



# THE ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

## FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP MODEL

- [1] With the exception of AFGA Life Members, only organizations can be members of the AFGA. Individuals can only have a membership with one or more of these organizations.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- [2] The intent is that any organization that subscribes to the Objects of the AFGA may apply to join the AFGA. An application would be submitted, and a decision made to either accept, or reject, the application of the organization to join the AFGA. The application form, and criteria, and decision-maker for this decision shall be part of the Operations Manual.
- [3] The successful organization would have the choice of becoming either an Affiliated Club (Alberta organizations only) or an Associate Member (any organization) of the AFGA.
- [4] Any member organization can be struck from the Membership Register for failure to meet its Membership Obligations. Membership Obligations shall be defined in the Operations Manual. No member organization shall be removed from the Membership Register without being notified of the reasons for that removal, and being given an opportunity to appeal the removal at an Executive Meeting called for the purpose, if they so desire. Full criteria and detailed process shall be in the Operations Manual.

### **AFGA Life Members**

- [5] AFGA Life Membership is awarded by the AFGA's Executive and is restricted to members of the AFGA Affiliated Clubs who, through long service to the AFGA or through other contributions to Objects of the AFGA, merit in the opinion of the AFGA, special recognition for their services.
- [6] Candidates for AFGA Life Membership can also be nominated via the Service Awards process covered in the Operations Manual. Appropriate changes to permit this shall be made in the Operations Manual. The decision to accept the nominee shall rest with the AFGA's Executive.
- [7] The Per Capita Fee is waived for all AFGA Life Members.
- [8] Any and all AFGA Life Members can participate in the operation of the AFGA through registration as individual Delegates-At-Large for the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings called by the AFGA.
- [9] The AFGA Life Members shall meet once per year to select one AFGA Life Member as their representative on the AFGA Executive.

### **Affiliated Clubs of the AFGA**

- [10] Affiliated Clubs of the AFGA are restricted to those organizations based in Alberta that have registered all of their members with the AFGA, and paid the appropriate Annual Per Capita Fee for all those members, in the categories of Individual Adult Membership, Individual Youth Membership and Family Membership (including spouse and/or children under the age of eighteen).
- [11] Minimum club membership required to be considered an Affiliated Club of the AFGA is 20 paying memberships (excluding spouse and/or children of any Family Memberships).
- [12] An annual Individual Adult Membership is open to any adult (eighteen years of age or older).
- [13] An annual Individual Youth Membership is open to any individual under the age of eighteen.

- [14] An annual Family Membership consists of at least one adult member along with spouse and/or any children under the age of eighteen.
- [15] The Membership Register of Affiliated Clubs shall include a Direct Members Club for all those individuals who prefer to join the AFGA directly, rather than join one of the Affiliated Clubs of the AFGA.

**AFGA Per Capita Fee Assessment**

- [16] All Annual Per Capita Fee assessments are set by the AFGA Executive through Special Motions made and passed at an Executive Meeting.
- [17] The AFGA should consider a lifetime Individual Adult Direct Membership equal to 10 times the Individual Adult Direct Membership Annual Per Capita Fee assessment.

**Affiliated Club Voting Delegates of the AFGA**

- [18] All Affiliated Clubs, including the Direct Members Club, can participate in the operation of the AFGA through the selection and registration of Voting Delegates for the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings called by the AFGA.
- [19] Any adult Affiliated Club member (including spouses registered as part of a Family Membership) for whom the appropriate Annual Per Capita Fee has been paid is eligible to be selected as a Voting Delegate, excluding members of the current AFGA Executive.
- [20] An individual Voting Delegate can only represent one Affiliated Club at any one meeting of the AFGA.
- [21] Any adult Affiliated Club member (including registered spouses as part of a Family Membership) for whom the appropriate Annual Per Capita Fee has been paid is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for any position on the AFGA Executive.

Club members	Voting Delegates	Club members	Voting Delegates
20-100	2	3001-3500	12
101-200	3	3501-4000	13
201-300	4	4001-4500	14
301-400	5	4501-5000	15
401-500	6	5001-5500	16
501-1000	7	5501-6000	17
1001-1500	8	6001-6500	18
1501-2000	9	6501-7000	19
2001-2500	10	7001-7500	20
2501-3000	11	7501-8000	21

and so on

**Associate Member of the AFGA**

- [22] Associate Membership in the AFGA is not restricted to organizations based in Alberta. Examples might be Alberta Conservation Association, Cabela’s, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, etc.
- [23] This membership category may be further sub-divided in the Operations Manual as required.
- [24] All Associate Member organizations of the AFGA are expected to pay an annual Associate Member Fee set by the AFGA Executive through a Special Motion made and passed at an Executive Meeting.
- [25] Associate Member organizations of the AFGA do not participate in the operation of the AFGA.

[26] Representatives of Associate Member organizations of the AFGA can only attend the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meetings called by the AFGA by Special Invitation of the President of the AFGA.

### **MEETINGS OF THE AFGA**

[27] The Annual General Meeting of the AFGA shall be held each year; with the date, time, and place decided upon at the previous Annual General Meeting, or in default, by the AFGA Executive a minimum of four months in advance of the selected date.

[28] Any Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting may only proceed if more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total number of Affiliated Clubs of the AFGA are due to be represented by registered Voting Delegates at that meeting.

[29] All attendees at an Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings must either be AFGA Staff, registered Voting Delegates, Delegates-at-Large or present by Special Invitation of the President of the AFGA.

[30] All members of the AFGA Executive present at any Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting are eligible to cast their votes as Delegates-at-Large.

[31] All Voting Delegates must be present to cast their vote. Voting by Proxy, in any form, is not permitted.

[32] Quorum is met for any vote conducted at an Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings called by the AFGA if the total votes cast represent more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total registered Voting Delegates plus registered Delegates-at-Large. An abstention is not a vote cast.

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