested as outlined in Article II Section 12 of the By-Laws but both Memberships must be transferred and to one individual. (2013)

**Section 5 - COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERS.** This class consists of members or an individual who has made a significant or material contribution for the benefit of the Club membership. This class may be issued a complimentary membership card, without fee of any kind, which shall entitle them to participate only in the recreational facilities of the Club, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. They do not have the right to vote or hold office. The foregoing shall apply to any other complimentary membership when appropriate and so determined by the Board of Directors. Complimentary memberships are good for one year only and non-transferable.

**Section 6 - POWER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OVER STATUS OF MEMBERS.**

The Board of Directors shall have power to define the status of all classes of membership and to fix any and all fees for each class and define the rights and privileges of all members in said classes by suitable regulations.

**Section 7 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.** All applicants for membership shall submit an application for membership to the Board of Directors in the form and manner prescribed by the Board of Directors. All such applications shall be signed by a Club member as sponsor and signed by the applicant who shall thereby pledge himself or herself and family as appropriate, to abide by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Club. Sons or daughters of members are entitled to the privileges of the family membership until they marry or reach the age of 21 years, whichever occurs first. At that time a new family is established and they are considered to be guests of the original family membership. Preference shall be given to these sons and daughters who apply for their own membership within a period not to exceed one year after becoming married or 21 years of age. An application submitted within this time period, even though a membership is not available, shall constitute compliance with these provisions. Upon approval of the application by the Board of Directors, admission may be obtained for the current initiation fee plus payment of the annual dues and special assessments.

No Application for Membership shall be accepted that is made by a person required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act 735 ILCS 150/1 et al.

**Section 8 - MEMBERSHIP PRIORITY.** The following priorities will be followed in regard to new memberships.

1. Braidwood Recreation Club Memberships
  - a. Sons or daughters of resident members residing in Reed-Custer Townships.
  - b. Residents residing in Reed-Custer Townships satisfying three year residency requirement alternating with non-resident sons or daughters.
  - c. Other applicants.
2. Silver Oaks Golf Memberships

- a. Braidwood Recreation Club Members.
- b. Sons or daughters of resident members residing in Reed-Custer Townships.
- c. Residents residing in Reed-Custer Townships satisfying three year residency requirement alternating with non-resident sons or daughters.

3. Silver Oaks Only Memberships

- a. Braidwood Recreation Club Members – Such Members may drop Braidwood Recreation Club Membership and may remain a Silver Oaks Golf Member only.
- b. Residents of Reed or Custer Townships
- c. Non-Residents of Reed or Custer Townships on a first come basis
- d. Other applicants

4. Non Resident Golf/BRC Memberships - Available only up to maximum Membership as set by Board of Directors has been reached and only when persons on all other Membership Lists have been offered Membership. (2013)

**Section 9 - ELECTION OF MEMBERS.** All applicants for membership shall be voted upon by the Board of Directors and must receive a majority vote of the members present except the Complimentary membership which must receive a two-thirds vote of the members present.

**Section 10 - VOTING RIGHTS.** Only Resident members who have been properly qualified shall be entitled to vote. There shall be one vote per family membership in attendance with no proxies permitted.

- a. Golf Only Memberships shall not be entitled to vote.
- b. Non Resident Golf/BRC Memberships shall not be entitled to vote or hold Office.

**Section 11 - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting, may terminate a membership due to resignation, may suspend or expel a member or may take such disciplinary action as it shall deem available for the following causes:

a. RESIGNATION of a member shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing. If the member is a Certificate holder, the resignation shall be accompanied by the Certificate of Interest, for which a receipt shall be given. The Club shall, in the order that such memberships are submitted to the Board, and as the financial status of the Club permits to be determined by the Board of Directors at regular meeting, reimburse the Certificate holder, less any money due the Club from such resigning member, with monies from the Special Account set aside for this purpose.

b. DEFAULT OR NON-PAYMENT of dues or assessments for the calendar year by the time fixed in Article III, Section 5 of these By-Laws.

c. VIOLATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS provided by these By-Laws, or the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors adopted pursuant to these By-Laws.

d. A MEMBER BECOMING INELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP. Provided, however, that the membership of a member of the Club shall not be terminated, and a member shall not be expelled, without a hearing, with notice, by the Board of Directors. Notice of such hearing shall be given at least seven days prior to such hearing, shall be written, or printed in form, shall state the date, time and place of hearing; and in general, shall state the reason or reasons for such hearing; such notice shall be given (1) by serving the member personally, or (2) by delivery by United States mail, postage prepaid to the member at his last address as shown on the records of the Club. Provided, however,

that if a Certificate holder is expelled and his membership is terminated because of default or non-payment of dues and assessments, his Certificate of Interest in the Capital Assets of the Club shall be forfeited, and shall become null and void; that if a Certificate holder is expelled and his membership is terminated because of a violation of the regulations provided by these By-Laws, or the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors adopted pursuant to these By-Laws, his Certificate of Interest in the Capital Assets of the Club shall be forfeited, and shall become null and void.

