

**BURLESON COUNTY WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS**

Amended: October 21, 2015

Mission Statement

Burleson County Wildlife Association members have organized to cooperatively enhance and improve the wildlife and habitat in Burleson County.

Article I: Name

The organization began effective July 20, 2006.

The name of the organization shall be Burleson County Wildlife Association.

Article II: Organization

The Burleson County Wildlife Association shall serve as administrative leader for the County's five (5) established wildlife co-ops and they are as follows:

Area 1 Area 2 Area 3 Area 4 Area 5

(Note: These areas are to be named as Co-ops organize and choose names)

See www.burlesoncountywildlife.org for co-op area map.

A. Directors

1. Directors of the association may be up to ten (10).
2. At the inception Directors terms shall be staggered.

B. Election of Directors

1. Elections shall be held at the Annual Burleson County Wildlife Association meeting.
2. These directors shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified. A director may be elected to succeed himself or herself as director.
3. In January, nominations will be taken for board members.

C. Duties of Directors

1. To actively participate in Board of Directors' and Wildlife Association meetings.
2. Coordinate co-op activities.
3. Establish budget and annual dues as well as assist in collection of membership dues and soliciting new memberships.

D. Association Officers

1. Association officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
2. Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the July Board meeting.
3. Duties of the officers shall be as follows:
 - i. President – Shall preside over all executive, annual, and called meetings.

- ii. Vice President – Shall preside in absence of President.
- iii. Secretary – Shall keep minutes of all official meetings and coordinate keeping of membership records and mailings. Assist in coordination of news media such as radio and newspaper articles.
- iv. Treasurer – Shall maintain records of all receipts and expenditures as well as pay bills. Report balance on hand at Board meetings and give written financial report at the annual meeting in February.

E. Membership Meetings

Meetings of the Burleson County Wildlife Association shall convene at least once a year for the Annual meeting in February. Individual co-ops will meet at a frequency of their own choice.

F. Board Meetings

Board meetings will be held at least six (6) times per year. Exceptions will be announced at the Board meetings or by other notification. All members of the Burleson County Wildlife Association are invited to attend board meetings.

- G. Directors/Officers will be replaced by appointment from Burleson County Wildlife Association Board of Directors after excessive absences from Board meetings.

Article III: Membership

Membership in the association is open to all landowners and individuals interested in the enhancement, preservation and conservation of wildlife. Voting rights will be limited to one vote per paid membership. Members shall choose their association with only one Co-op either by location of their property or by their own choice.

Article IV: Dues

Membership fees will be due at the Association's Annual meeting and will be payable to the Burleson County Wildlife Association.

A non-refundable annual fee of \$20 will be assessed to help cover expenses of educational programs, written invitations to Association sponsored activities, the printing and mailing of the Association newsletter, and other expenses deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Dues must be paid for current year to be eligible to vote.

Article V: Ex Officio Members

Texas Parks and Wildlife in conjunction with the Burleson County Extension Agent will serve as advisors to the Association.

Article VI: Quorum

Association members present at any annual meeting, co-op meeting, or special called meeting by the president shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Burleson County Wildlife Association Board meetings of Directors and Officers must have a majority of the Directors and Officers present to meet a quorum for the board meeting.

Article VII: Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be mailed to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting.

Article VIII: Dissolution

If upon dissolution of the Burleson County Wildlife Association the assets exceed the outstanding obligations, the balance shall be distributed in equal amounts to a scholarship fund with the three (3) Burleson County High Schools and to the annual Challenged Deer Hunting Program at Lake Somerville.