

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Saginaw Valley Archery Association (SVAA)**.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the SVAA shall be:

1. to provide tournament experience in archery for archers in the general area of the Saginaw River watershed.
2. to foster, expand and perpetuate the practice of archery and the spirit of good fellowship among all archers.
3. to encourage the use of bow in hunting of all legal game.
4. to cooperate with all conservation organizations in the conservation of wildlife.
5. to cooperate with bowhunters in the promotion of better hunting privileges for all archers.
6. to conduct tournaments and games on ranges maintained by clubs affiliated with the SVAA, according to official rules adopted by MAA, NFAA NAA, and PAA unless changed by the SVAA.

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. There shall be two classes of individual membership – active and junior.
 - (a) Active membership shall be granted to anyone who has attained his/her eighteenth birthday and who is a member in good standing of an affiliated club.
 - (b) Junior membership shall be granted to anyone under the age of

eighteen provided that he/she is a member in good standing of an affiliated club.

2. Club affiliation – any genuine archery club with duly elected officers located in the state of Michigan may affiliate with the SVAA upon approval by the SVAA Board of Directors and application and payment of such fees and dues as may be set by the Board of Directors. Paid up members of such affiliated clubs shall automatically become members of the Saginaw Valley Archery Association.
3. The Board of Directors of this Association is empowered to suspend or expel any member or affiliated club for conduct detrimental to the objectives or purpose of the Saginaw Valley Archery Association.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Field Captain and one authorized member representative from each affiliated club and the two representatives to the Michigan Archery Association.
2. The Board of Directors shall control and manage the activities, policies, and property of the Association.
3. At any meeting of the board, two thirds of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
4. Vacancy of the office of president shall be filled by the Vice President and any other through appointment by the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year preferably during the month of December. The board shall also convene upon call by the president or upon written request to the president by a majority of the members of the Board.
6. The SVAA representatives to the MAA shall be elected for two year terms at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Officers and their duties

1. The officers of this Association shall comprise of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Field Captain, and the two representatives to the Michigan Archers Association.
2. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association and/or its Board of Directors, appoint all committees and shall in general perform the duties incident to his office.
3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President if he is unable to act.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall:
 - (a) Keep all records of the Association, serve all notices of meetings, conduct all correspondences, present a written report of the annual meeting, and in general perform all duties of a secretary.
 - (b) Send advance notice of all tournaments of the Association and subsequently prepare and forward to all contestants a written report of each tournament.
 - (c) Prepare and submit to each affiliated club an annual annual report of the Association activities.
 - (d) Shall receive all monies of the Association, keep accurate records of the receipts and disbursements and submit written statement of the financial activities at the annual meeting of the Association. In general the duties shall be those of a treasurer,
 - (e) The Treasurer shall serve dues notices to all clubs prior to the annual meeting.
 - (f) Be empowered to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors, in the absence of the President and Vice President.
5. The Field Captain –
 - (a) The Secretary-Treasurer shall delegate his tournament operation responsibilities to the Field Captain. (Qualifications of Field Captain are subject to approval of the Board of Directors) Tournament operations responsibilities are defined as: call the archers together for competition,

assign targets, explain regulations, supervise all competition, and enforce the rules of tournaments in which the decision rendered shall be final.

- (b) The Field Captain must assume final responsibility for the arrangement and management of all details of a tournament subject to the guidance and approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Election and Term of Office

1. At the annual meeting of the Association the membership delegates shall elect a President and Vice President. The term of office shall be one year and will take effect at the time of election.
2. Prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors the President shall a nominating committee. This nominating committee shall select a slate of officers for the coming annual election. This slate shall be presented to the delegates at the annual meeting, and it is understood that nominations from the floor shall be included along with nominees by the nomination committee.
3. The Vice President shall automatically be considered as a nominee for President the following year along with other nominations.
4. Board members representing affiliated clubs shall be elected to the Board by the clubs they represent. The method of election shall be determined by the affiliated club. Term of office for such Board member shall be for one year, and shall take effect at the annual meeting of this Association.
5. The term of office for Michigan Archers Association representative shall be two years. One MAA representative shall be elected at each annual Board meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Appointment of Secretary-Treasurer and Field Captain

1. The office of Secretary-Treasurer and Field Captain shall be filled by appointment by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

2. The Secretary-Treasurer and Field Captain's term of office shall be determined by the Board of Directors, at least once each year at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

1. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held preferably during the month of December.
2. In addition to the annual meeting of this Association the club delegates may also be convened upon call by the Board of Directors or upon written request to the President by a majority of the club delegates.
3. Sixty days prior to the annual Board of Directors meeting of this Association, clubs affiliated with this Association should submit to The secretary of this Association, written statements outlining proposals The clubs desire to present to the Board of Directors for action. The Secretary of this Association shall send copies of the submitted proposals To the secretaries of all clubs affiliated with Saginaw Valley Archery Association no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
4. The agenda of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be restricted to the following:
 - (a) Roll call of affiliated clubs
 - (b) Minutes of previous meeting
 - (c) Treasurers report
 - (d) Committee reports
 - (e) Old Business
 - (f) New Business
 - (g) Consideration of proposals submitted by affiliated clubs
 - (h) Selection of date, site, and arrangements for the annual meeting of this Association

- (i) Selection of dates, sites and arrangements for the coming tournament season.
- (j) Election of the Michigan Archers Association representative
- (k) Election of officers
- (l) Adjournment

ARTICLE IX

Fiscal year

1. The fiscal year of the Association shall be December 1 to November 30.

ARTICLE X

Voting by Mail

1. Matters that may come before the Association at any time may be submitted to the Board of Directors for a vote by mail. A question so submitted shall be decided by the majority of votes which have been received by the Secretary-Treasurer three weeks after he/she has mailed the ballots to the members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Fees and Dues

1. Club affiliation fees shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.
2. Tournament fees shall be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII

Tournaments

1. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of tournaments to be conducted by the Association.
2. The nature of or the type of tournaments to be conducted shall be the sole decision of the Board of Directors.
3. The annual tournaments to determine the champions of the Association shall be held following the conclusion of the indoor and outdoor tournament season.
4. The schedule of all tournaments shall be determined at the annual Board of Directors meeting. Clubs shall host the annual championship on a rotation basis.
5. Saginaw Valley Archery Association tournament schedule shall not conflict with MAA tournament schedule.

ARTICLE XIII

Committees

1. The President shall appoint committees as to be necessary.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

1. This constitution may be amended by two thirds affirmative vote of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

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