

**South Dakota Division
Izaak Walton League
of America**

By-Laws

Amended at Fall Directors' Meeting, 8 September 1979
Deuel County Chapter Clubhouse

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
12 June 1983, Deuel County Chapter Clubhouse

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
3 June 1984, hosted by Rapid City Chapter at
Sylvan Lake Lodge and Resort

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
2 June 1985, held at Big Sioux Chapter , Flandreau

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
12 June 1988, Sunshine Chapter, Pierre

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
10 June 1990, held at McCook Lake Chapter Clubhouse

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
20 June 1993, held at Deuel County Chapter Clubhouse

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
26 June 1994, held at Hill City

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
25 June 1995, held at Watertown

Amended at South Dakota Division Convention
9 June, 2002, held at Watertown
Addition of Item 3 (b)

Official By-Laws

South Dakota Division Izaak Walton League of America

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the South Dakota Division, The Izaak Walton League of America.

Section 2. Objectives

(a) The objectives of this organization are in consonance with the applicable parts of the By-Laws of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., which are made a part thereof.

The South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America is declared a Scientific, educational, conservation and not-for-profit corporation, and all dues, gifts, bequests and donations shall be used for scientific, educational and conservational purposes in the public interest; to encourage the protection and restoration of the air, soil, woods, water and wildlife, the objectives thereof to conserve our soil resources, to conserve our air, water and aquatic life by the elimination of pollution, to discourage unwise drainage, to encourage the impounding and conserving of our runoff waters and the waters of our streams and lakes, to promote measures for the prevention and control of floods, to prevent the desecration of our scenic and recreational areas and, in the end, that we may restore and transmit to posterity, as near as possible, the outdoor America of our ancestors.

Section 3. Membership

(a) Every chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America in the State of South Dakota shall become a member of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America and shall be governed by the provisions of these By-Laws.

(b) A National Member Member At Large (MAL) may become a member of the South Dakota Division Of the Izaak Walton League of America by payment of Division Dues, and all such members will collectively be joined as the MAL Chapter.

Section 4. Revenue

(a) Division Annual Dues: Each member of each chapter will pay, to the Division, an annual dues of \$4.00 (four dollars).

(b) Division Life Membership: Life membership for the Division shall be \$50.00 (fifty dollars), which will go into a Division endowment fund with interest only available for use.

Section 5. Powers

The powers of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America shall be:

- (a) To direct, manage, supervise and control the business, property and funds of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America.
- (b) To, in conjunction with the National Organization of the Izaak Walton League of America, create, supervise, control and direct the activities of chartered chapters of the State of South Dakota.
- (c) To conduct research and experiments and, under the supervision of the National Organization of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., prepare and issue publications relating to the work of the South Dakota Division. None of this work shall be conducted for private gain to any of its membership.
- (d) The South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, or any chapter thereof, shall not voluntarily become a party to, or intervene, or become associated in, any litigation of any kind unless it relates to the powers and objectives of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. And then not until permission to do so has been granted by the Executive Board of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., or its duly authorized agent.

Section 6. Meetings

The South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America shall hold an annual meeting of the Division, the place and time of such meeting to be determined by the vote of the Division in convention assembled, or by the Board of Directors of the Division, if so authorized by the delegates at the annual meeting. If such action is taken, then the Board of Directors shall fix such time and place for the annual meeting of the Division. In either event, the time and place shall be fixed within thirty days after adjournment of the convention.

(a) Each chapter in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate to the State Convention. In addition, each chapter in good standing shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) members. For the purpose of determining the number of such delegates only those members shall be counted who were in good standing thirty days prior to the State Convention. Such standing shall be determined by the records of the National Office of the Izaak Walton League of America.

(b) The Board of Directors shall hold three (3) regular meetings each fiscal year between conventions, one of which shall be held within twenty-four (24) hours after the

adjournment of the last convention, one within the last twenty-four (24) hours proceeding the convention of the following calendar year and the third on a date to be set by the President. The Board of Directors may hold special meetings at the call of the President or by a majority of the State Directors, upon giving ten (10) days notice, by registered mail, to the Secretary of each chapter within the state.

(c) Ten (10) accredited delegates shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting provided at least three (3) chapters are represented.

Section 7. Management

The management of the Division shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of four (4) duly elected Directors, the Directors at Large, the President, and past Presidents, who shall serve as a Director at Large, together with the Secretary of the Division, who shall be an ex-official member to record the proceeding, but shall have no vote. The State shall be divided into four (4) districts. These districts shall be designated by number and the chapters that constitute such district shall be listed. The President shall assign newly chartered chapter to the appropriate district. One director shall be elected from each District at the annual convention for a term of two years. The Districts shall be designated as follows:

No. 1: Rapid City, Rosebud, Sunshine

No. 2: Bon Homme, McCook Lake

No. 3: Sioux Falls, Madison, Lady Herman Lady Ikes, Beadle County

No. 4: Deuel County, Day County, Kampeska

(a) All officers of the Division shall be elected for a two (2) year term at the State convention on even numbered years and all State directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term on the odd numbered years at the State Convention. All officers shall take office at the close of the convention after election.

(b) These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the accredited delegates present.

(c) Any member or chapter whose connection with the Division shall be severed, shall forfeit all rights in any funds or property belonging to the Division, and in case of a chapter having its affiliation severed, the use of the name and insignia of the League shall be denied to it.

