

**DUPAGE BIRDING CLUB  
BY-LAWS**

*Adopted 14 January, 1985*

**Article 1  
Name**

The name of this club shall be The DuPage Birding Club.

**Article 2  
Purpose**

The basic purpose of the club shall be to promote birding as an avocation, and to educate its members and the general public. This purpose shall be served by meetings and other means of communication, by group field experiences, and by projects designed to enhance opportunities for birding in the west suburban Chicago area.

**Article 3  
Officers & Executive Committee**

The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall constitute an Executive Committee with three Directors, one of whom is the immediate past president.

**Article 4  
Election, Terms of Office**

The Vice President/President Elect, the two Secretaries, the Treasurer, and two Directors shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the members present at each annual meeting, and shall serve until the next annual meeting and/or until their successors are elected. The office of President shall be filled by the previous year's Vice President/President-Elect. No member may serve more than two consecutive years in any one office. In the

event that any officer shall be unable to complete his term of office, a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy shall be held at a regular meeting.

**Article 5  
Nominations**

In August of each year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not more than three members, with the immediate Past President as Chairperson, which shall prepare a slate of nominees to be presented to the membership for election at the annual meeting held in November. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

**Article 6  
Officers' Duties**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, and at meetings of the Executive Committee. The President is a member Ex-officio of all committees.

The Vice-President/President Elect shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, and shall serve as Program Chairperson.

The Recording Secretary shall enter and preserve the minutes of all meetings, and have charge of all club records.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under supervision of the Executive Committee, handle all club correspondence.

The Treasurer shall keep a record of dues paid by members, shall keep a roll of the members' names and addresses, shall receive monies and give receipts on behalf of the club, and shall make disbursements approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall submit a financial statement to the membership within thirty days after year end.

Directors shall represent the interest of the membership at large.

In addition to specific duties indicated above, the executive committee shall have charge of the interests of the club and general management of its affairs. All matters of vital concern to the club as a whole, however, must be presented for free discussion and action at a regular or special meeting of the club members.

**Article 7  
Meetings**

The annual meeting of the club shall be held in November of each year. Other regular meetings shall be held during the second week of January, March, April, May, July, September and October.

The Executive Committee shall meet six times a year during the months preceding the regular meeting, and at other times if required to conduct club business.

**Article 8  
Quorum**

Twenty percent of the current membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the club. The Executive Committee may conduct business with as few as three members present; but, in no case, may action be taken without approval by a majority of the full committee.

**Article 9  
Membership Dues**

Membership shall be open to any applicant interested in birding, upon payment of annual dues. The amount of dues shall be determined by a vote of the membership, but only at an annual meeting. Dues of members under 21 years of age shall be one-half that of regular members. Family membership dues shall be one and one half times the regular dues, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

The Executive Committee is authorized to bestow the honor of a life membership upon long-time members who have made

sustained significant contributions towards the club and birding in the west suburban Chicago area. Honorary life members are exempt from paying annual membership dues. No more than one honorary life membership may be awarded in any one calendar year, and the total number of honorary life memberships shall not exceed ten.

**Article 10  
Standing Committees**

Standing committees appointed by the President shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Membership, Field Trips, Programs, Projects, Newsletter.

**Article 11  
Policy on Grants, Scholarships  
and Donations**

*Definitions*

Grant = Money given to a qualified person(s) for the purpose of broadening understanding, increasing the body of knowledge, encouraging research, informing the public and/or leading to the conservation and protection of birds and their habitats.

Scholarships = Money given to a qualified individual in support of particular educational opportunity related to birds.

Donations = Money given to an institution in support of a bird related purpose or project.

Operating Expenses = Expenses incurred during the course of our funding year that enable the Club to fulfill its purpose as stated in the By-Laws.

Qualified Individual = A person exhibiting exceptional ability and interest in birds.

*Statement*

The DuPage Birding Club will distribute available funds for reasons which support its purpose and/or the general welfare of birds.

*Funding Available Per Year*

At the August Executive Committee meeting of each year, the Treasurer will