**Section 12 - TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.** A Resident or Non-Resident membership may be transferred to an immediate member of the family (husband, wife, son, daughter, father, or mother), if requested in writing, notarized, and approved by the Board of Directors. If a Certificate is held, the Certificate of Interest of the transfer shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and redeemed in full or part. No initiation fee shall be required, but a transfer fee as set by the Board of Directors may be imposed, and transferee shall be responsible for any unpaid dues or special assessments. Memberships cannot be transferred during the first year of becoming a member.

### **Article III Fees, Dues, and Assessments**

**Section 1 - ESTABLISHMENT.** The initiation fees, annual dues, and special assessments, payable in advance, shall be set annually or more often, if necessary, by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2 - INITIATION FEE.** The initiation fee for a Resident or Non-Resident member shall be not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) as fixed by the Board of Directors. *2013*

**Section 3 - ANNUAL DUES.** The increase in Annual Dues shall not exceed a maximum of ten dollars (\$10.00) in any given year as set by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** The special assessment annually for Resident and Non-Resident members shall be not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as set by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5 - PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** Annual dues and special assessments shall be payable in full on January 1 of each calendar year. Any member who does not make these payments on or before March 1 of each calendar year or payments are not postmarked by March 1 of each calendar year shall be considered in default for non-payment of dues and special assessments and is subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors and forfeiture of membership.

**Section 6 –NON-PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES.** After March 1<sup>st</sup> of each Calendar Year the Board of Directors will set a Fee for First, Second and Third-Time late Payments. Fourth Time Late Payments will be terminated.

### **Article IV Membership Identification**

**Section 1 - MEMBERSHIP CARDS.** The Board of Directors may provide for the issuance of membership cards evidencing membership in the Club which shall be such form as may be

determined by the Board. The Board of Directors may make such other rules and regulations governing the numbering, registration, issuance and replacement, or other matters concerning membership cards, to control admission to the Club as it shall deem advisable.

**Section 2 - DECALS OR STICKERS.** The Board of Directors may provide for the issuance of decals, stickers or other identification for motor vehicles evidencing membership in the Club or for visitor and guest control and such devices shall be in such form as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Such decal must be affixed to vehicle no later than March 1 or entry to Club will be denied. The Board of Directors may make such other rules and regulations covering the numbering, registration, issuance and replacement, or other matters concerning decals, stickers, or other identification to control admission to the Club as it shall deem advisable.

- a. Decals. Golf Only Memberships shall be issued a separate decal. These decals shall be of a different design from the Braidwood Recreation Club decals as set forth by the Board of Directors.

## **Article V Golf Course Membership**

**Section 1 - GOLF COURSE MEMBERSHIP.** Only Club members who have properly qualified by Board election and by payment of such initiation fees, dues, special assessment, or other fees as prescribed by the Board of Directors may solicit membership in the golf course. Applications for membership, election to golf membership, termination of golf membership and transfer of golf membership shall be in accordance with Article II, Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 respectively of these By-Laws.

- a. **DEFINITION OF GOLF MEMBERSHIP.** This class consists of qualified Club members and approved Golf only applicants who have paid an initiation fee of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- b. **GOLF DUES.** The Golf Dues for maintaining and improving the Golf Course, payable in advance, shall be set annually or more often, if necessary, by the Board of Directors. The increase in Dues for each Golf Membership shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) annually as fixed by the Board of Directors. *2013*
- c. **PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND PENALTIES.** These shall be as outlined in Article III, Section 5 of these By-Laws.
- d. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS.** The Board of Directors may provide for the issuance of membership cards evidencing membership in the golf course which shall be in such form as may be determined by the Board. The Board of Directors may make such other rules and regulations governing the numbering, registration, issuance and replacement, or other matters concerning membership cards, to control admission to the golf course as it shall deem advisable.
- e. **USERS LOGBOOK.** The course Manager shall cause a logbook to be kept for the purpose of providing a complete history of course usage. This log must contain each user's name, date, city, and time of tee off.

**Section 2 – Golf Course Only Membership.** This Membership shall be issued to person (s) who has qualified by Board election and by payment of such initiation fees, dues, special assessments, or other fees as prescribed by the Board of Directors. Applications for Membership, election to Golf Only Memberships, termination of Golf Only Memberships, and transfer of Golf Only Memberships shall be in accordance with Article II Sections 4,7,8, and 11 of these By-Laws, respectively.

NON-RESIDENT GOLF/BRC MEMBERSHIPS. These members shall pay all Golf & Braidwood Recreation Club annual dues, fees and assessments as set forth by the Board of Directors. These members will have the privileges of Silver Oaks Golf Course and the Braidwood Recreation Club. These members may not drop golf membership; if golf is dropped, they will at that time forfeit the membership to the Braidwood Recreation Club. These members will have no voting privileges and may not hold Office. Transfer of Membership may be requested as outlined in Article II Section 12 of the By-Laws but both Memberships must be transferred and to one individual. (2013)

## **Article VI Meeting of Members**

**Section 1 - ANNUAL MEETING.** An Annual Meeting of the Club Membership shall be held on the second Saturday of January of each year at 7:00 P.M. in the Braidwood Recreation Club Office, for the purpose of electing Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Any proposed amendments to these By-Laws must be published in the local newspaper not less than twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting. This provision shall serve in lieu of a written notice to the Membership. If the election of Directors shall not be held on the day designated for an Annual Meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the Members called as soon thereafter as convenient.

**Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Resident members may be called either by the President, the Board of Directors, or by petition of not less than fifteen per cent (15%) of such Resident members entitled to vote in accordance with these By-Laws. The date, time and place for the holding of such special meeting shall be designated by the Officers or persons calling the meeting.

**Section 3 - NOTICE OF MEETINGS.** Written or printed notice stating the place, date, and hour of a special meeting, including the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than twenty (20) nor more than forty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the President or the Executive-Secretary or the Officers or persons calling the meeting, to each Resident member.

**Section 4 - MEETING WITHOUT CALL OR NOTICE.** If two-thirds of the Resident members shall meet at any time and place and consent to the holding of a meeting, such meeting shall be valid without call or notice, and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.

**Section 5 - QUORUM.** The Resident members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business.

**Section 6 - CHAIRMAN OF MEETING.** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Executive-Treasurer and Executive-Secretary, a chairperson may be chosen by vote of those present at any meeting of Resident members.

**Section 7 - MEETINGS FOR ALL CLASSES OF MEMBERS.** A meeting of all the membership classes may be called by the President if it is determined that the best interests of the Club might be served thereby. Any actions taken at such meetings shall be considered advisory to the Board of Directors and the Resident membership.

## **Article VII Board of Directors**

**Section 1 - GENERAL POWERS.** The management and control of the affairs and funds of this Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**Section 2 - NUMBER, QUALIFICATION AND TENURE.** The number of Directors shall be twelve, and each Director must be a Resident member of the Club. At each Annual Meeting four Directors shall be elected; each Director shall hold office for a period of three years and until his successor has been elected and qualified. The persons who hold office as Directors of the Club and the term of office by each of such persons, at the time of the adoption of these revised By-Laws, shall in no way be affected or changed by such adoption. Provided, however, that each retiring President of the Club, by virtue of having been President of the Club, shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Club for one year immediately following the expiration of his term as President.

**Section 3 - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.** The President shall appoint a nominating committee prior to the Annual Meeting which shall recommend for approval by the Board a slate of candidates duly qualified, to fill all the Director vacancies to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Notice of these nominations shall be furnished to the Resident membership by publication in local newspaper or by letter to the Resident members as determined by the Board of Directors. Any additional nominations by the Resident members shall be filed with the Board of Directors by the first Tuesday in December and shall bear the signatures of not less than twenty Resident members qualified to vote in accordance with these By-Laws. The legality of any such petitions shall be determined by the Executive Council. Election shall be by ballot and the results announced by the Election Committee as appointed by the President. Plurality vote shall elect with any and all tie votes, when necessary, decided by lot by the Executive Committee. Voting for election of four members to the Braidwood Recreation Club Board of Directors may be for one or more but not to exceed four. Voting shall be with proper identification only. Voting hours: 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and after the close of the business following the Annual Meeting.

**Section 4 - REGULAR MEETING.** A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing officers of the Club shall be held within five days after the meeting of Resident members at which the Directors are elected. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution

the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolutions.

**Section 5 - SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two Directors.

**Section 6 - NOTICE.** Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given in person or by mail or otherwise in the form and manner provided by Resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7 - QUORUM.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, provided, that if less than a majority of the Directors are present at said meeting a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

**Section 8 - MANNER OF ACTING.** The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except where otherwise provided by law or by these By-Laws.

**Section 9 - VACANCIES.** Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The Director appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed to serve for the unexpired term.

## **Article VIII Councils and Committees**

**Section 1** - The program and activities of the Club shall be prescribed by various Councils. One or more Directors shall be appointed as Chairman and/or Co-chairmen of each Council subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Resident and non-resident members may be appointed as members of a Council upon recommendation of the Chairman and/or Co-chairmen, the Executive Council and approval by the Board. The Councils are responsible for the development of a program, plans, procedures, policies, a detailed financial plan for budgetary requirements, direction or guidance of the activities, establishment of necessary controls, the preparation of appropriate information for dissemination to the membership, a review and analysis of the work of the Council, and summary reports, with recommendations as appropriate for decision by the Chairman and/or Co-chairmen and/or the Board.

**Section 2** - The Executive Council shall be composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Executive-Treasurer, and the Executive-Secretary of the Board of Directors. In the interim between meetings of the Board, the Executive Council shall have charge of the routine business of the Club. It shall have general charge of the finances and property of the Club and shall have authority to order disbursements for necessary expenses and may grant to any Council a reasonable amount of money for special work, provided such amounts shall not exceed the budget allowance for such work as previously approved by the Board. At the beginning of the fiscal year, it shall prepare and submit to the Board a budget for each Council for that year. As passed by the Board, with or without modification, this budget shall be the appropriation measure for the Councils. No Council may exceed its appropriation without the consent of the



Board of Directors. The Executive Council may refer matters brought before it to the appropriate Council or to the Board.