Section 8. Officers

The officers of the South Dakota Division shall be a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Board of four (4) District Directors and the Directors at Large, provided however, that the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The President as well as the District Directors shall be nominated by the delegates at the annual convention, as shall the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. The President shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The President shall fill any vacancies in like manner. A vacancy on the Board of Directors

shall be declared by the President whenever a director shall fail to attend any one of three (3) regular directors' meetings as provided for in these By-Laws as amended, unless excused because of illness or similar unavoidable cause, or for failure to visit the chapters as prescribed in these By-Laws as amended.

(a) The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body and shall have general control over all officers and committees, the management of the affairs and funds of the South Dakota Division, and it shall appoint all officers whose elections are not herein provided for. A majority of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

(b) PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the President to visit each chapter in the State Division at least once each year at a regular meeting and to preside at all board meetings and state conventions, and in addition, to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

(c) (1) VICE PRESIDENT: In case of the death, disability or absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform and be vested with all the duties and powers of the President.

(2) 2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Shall perform such duties as assigned by the Board or the President.

(d) STATE DIRECTOR: It shall be the duty of each State Director to visit each chapter in their assigned district at least once each year.

(e) Each chapter shall elect one Director at Large and one alternate to attend all executive board meetings, provided that the chapter does not have an area director among its members. These directors at Large will have the right to vote, however, their attendance will not be required to constitute a quorum as specified by section 8 (a) by these By-Laws. In addition, each chapter shall be responsible for the expense of their Directors at Large.

(f) NATIONAL DIRECTOR: It shall be the duty of each National Director to represent the State Division at the National Directors' meetings and report to the Division at their next meeting. Their term of office shall be in accordance with National By-Laws. The Division President shall automatically be a National Director. A second or third National Director, as authorized by National By-Laws, may be elected by the delegates at a state convention when terms expire. Funding for National Directors will be the same as for State Directors.

Section 9. Funds

(a) All funds of the South Dakota Division shall be deposited by the treasurer in the name of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America in such bank or banks as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

(b) All disbursements of the funds of the South Dakota Division shall be by check drawn by its treasurer upon its deposit account after such payments have been ordered by the Board of Directors; provided however, that the president or secretary may approve routine bills for current expenses.

(c) Any person having charge or control of funds of the South Dakota Division shall give such bond as may be required by the Board of Directors, for the safe custody of the funds of said Division. The cost of the bond shall be borne by the South Dakota Division.

(d) Upon the permanent suspension or revocation of the charter of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, all assets of the Division shall be applied as follows: "All liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore".

(e) The remaining assets shall be transferred and conveyed to the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., for its use and purpose; providing however, if the charter of said Division is reinstated, or a new Division is created, the unconsumed portion of said assets shall be transferred back to the new Division or back to the reinstated Division, as the case may be, for its proper uses and purposes.

(f) Upon suspension or revocation of any chapter charter of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, such charter shall be delivered to the National Executive Board of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., at once, and all liabilities and obligations of the chapter shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provisions shall be made therefore. The remaining assets shall be transferred and conveyed to the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America for its uses and purposes, provided however, if the charter of said chapter is reinstated, or a new chapter is created, the unconsumed portion of said assets shall be transferred back to the new chapter or back to the reinstated chapter, as the case may be, for its proper uses and purposes.

Section 10. Nominations and Elections

(a) At each annual convention a nomination committee shall be appointed by the President, which shall consist of five (5) accredited delegates, but not more than one from any chapter represented at such convention. One member of the nominating committee may be a state director whose term does not expire at the time of the current state convention and four (4) members of the committee shall be members of the League who are not members of the Board of Directors. The committee shall propose nominations for the elective offices provided for in Section 8 of these By-Laws, as amended, and for the Board of Directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the convention. All nominees shall be members of the League in good standing and no member shall be elected who has not notified the convention of a willingness to serve and, if elected, will assume the responsibility as directed in these By-Laws, as amended.

(b) No member of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America holding an elective or appointive office in any of the governmental subdivisions of the state or federal government shall be eligible to serve on the Division Board of Directors, or as an executive of the South Dakota Division.

(c) The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, such standing committees as the Board of Directors shall direct and notify all chapters and appointments within thirty days after the President has taken office.

(d) In case any officer or director, for any reason, fails to serve, his position shall be declared vacant.

(e) The election of all officers and directors of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., shall be majority vote of the accredited delegates at the State Convention.

Section 11. Rules

(a) The proceedings of this South Dakota Division, its directors and committees, shall be governed by and conducted according to the latest edition of "Robert's Manual of Parliamentary Rules", except as otherwise noted.

(b) There shall be no fixed order of business.

(c) No contributions shall be solicited at any meeting of the South Dakota Division unless previously authorized by the Board of Directors.

(d) No statement of policy to commit this South Dakota Division on any matter shall be proclaimed until it has been presented to the Board of Directors and the recommendations of the Board of Directors received, except resolutions or motions presented at the annual convention.

Section 12. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote by the accredited delegates present.

Section 13. Adoption of By-Laws

In the selection of the above By-Laws, all articles of the former so-called constitution and By-Laws of the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America are hereby repealed and these By-Laws shall be in force and effect from and after their approval.

Standing Rules of the South Dakota Division, IWLA

1. All standing rules shall be attached to the Division By -laws and all Division Officers and all State Chapters shall be given a coy of the Division By-laws and Standing Rules.
2. Annual Division dues for each chapter member is \$4.00 (four dollars).
3. Annual Division dues for chapter family memberships is \$6.00 (six dollars).
4. Annual division dues for chapter student members is \$2.00 (two dollars).
5. Division life membership is \$50.00 (fifty dollars).

**South Dakota Division
Izaak Walton League
Of America
By-Laws**