

PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

BY - LAWS

A South Carolina Non - Profit Corporation

The **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB** was founded in the fall of 1986 by M. Wayne Archie; since then as the club's membership and properties increased, it was decided that it would be in the best interest of the club and it's members to become an incorporated body. Therefore on October 7, 2004 the **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** was established as a South Carolina Non-Profit Corporation. The purpose of being an incorporated club not only provides the membership of the club a safe and organized place to engage in hunting, camping and other outdoor recreational activities; it also establishes the club as a legal entity. This allows the club to own property and provides the members a level of legal protection in the event of a possible lawsuit as a result of someone getting injured while on the club. The goals and objectives of the **PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.** are guided by the following **MISSION STATEMENT**, which was adopted in the year 2000:

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- **Provide an affordable, safe and organized place to hunt for discriminating hunters who promote both Quality Deer and Turkey Management Practices.**
- **To actively seek out and acquire hunt leases on new properties in order to help ensure we have ample places to hunt in the future.**
- **To acquire a better understanding of wildlife management practices by attending appropriate seminars, reviewing literature and seeking information/advice from wildlife biologists.**
- **Achieve better quality game by enhancing/protecting the habitat by gating off roads, installing mineral licks, bush hogging, planting food plots and properly monitoring & managing game harvest.**
- **Encourage and promote quality hunting experiences for young hunters.**
- **Protect and enjoy our non-game species.**
- **Provide an environment/atmosphere which promotes camaraderie and encourages the sharing of helpful hunting/outdoor information.**
- **Be good stewards of our natural resources, demonstrate high ethical standards and obey all wildlife laws.**
- **Create good relationships with our hunt club neighbors, lessors, wildlife officers and community.**
- **Ensure the future of hunting by supporting appropriate hunting organizations/programs.**

**M. WAYNE ARCHIE 3/1/2000
PRESIDENT - PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB**

The following are the BY-LAWS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.:

1. As used in these BY-LAWS, the term "PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC." shall mean the non-profit corporation.

2. As used in these BY-LAWS, the term "BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS" shall mean the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. and is synonymous with the OFFICERS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

3. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. is the successor to the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, an unincorporated association. Membership in the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. consists of all members who have paid annual dues or members whose membership dues have been waived or members who have been given a gratis membership.

4. The Corporation is incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina.

5. The "BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS" shall consist of the PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT & SECRETARY/TREASURER and shall serve as permanent BOARD MEMBERS of the Corporation as long as they remain OFFICERS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. The three (3) BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS are as follows:

PRESIDENT:	M. Wayne Archie
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Darrell D. Watts
SECRETARY/TREASURER:	Paul B. Wittfeld

6. The number of BOARD MEMBERS is determined by the number of OFFICERS appointed to positions in the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. per the guidelines of the Rules & Regulations. If more OFFICERS are required in running the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. then the need for an increase in the same number of BOARD MEMBERS will be used. The BOARD MEMBERS will also consist of the same member who is serving as the OFFICER in their position in the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

7. All BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS shall be in good standing of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. and can be replaced and/or removed per the guidelines of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. BY-LAWS and the RULES & REGULATIONS.

8. The purpose of the BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS is to provide assistance and guidance to the PRESIDENT in making major decisions of the club. These major decisions are varied but include acquiring property, large leases, major financial expenditures and decisions regarding disciplinary issues of the club. The PRESIDENT will highly regard the input of the BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS but in the event of conflict in resolution, the decision of the PRESIDENT will stand and shall be final.

9. The PRESIDENT or his designee shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the club and make related decisions in accordance with the BY-LAWS and the RULES & REGULATIONS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.

10. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall be responsible for all aspects of the business of the club. It will review, adopt and support both the BY-LAWS, the RULES & REGULATIONS, annual budget, annual dues, fines, number of members and leases each year.

11. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will issue a Monthly Financial Statement to the BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS at the beginning of each month. This statement will indicate any and all revenues/expenses for the preceding month, totals to date and current membership status in regard to dues received.
12. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall be responsible for purchasing or selling real or personal property or any other assets for the use and benefit of the club.
13. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall be responsible for negotiating land leases or enter into any leases or contracts deem necessary to maintain and manage the operation of the club.
14. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. may borrow money from it's members, individuals or lending institutions. The club may secure such loans with a pledge on any or all assets or property of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. The club may sell assets for the use and benefit of the club.
15. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall maintain appropriate liability insurance for the club and shall authorize the purchase of liability insurance for the BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS
16. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall be responsible for terminating a member or members for such reason it determines to be in the best interest of the club, with no refund of dues or any other fees.
17. All dues paid by members, plus any donations, fines or other assets received by the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall be the sole property of the club. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall have the sole right to disburse funds or assets to maintain and operate the club. Club members shall not have any interests in the assets or property of the club, as it is a non-profit corporation.
18. In the event the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. ceases to exist and the club dissolves, after all outstanding bills are paid, all remaining assets of the club shall be sold and the proceeds distributed equally to the members the year the club dissolved who have possessed a camp space for FIVE (5) YEARS or more.
19. Members of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. and BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS may be reimbursed for legitimate expenses for any club activity or work related items as approved by the BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS.
20. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. will hold a minimum of one (1) annual meeting with all BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS present. The PRESIDENT or his designee as situations require, may call addition meetings.
21. The PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall hold meetings with the Work Leaders in order to receive their input on major club decisions and to define Work Leader projects. The PRESIDENT or his designee will schedule and preside over these meetings. The PRESIDENT and the other BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS will use this input to make decisions for the betterment of the club.
22. The Membership Year of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall begin on JANUARY 1 and ends on DECEMBER 31 of the same year.

23. The three (3) BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. shall be defined as follows:

- a. The PRESIDENT shall hold office for life unless he resigns or dies. Upon resigning, the original PRESIDENT may appoint a successor who will serve as PRESIDENT for life unless he resigns or dies. In the event, the reigning PRESIDENT dies; the position of PRESIDENT will be succeeded by the VICE-PRESIDENT. If the VICE-PRESIDENT cannot fulfill the office of PRESIDENT, it will be succeeded by the SECRETARY/TREASURER. The PRESIDENT will be responsible for making all major decisions regarding the operation of the club and will seek and consider input from BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS, WORK LEADERS and MEMBERS. In the event of conflict in resolution, the decision of the PRESIDENT will stand and shall be final. These decisions are varied but include acquiring property, large leases, major financial expenditures and decisions regarding disciplinary issues of the club. As founder of the club; leader and major decision maker and due to the extra time/effort put forth in organizing/managing the club, past and present; the current PRESIDENT shall possess a gratis lifetime GUEST MEMBERSHIP and all future campsite fees waived. The PRESIDENT is a BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER, will chair and serve on the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. BOARD.**
- b. The VICE-PRESIDENT will be appointed by the PRESIDENT and will hold office indefinitely unless he resigns, dies, ceases to be a MEMBER, or does not perform his duties in a reliable, trustworthy and honest manner. At which time the PRESIDENT will appoint a new VICE-PRESIDENT. The VICE-PRESIDENT will be responsible for taking charge of club functions and activities in the absence of the PRESIDENT. In addition, the VICE-PRESIDENT will also take charge of club functions and activities as assigned by the PRESIDENT. The VICE-PRESIDENT will be responsible for input in making major decisions on the club. These decisions are varied but include acquiring property, large leases, major financial expenditures and decisions regarding disciplinary issues of the club. As a leader and major decision maker and due to the extra time/effort put forth in managing the club, the VICE-PRESIDENT shall possess a gratis GUEST MEMBERSHIP. This no cost membership will be in effect as long as the member holds this office. The VICE-PRESIDENT is a BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER and will serve on the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. BOARD.**
- c. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will be appointed by the PRESIDENT and will hold office indefinitely unless he resigns, dies, ceases to be a MEMBER, or does not perform his duties in a reliable, trustworthy and honest manner. At which time the PRESIDENT will appoint a new SECRETARY/TREASURER. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will also take charge of club functions and activities as assigned by the PRESIDENT. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will be responsible for input in making major decisions on the club. These decisions are varied but include acquiring property, large leases, major financial expenditures and decisions regarding disciplinary issues of the club. The SECRETARY/TREASURER will be the secondary contact with the LESSOR on all land leases. As a leader and major decision maker and due to the extra time/effort put forth in managing the club, the SECRETARY/TREASURER shall possess a gratis GUEST MEMBERSHIP. This no cost membership will be in effect as long as the member holds this office. The SECRETARY/TREASURER is a BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER and will serve on the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. BOARD.**

These BY-LAWS of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC. originally adopted on the 29th day of JANUARY 2006, have been duly reviewed with no changes this 1st day of AUGUST 2017.

M. Wayne Archie

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PRESIDENT & INCORPORATOR of the PIEDMONT HUNT CLUB, INC.