## **Article IX Officers**

**Section 1 - OFFICERS.** The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Executive-Treasurer, and an Executive-Secretary elected by the Board of Directors from its own members.

**Section 2 - ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.** The Officers of the Club shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

**Section 3 - REMOVAL.** Any Officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by a majority vote of all of the Board of Directors, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Club would be served thereby.

**Section 4 - VACANCIES.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Section 5 - PRESIDENT.** The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Club and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Club, and he shall enforce its By-Laws and regulations. He shall preside at all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors. He shall be ex-officio a member of all Councils and committees. He shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**Section 6 - VICE-PRESIDENT.** In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 7 - EXECUTIVE-TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept, the accounts of the Club in books belonging to the Club and provided for that purpose. He shall be responsible for all monies, pay all bills, when properly approved by the appropriate officers or Councils, and preserve vouchers for all payments. The account books and vouchers shall at all times be open for inspection by any member of the Board of Directors. He shall also, as such times as directed by the Board of Directors, make a statement of the financial condition of the Club, and at each Annual Meeting of the Club membership submit a report of the financial transactions of the Club for the fiscal year, which report shall be audited by a committee appointed by the President. He shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Executive-Treasurer, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Executive-Treasurer, in order to qualify, shall file with the Executive-Secretary and have approved by the Board of Directors, a surety bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), the premium for which shall be paid by the Club.

**Section 8 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.** The Executive-Secretary shall conduct or cause to be conducted all official correspondence of the Club, subject to the general supervision of the President, keep or cause to be kept a record of all meetings of the Club and Board of Directors in a book or books belonging to the Club and provided for that purpose, issue or cause to be issued all notices to members; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation; and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Executive-Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 9 - MANAGER.** The manager shall be the representative of the Board of Directors at the Club. It shall be his duty at all times, under the supervision of the Board of Directors or a Council, to care for or see to the care for the Club grounds, lakes, beach house and other buildings and property belonging to the Club, and see that the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Club be obeyed. He shall be responsible for supervising and directing the work of all employees hired by the Board of Directors for maintenance of the Club property and facilities. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Councils and/or Board of Directors. He shall not have power to hire or discharge any employee of the Club, this power being reserved by the Board of Directors.

**Section 10 - ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER.** The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer is directly responsible to the Board of Directors unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board. As a representative of the Board of Directors, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain all records of the Club as directed by the Executive Officers of the Club and the Council and take action as delegated or directed. The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall furnish assistance at the meetings of the Board and also at meetings of the Councils and committees as requested. The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the Club Office as the official headquarters of the Club and thereby provide a central information point for the Club membership and, in general, perform all duties incident to the position of an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, in order to qualify, shall file with the Executive-Secretary and have approved by the Board of Directors a surety bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) the premium for which shall be paid by the Club.

**Section 11 - LIFEGUARDS.** The lifeguards shall have complete charge of the swimming activities at the beach. All members and visitors, while using the beach area, shall obey the instructions of the lifeguard at all times. Violators of the rules of the beach are subject to the penalties of Article II, Section 11 of these By-Laws. Lifeguards shall have in their possession valid certificates attesting to their meeting the prescribed requirements as qualified lifeguard.

**Section 12 - OTHER CLUB EMPLOYEES.** All other Club employees selected by the Board of Directors shall possess the necessary qualifications to perform the tasks assigned to them in an acceptable manner for the benefit of the Club membership.

## **Article X**

### **Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds**

**Section 1 - CONTRACTS.** The Board of Directors may enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Club. The Board may designate an officer or agent to act in behalf of the Directors.

a. Land acquisitions in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be subject to prior approval by the voting membership.

**Section 2 - CHECKS AND DRAFTS.** All checks, drafts, or other order for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Club, shall be signed by such officer or officers of the Club and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by Resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3 - DEPOSITS.** All funds of the Club shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Club in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may designate.

**Section 4 - GIFTS.** The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Club any contribution, gift, bequest or device for the general purpose or for any special purpose of the Club.

## **Article XI**

### **General Rules and Regulations of the Club**

**Section 1 - LIABILITY OF THE CLUB.** No Club member or guest of any Club member shall hold the Club liable or responsible for the destruction or loss or injury to the person or property of any members, or any guest of any member, or any visitor, or other person using or enjoying the privileges of the Club.

**Section 2 - DAMAGE TO OR REMOVAL OF PROPERTY.** Any member who damages or removes any property belonging to the Club shall be compelled to pay for the same or he or she shall be subject to disciplinary action of the Board of Directors under Article II, Section 11 of these By-Laws.

**Section 3 - NON-MEMBERS AND GUESTS.** The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations concerning the use of the facilities of the Club by non-members, guests of members, house guests of members and other persons as it shall deem advisable.

**Section 4 - USE OF THE CLUB BY MEMBERS.** Upon approval in accordance with procedures and rules established by the Board of Directors, members may obtain permission to have the use of the Club for social gatherings, picnics and similar activities, but such use shall not be to the exclusion of other members of the Club.

