

**BY- LAWS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LONG BEARDS
CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, INC.**

Name and Purposes

These guidelines are for the Sullivan County Long Beards Chapter of the New York State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc.

Our purpose is to promote the wise conservation and management of the wild turkey in our local community and the United States. Your Chapter will work with government agencies, other organizations, and individuals to develop educational programs about our native wild turkey populations. We support compliance with all laws and regulations relating to wildlife, including laws pertaining to shooting hours, game bag limits, and poaching. In order to be affiliated with The National Wild Turkey Federation, your Chapter must host at least one Wild Turkey Super fund Membership Dinner each year to raise funds for our conservation effort.

Each Local Chapter is an unincorporated division of the National Wild Turkey Federation, and you must follow the laws regulation non-profit organization, and none of your Chapter's earnings or assets may be to the benefit of any private individual.

Although each Chapter has its own governing body and may conduct conservation activities on its own, the assets and liabilities of your Chapter ultimately are those of the National Federation. Your Chapter must give full financial information to your State Chapter and not expose our Federation to unreasonable liabilities.

Members

In order to be a member of a Local Chapter, an individual must be a member of The National Wild Turkey Federation. The Federation will assign each new member to a Chapter, but if a member prefers to select some different Chapter, each is welcome to choose his or her chapter, so long as they only belong to one. Members are required to pay dues only to the Federation – no Chapter may charge extra dues for an individual to be a member of that Chapter.

Members of your Chapter must meet at least once a year at the Wild Turkey Super Fund Membership Dinner, and may meet as many more times as they choose. If a member of your Chapter violates the objectives and principles of the Federation, your Chapter may petition the National Federation to review that membership. Only the National Federation may revoke a member's membership.

Officers

Your Chapter must have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The same person may be both Secretary and Treasurer. Officers serve one-year terms, and no officer may hold more than one office during one year (except Secretary and Treasurer). The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer may serve indefinitely, so long as they continue to be regularly nominated and elected.

Your Chapter must select officers once a year. As soon as your officers are selected, your chapter should notify the State Chapter of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the new officers.

If the office of President becomes vacant, then the Vice-President shall assume that office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If any office other than that of President becomes vacant, the remaining officers shall meet and select a replacement.

If your officers decide that it is useful to create committees for special projects of the Local Chapter, the President shall set the term of the committee, but not to exceed the remainder of the term of the existing officers.

So as not to cause confusion, no individual member or group of members other than your President shall state views as being those of the Federation or this Chapter without official authorization by the President.

Discontinuation

If your Chapter should conduct its activities contrary to the policies of

The Federation or in violation of any laws, then your state Chapter must notify you and provide specific examples of misconduct. Then if your Chapter continues to engage in these activities, the State chapter may recommend to the National Federation that it discontinue your Chapter. If so, the Federation must hold a hearing at which the President of your Chapter shall have the right to present evidence and objections. A decision of the Federation to discontinue a Chapter shall be final.

If your Chapter is discontinued, dissolved, or otherwise liquidated, it must turn over all of its assets and financial records to the State Chapter immediately.

Rules

Your Chapter may adopt supplemental Chapter Bylaws so long as they do not conflict with these guidelines. Any Bylaws that are adopted should be written and a copy provided to you State Chapter. Meetings of your Chapter may be conducted informally, but if objection is raised, then they shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order

Official Adoption of Bylaws for the Sullivan County Long Beards

The Sullivan County Chapter of the Long Beards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation has officially adopted these bylaws as set by the guide provided by the National Turkey Federation

We the Sullivan County Chapter agree to abide by the rules that make up these bylaws and these bylaws are to be the sole governing document as we handle day to day affairs of our chapter .

We also understand that our Chapter may establish supplemental bylaws as long as they do not conflict with those set by the National Federation . Any such supplemental bylaws shall be reduced to writing to be sent to the State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation .

Earl "Butch" Kortright
Chapter President:

Sept 17, 2007
Date

Patrick Doonan
Chapter Vice- President

Sept 17, 2007
Date

Frances D'Quina
Chapter Secretary

Sept 17, 2007
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Ann DeLuca
Chapter Treasurer

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