

ARTICLES OF THE SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SEWWOA) CHAPTER.

Article 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Kettle Moraine Chapter of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association and may be referred to as the KMC.

Article 2. PURPOSES

- a. Share information and educate woodland owners about woodland management practices and technology.
- b. Promote policies and legislation which are consistant with the State Organization of WWOA to maintain quality wood lots in Wisconsin.
- c. Actively promote interest and exchange of ideas in tree farming and foster tree planting.

Article 3. OPERATION

SEWWOA will operate under the general guidelines of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA) and will be a chapter within WWOA.

SEWWOA will prepare a brief annual report to be given to the State WWOA by August 1st.

Article 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SEWWOA will be governed by a board of nine directors. This board will elect a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and one board member at the annual chapter meeting. Officers will serve one-year terms and other board members will serve three-year terms. Only at the first annual chapter meeting, a one-year board member, a two-year board member and a three-year board member will be elected. A quorum of four will be required for any board action. In the inception, all board member terms will be for three years but board members may be reelected for up to six years.

The board of directors shall be responsible for the running of the business of the organization between meetings and shall meet at least twice a year in addition to the two membership meetings.

Article 5. MEMBERSHIP

Voting members must own a minimum of ten acres of woodlands in Wisconsin and pay dues annually as established each year at the annual meeting. Persons not qualified for regular membership, i.e. non-owners of woodlands in Wisconsin

who demonstrate an active interest in the purposes of SEWWOA, may become associate members of SEWWOA but may not serve as officers or directors. Advisors and Consultants associated with the Wisconsin State DNR and the U.W. Extension Forestry Department shall be invited to be associate members of SEWWOA at no fee and may serve on the Board of Directors. All members of the South East Chapter of WWOA must also be members of the State WWOA organization.

Article 6. MEETINGS

The SEWWOA will hold at least two meetings a year of the general membership, one in the fall and one in the spring. The order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Call to order.
- b. Read, correct, approve or dispose of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- c. Reports of officers.
- d. Reports of boards, standing and special committees.
- e. Unfinished business and new business.
- f. Announcements and Adjournment: Business meetings can be held in conjunction with educational meetings just prior to or immediately following the educational program or a field day outing.

Article 7. FINANCES

- a. A budget shall be prepared at the direction of the board of directors for approval by the membership at the annual meeting.
- b. Dues shall be set at \$10.00 per year for single SEWWOA members and \$15.00 per year for Family Membership.
- c. The board shall be responsible for auditing the treasury at periodic intervals.
- d. Treasurer's reports shall be consistent with accepted practices in accounting.

Article 8. PARLIAMENTARY

- a. Robert's Rules of Order governs this organization in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for in the law or in its charter, bylaws or adopted rules.
- b. Approval of any amendments to the bylaws requires a two thirds vote of responding ballots.