**Section 5 - POWER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations governing the use of the facilities of the Club by both members and non-members, and may provide for such disciplinary action for the violation of such rules and regulations as it shall deem advisable. Disciplinary action against a member shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 11 of these By-Laws.

#### **Section 6 - CLUB RULES.**

These rules are passed pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 above and are not by-laws of this Club.

1. All members and non-members entering or leaving the Club must stop at the gate and present proper identification.
2. All members must have in their possession a valid membership identification each day they visit the Club and show it to the Gateman or any other official of the Club upon request; otherwise they will be treated as trespassers.

3. Membership cards and automobile stickers or decals issued to a member are for the exclusive use of the member and his immediate family dependents. Lending of decal, gate or membership card to anyone outside the immediate family will cause immediate suspension from the Club. Forfeiture of Certificate of Interest, dues and assessments may also be invoked in accordance with the penalties of the By-Laws.
4. Members shall at all times conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen; no profane language, nor improper conduct being permitted on the grounds or property of the Club.
5. Every fisherman must have a State of Illinois fishing license and must abide by the rules. Every fisherman must prepare the prescribed report as provided in the boxes for that purpose.
6. All boats must display a proper BRC Boat Decal. Guest Boats are permitted in the Club, only if the accompanying Member obtains a decal.
7. Pontoons Boats are allowed in Moose, Goose, Beaver, and Beach Lake.
8. No speeding by motor boats shall be allowed in those lakes set aside for fishing or bathing purposes.
9. All boats used or kept at the Club shall be the full responsibility of the respective owners.
10. No sail boats, houseboats, speed boats, skiffs, surf boards, paddle boards, or rubber rafts will be allowed in the Braidwood Recreation Club. (The lifeguards will use surf boards at the beach only.) **3/15/17 Kayaks allowed on any lake: Paddle Boats are allowed in Moose, Goose, Beaver, and Beach Lake; All boating rules apply.**
11. The beach shall usually be officially opened on (Memorial Day) and officially closed on the first Monday in September (Labor Day).
12. The lifeguards have complete control of the beach area while on duty and all swimmers and boat riders must obey them and also obey the rules posted at the beach house and swimming area. No swimming shall be permitted in any place other than the beach area.
13. No swimming at the beach unless lifeguards are on duty.
14. Free instructions in swimming, water safety and life-saving shall be given for a two-week period each year through arrangements with the Braidwood Recreation Club. Advance registration for classes will be made with the lifeguards at the beach area.
15. Unauthorized use of the lifeguard boat, life preservers and other similar equipment is prohibited.
16. Food, drink or smoking shall not be permitted on the beach. Facilities at the beach house are provided for this purpose.
17. No skin diving shall be permitted at the Club except for lifesaving when required and when approved for other purposes by the Board of Directors.
18. No intoxicating liquor shall be sold on the Club grounds unless approved by the Board of Directors.
19. No pets shall be permitted on the Club grounds.
20. No one shall cut or remove any tree unless approved by the Board of Directors.
21. Littering at any place in the Club area shall not be permitted. Waste receptacles are conveniently located for waste disposal.
22. No speeding of motor vehicles shall be permitted. Posted speed limits must be observed.
23. Hunting on the Club grounds is prohibited.

24. Firearms shall not be permitted on the Club grounds unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors.
25. The Club grounds shall not be used for the purpose of displaying merchandise for sale or advertising purposes unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors.
26. Camping permit must be completed by the camper upon selecting his site. Soft copy is returned to the gate house and hard copy is to be displayed on your equipment. Return the hard copy to the gate house upon checking out.
27. No camping equipment is to be left unattended overnight. Campers may occupy the same site for a maximum of two weeks; after two week period, a camping vehicle/tent may not return to the previous camping area for a period of 7 days.
28. Permission for group picnics for members and/or non-members must be requested in writing for approval. The rules transmitted with any approval must be obeyed.
29. No request for use of Club facilities will be allowed to non-members except by Board approval.
30. All two-wheel motor vehicles are prohibited from operating in the Club after 8:30 P.M unless returning to campsite or leaving the club. No riding around club after 8:30 p.m.
31. All unlicensed motor vehicles and/or unlicensed vehicle operators shall not be permitted on Club property. Except approved Golf Carts and approved UTVs.
32. Snowmobiles are not permitted on Club property.
33. All persons under the age of 18 must be out of the Club by 10:00 P.M. unless accompanied by a Club member 18 years or older.
34. All vehicles are confined to the roadway except to park. This includes four-wheel drive vehicles.
35. You are required to contact the Braidwood Recreation Club Office within ninety days when there is a change in your family status.
36. Undeliverable mail will cause membership application to be destroyed. Every attempt is made to contact prospective members, when application reaches the top of waiting list. If we are unable to find the applicant, the application will be destroyed. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide current address and telephone number.
37. All state motor vehicle laws are to be obeyed within the Club property. Vehicles are to be operated safely within the Club.
38. The Club reserves the right to refuse admission to any non-member or guest and to eject any non-member or guest from the premises at any time.

