VISTA MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

1. Organization and Purpose
	1. This Association shall be called the Vista Mountain Wildlife Management Association (VMWMA). The association was chartered under the authority of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with an approved wildlife management plan.
	2. The purpose of the VMWMA shall be to promote responsible land, water, and wildlife management and conservation in the association area so that healthy native flora and fauna populations will be maintained.
	3. Ongoing education of members will serve to enhance relations between landowners, hunters, neighbors, and local governments. Members will be encouraged to learn about responsible land and wildlife conservation and agricultural production practices and to cooperate with their neighbors in implementing those practices. It will be recognized that different members may have different perspectives on conservation practices and will manage their lands accordingly.
	4. Meetings will be held in Coryell or Hamilton Counties (primarily in Evant) with a minimum of 10 days’ notice. The officers and directors will call meetings. Traditionally the annual meeting is on a Saturday in July.
2. Membership
	1. Membership shall run from September 1 through August 31 each year.
	2. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in responsible wildlife, land, and water management and conservation in or around the VMWMA area.
	3. Association members should encourage their non-member neighbors to join the association in order to increase the land area being managed and to coordinate wildlife management practices on neighboring properties.
	4. The two classes of membership shall be active members and associate members.
		1. An active member is a landowner or lessor with listed acreage in the VMWMA local area.
		2. An associate member is anyone who has an interest in the goals and programs of VMWMA. This includes hunters, family members, students, etc.
	5. A quorum shall consist of 30% of the active membership.
	6. Each active member shall have one vote.
	7. These bylaws may be changed by 2/3 vote of the active members present at a meeting with a quorum.
3. Officers
	1. The organization shall be led by a group of officers and other directors, the executive committee, who have the responsibility to set direction for the association, call meetings, coordinate group actions such as wildlife surveys, communicate with TPWD and other state and local agencies, collect dues and cover all expenses for operation of the association. At a minimum, there will be a president, a Vice-president for communications, and a treasurer. The president may establish other officer positions along with their duties. The president will determine the number of directors.
	2. Officers and directors shall be elected for two-year terms and may succeed themselves for the same office. If an officer or director resigns his or her position before the end of their term, the remaining executive committee will appoint a member to fill the unexpired term as appropriate.
	3. Officers shall receive no financial compensation.
4. Operations
	1. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TP&W) will be utilized as resources for recommending proper wildlife management practices and general land management and conservation.
	2. Some members of VMWMA may choose to participate in the Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) that provides an extended hunting season. Some members may get special rates for the TPW lease license. There are additional requirements to participate in the MLDP that the association in conjunction with a state biologist will help to satisfy. VMWMA will organize deer population surveys and encourage the recording of deer harvest data. VMWMA will facilitate sending the resulting data to TPW.
5. Dues and Finances
	1. Annual membership dues are to be recommended by the officers and directors and subsequently determined by majority vote of the active members at a meeting with a quorum.
	2. Additional donations will be accepted and their use may be designated by the donor.
	3. Members will be encouraged to purchase gate signs from VMWMA for a fee based upon the cost of signs to the association.
	4. Dues and donations will be used solely to promote the purpose of the VMWMA.
	5. The VMWMA will maintain a bank account at a local bank.
	6. The signature of two officers will be required for each check or withdrawal.
	7. In the event of the termination of the VMWMA, any money remaining in the account shall be donated to the Evant Volunteer Fire Department or other non-profit organization as determined by the officers of the association.

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