## **Article XII**

### **Amendments to By-Laws**

**Section 1** - These By-Laws may be altered, amended, modified or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Club at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose; or by a majority of the attending Resident members of the Club, at the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the Resident members of the Club called

for that purpose. Provided, however, that if the By-Laws of the Club shall be amended by vote of the Resident members in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws, such amendment so made by a vote of the Resident members shall not thereafter be changed or further amended by action of the Board of Directors prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Resident members.

**Section 2 - PETITIONS.** Petitions to amend By-Laws must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Club twenty days prior to the Annual Meeting or special meeting and shall bear the signatures of not less than twenty Resident members qualified to vote in accordance with these By-Laws.

## **Article XIII Councils**

These Council rules are subject to change by the Director and his Council as deem beneficial to the Club.

### **Administration**

1. You are required to contact the Braidwood Recreation Club Office within ninety days when there is a change in your family status such as: a new marriage, addition to the family, change of address, a divorce, a death, etc.
2. For Calendar Year: Members may elect to purchase one Second Guest Card with the fee for such being set by the Board of Directors. Members are allowed to purchase 2 additional guest cards after Fireworks Day.
3. Membership cards and automobile decals issued to a member are for the exclusive use of the member and his immediate family dependents. Lending of decal, gate or membership card to anyone outside the immediate family will cause immediate suspension from the Club.

### **Beach**

1. Lifeguards have complete control of beach area.
2. Swimming permitted only when lifeguards are on duty.
3. Non-swimmers must stay inside of white ropes.
4. No fishing in beach area.

### **Do Not:**

- A. Dive off shallow water rafts.
- B. Eat, smoke or drink on the beach.
- C. Take objects beyond first set of ropes.
- D. At any time go beyond second set of ropes.
- E. Attempt to move, rock or flip rafts.

- F. Push off rafts.
- G. Hang on ropes.
- H. Throw sand or hard solid objects.
- I. Obstruct or interfere with lifeguards.
- J. Use or touch lifeguards' equipment.

## **Camping**

1. Camping permit is obtained from the Gateman or at the Office, if the Gateman is not on duty. Camping permit must be completed by the camper upon selecting his site. Soft copy is returned to the gate house and hard copy is to be displayed on your equipment. Return the hard copy to the gate house upon checking out.
2. No camping equipment is to be left unattended overnight.
3. All campers, electrical or non-electrical, will fill out a camping permit. They may camp in one site for as few as one day, or as many as fourteen days. If they camp for any number of days and leave the site, they may not return to that same site for seven days. There will be no more Deer Park A & B, it will all be one site.
4. There will be NO GUEST camping vehicles, tents, etc., allowed during open season. A GUEST camper must be housed in a Club member's vehicle or tent. Memorial Day-Labor Day
5. Guest camping vehicles, tents etc. are allowed in off season, guests must be accompanied by a member.
6. Only 1 Campsite per Membership.
7. Only 1 Picnic Table per Membership.
8. Please remember to clean up before you leave your campsite. Your fellow members do not like to camp in the garbage you left behind.

## **Gate**

1. All members and non-members entering or leaving the Club must stop at the gate and present proper identification.
2. All vehicles after entering must stop and wait for the gate to close, thus keeping non-members out. Members allowing unauthorized vehicles to enter are subject to termination of membership.

## **Membership**

1. Just a reminder, each new member must be recommended by a current member. So when you sign an application for membership, please be certain you feel the applicant will be a good Club member. You are held responsible for the people you recommend.
2. The rules that are broken the most are lending of the gate card and/or guest card to not only non-members, but to our friends and relatives who have their own membership. If a violation is made with your gate card and/or guest card being in someone else's possession, you are held

responsible and this could lead to a termination of your membership. So remember, your gate card and other credentials are to be used ONLY by your immediate family that is included in this membership.

3. There will be no saving of parking spots on "Fireworks Day" or any day of the year.

### Fishing and Boating Regulations

**Recommended by the Fishing and Archery Council & Approved by the Board of Directors**

#### NOTICE

**All Fishing and Archery Council Members are authorized by the Board of Directors to enforce all Club Rules**

#### Season and Size

#### Hook & Line Open Season

Listed below are the species of fish, their size limit, daily and possession limit per person and daily and possession limit per family membership including guest. There is no closed season for any of the species.

SPECIES	SIZE	DAILY & POSSESSION LIMIT PER PERSON	PER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING GUEST
Rock Bass	No Limit	10	20
Bass - Large or Small	No Limit	3	6
Catfish	No Limit	5	10
Bullheads	No Limit	10	20
Crappie	Min. 10"	10	20
Walleye	Min. 14"	3	4
Trout	No Limit	3	6
Northern Pike	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
White Bass	No Limit	5	10
Bluegills	No Limit	15	20
Perch	No Limit	5	10
Tiger Muskie	Catch & Release		
Other Species	No Limit	No Limit	

Two attended poles per person ONLY.

Ice Fishing - Ice hole 12" diameter, two poles, two lines with two hooks each.

### Boats and Boating Regulations

**All State Board Safety Rules apply in the Club**

#### **Important:**

A-1. ALL boats must have a current boat registration decal displayed on it before it can be brought into the Club. This decal will have your current membership number on it. The boat decal is to be displayed on the outside of your boat just below the oar locks. Any boat not



registered and not displaying a boat registration decal will be picked up and stored. A storage fee will be imposed. The storage fee will be set by the Fishing Council and the Board of Directors.

After three months, these boats will become Club property.

A-2. ALL boats and trailers must be removed from Club property by the 15th of November. Any boats or boat trailers not taken home by the 15th of November will become Club property.

B. The usage of outboard motors is restricted to 9.9 H.P. or less; with the exception of when the boat is being loaded onto the trailer at a dock. It is permitted to start the boat motor for the purpose of loading the boat only. The limit of 9.9 H.P. is still in effect for all open waters.

C. Excessive wakes, horseplay or overloaded boats will not be tolerated, nor speeding or any disturbance to fishermen.

E. A Coast Guard approved life preserver must be in the possession of each boater.

F. No sail boats, houseboats, speed boats, skiffs, surf boards, paddle boards or rubber rafts will be allowed in the Braidwood Recreation Club. (The lifeguards will use surf boards at the beach only).

7. Pontoons Boats are allowed in Moose, Goose, Beaver, and Beach Lake.

8. No speeding by motorboats shall be allowed in those lakes set aside for fishing or bathing purposes.

9. All boats used or kept at the Club shall be the full responsibility of the respective owners.

10. No sail boats, houseboats, speed boats, skiffs, surf boards, paddle boards, or rubber rafts will be allowed in the Braidwood Recreation Club. (The lifeguards will use surf boards at the beach only.) **3/15/17 Kayaks allowed on any lake: Paddle Boats are allowed in Moose, Goose, Beaver, and Beach Lake; All boating rules apply.**

G. Always lock your boat securely when not in use.

H. The Club is not responsible for the safekeeping of your boat.

I. No parking in boat loading areas.

### Fishing Laws

The Board of Directors recommend that you have someone accompany you while ice fishing and it is mandatory to have a personal floatation device within reach. Ice Fishing is at your own risk.

Ice Guest Fishing Only (One Guest at a time) will be allowed with a current year Guest Card in Member's possession. Members must accompany his/her Guest when fishing.

All other times, the following rule is in effect;

**No Guest Fishing will be allowed in the Braidwood Recreation Club between  
January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Violators will be subject to Termination. All State rules and regulations apply within the Club. All Fishermen MUST fill out a fishing registration card whether you keep OR release your catch, prior to leaving Club.

There is to be NO catch and release of the trout. The trout you catch is yours. There is no sorting. After you have caught your limit of trout you are asked to leave that lake out of courtesy to the rest of the fishermen.

Lily Bay is closed to fishing AND boats.

No boats are to be left in a campsite unless you are occupying that site.

In addition, the following Club Rules apply;

It is unlawful:

To abandon, deposit, or cast any wire, cans, bottles, paper, wood, glass or other insoluble materials, including animal or vegetable material into or upon the ice or water or in any place on the banks of the water or lakes, where it shall be liable to be washed into the waters, either by storms or other causes. No swimming will be allowed anywhere except in the designated BEACH AREA. There will be no scuba diving or skin diving unless supervised by the Board of Directors. Everyone sixteen years or older must have a valid fishing license in their possession while fishing in the Club. No trout lines, no set lines, jug fishing, bush lines, spear fishing or any commercial gear of any kind will be permitted. No bow fishing unless authorized by the Board of Directors. No cheese or corn bait can be used anywhere in the Club. No firearms, firecrackers, pellet guns, sling shots, or target shooting of any kind will be permitted in the Club. No fishing in any ponds that are posted. Boats may be stored on Club grounds after March 1st and must be removed by November 15th, however, you may bring your boat in on a daily basis throughout the year. A Member must accompany his or her guest when fishing. No one will be permitted to ride in a boat without a life jacket. All members must abide by State boating laws. Killer's Cove and Big Otter will be a Members Only Lake from after the Kids Fishing Contest until July 7th each year. Frogging has been suspended in Braidwood Recreation Club until further notice.

YOU MUST REGISTER ALL FISH, NAME OF LAKES, AND TIME SPENT FISHING.  
LITTERING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY.

### **Silver Oaks Golf Course Rules**

There is only one official set of "Rules of Golf" recognized by the governing body of golf in the United States. The "Rules of Golf" are approved and published by the United States Association. Golf is played by the same set of rules in every part of the world. Members should have their own copy of the "Rules of Golf". Study them and play by these rules. Regardless of your golfing ability, playing by the rules will add much to the enjoyment of the game.

#### **Special Club Rules**

All rules of golf apply.

1. Courtesy is the number one rule of golf.
2. Foursomes are recommended when the course is crowded.
3. NO FIVESOMES WILL BE PERMITTED.
4. Operation of riding carts will be restricted to licensed drivers.
5. Careless driving of riding carts is prohibited and may place the individual's membership in jeopardy.

6. Physically entering lake waters to retrieve golf balls is prohibited except by special permission obtained through the Director of Golf. This rule is linked with the ones which limit swimming in the Beach Area ONLY and prohibit scuba diving except by special permission.
7. Slow players should invite faster players to play through, always keeping in mind personal safety to avoid injury.
8. The use of any fairway for "driving range" practice is prohibited. An area behind the Pro-Shop is provided for this purpose.
9. Golf members are responsible for the conduct of their guests and conduct unbecoming a guest may place the golf member's membership in jeopardy.
10. All players must sign in at the Pro-Shop before teeing off.
11. No two golfers may play from one set of clubs or one bag.
12. No practice putting or pitching on the greens is permitted.
13. The use of a tee to tee up the ball between markers is required.
14. Players leaving 9 for 10 will alternate in teeing off with those waiting on No. 1 tee.
15. No excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages at the Pro-Shop or on the Golf Course will be allowed.
16. Young children of golf members must be supervised while on the golf course. The golf course is not a playground for children. The golf course will be restricted for use by golfers, workers, and others on official business.
17. Junior golfers must be 12 years old to be unsupervised on course. Younger children golfing must be supervised by an adult or a golf member not younger than 16 years old.
18. Respect your golf course and help keep it clean by your use and conduct. There are receptacles where cans, paper and other litter may be placed for pick-up.
19. Observe the rules of maintaining proper distance of carts from the greens and bunkers (at least 20 ft. away).
20. A ball may be moved 2 club lengths from the perimeter fence or new trees without penalty.
21. You must repair ball marks on greens and replace divots in the fairways.
22. Watch for monitors on the course and honor their instructions.
23. Read the posted rules and invite the attention of your guest to these rules.
24. Do not drive on slopes of tees and/or greens.
25. 90° rule applies at all times.
26. Soft spikes are required.
27. Private cart fees must be paid before entering the golf course.
28. No Silver Oaks Golf Carts on roads at any time.

### **Tournaments and Special Events**

We have tournaments and special events for men, women and juniors. Dates of these activities will be posted at least two weeks prior to the event.

### **Golf Guests**

Any Member, whether Silver Oaks, Golf Only, or BRC bringing in Golf Guests are not required to have purchased a Guest Card or to punch in the Golf Guest. All Golf Guests must register at the Gate House (when Guards are on duty). Membership number of host along with the letter "G"

will be marked on Guest vehicle's windshield for identification purposes. Duplicate of Guest registration permit must be given to Pro Shop attendant. Upon payment of Greens Fees, a coupon will be given to Guest for identification. BRC Members must punch Guests in on Guest card whose Golf Guests wish to utilize other facilities at the Club other than Golfing. (6/23/10)

*A Member does not need to occupy guests in each golf cart when golfing with multiples and 4 some's. Members are responsible for their golf guests and The Club reserves the right to eject any non-member or guest from the premises at any time.*

### **Local Clarification**

1. Players teeing off from No. 1 and No. 10 will alternate tee off positions. EXAMPLE: Four groups of players are waiting at No. 1 tee. The first group tees off, then the first group, if ready on No. 10, if they are starting their second round of play, then the second group No. 1 tee and then the second group, if ready on No. 10, etc., etc. If the group on No. 10 is not ready, then the third group on No. 1 will tee off, etc.
2. Members competing in league and/or tournament play must have their scores computed by the computer and handicaps posted at the time of competition will be used. Members not having posted handicaps at the time of play will be required to play scratch until such time as handicaps are posted. Score cards must be turned in for each 9 or 18 holes played, whether at Silver Oaks or another golf course. If you play at another course, the course rating must be included on that card. If only 9 holes are played at one time, this card will be held to be played at a later date. There is a special holder for 9-hole cards.

### **No. 1 Tee**

Road will constitute out-of-bounds (OOB's).

### **No. 7 and No. 16 Tees**

No OOB's between fairways 7 and 16. Island is not OOB. Ball entering water hazards may be dropped where ball entered water hazards or any spot in line of tee to where ball entered water hazard with penalty of one stroke. Player may even tee off again losing stroke and distance. Small drainage ditches draining water to both small ponds on No. 7/16 will be considered man-made, player will be given a free drop. The large drainage ditch in front of the first pond and going in a northwesterly direction and joining the large drainage ditch south of No. 6 fairway is not considered man-made and players will be assessed one stroke penalty if ball is unplayable. Players may elect to hit across ponds but must have ball land west of drainage ditch separating the rough of No. 2 and No. 7/16. Left of ditch is OOB's.

### **Rules for Use of Golf Carts Braidwood Recreation Club**

1. Must be 18 years old to drive golf carts.
2. Must provide Certificate of Insurance naming Braidwood Recreation Club as additional insured with \$300,000 coverage minimum per occurrence. Policy must be in Member's name and cover all drivers and passengers.
3. BRC Tag must be purchased each year.
4. Cart must be inspected by a Board Member before a tag can be purchased.
5. Membership # must be displayed in four-inch numbers on front and rear of cart.
6. Cart must be equipped with front and rear lights.
7. May be driven ONLY on approved roads. NO dirt roads or grass. No carts on outer roads after sunset.
8. Obey speed limits.
9. Use hand signals when turning.
10. No drinking of alcohol while operating the golf cart.
11. Carts cannot be used on Golf Course unless tracking fee has been paid.

Approved by the Board on 7/3/19