

# Bylaws of the Arizona Predator Callers

## Article 1 - Name

This organization will be known as *Arizona Predator Callers*.

## Article 2 - Objectives

It is the objective of the *Arizona Predator Callers*:

- To promote the sport of Predator Calling;
- To assist the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* and other agencies in managing and conserving Arizona wildlife and habitat;
- To encourage the apprehension and conviction of game law violators through cooperation with law enforcement agencies;
- To oppose all legislation that would adversely affect the right and privileges of Sportsmen and support legislation that furthers those rights and privileges;
- To inform and educate the general public about wildlife and conservation issues and the important role that Sportsmen play;
- To promote goodwill and cooperation between sportsmen, landowners (private and government) and all other land users;
- To encourage all *Arizona Predator Callers* members to be courteous, safe and above all good sportsmen, and to offer education to all members in the art and techniques of predator calling, predator hunting and fur handling.

## Article 3 - Membership

### Section 1

Regular Membership is open to any individual who desires to affiliate with the *Arizona Predator Callers*, with club approval.

### Section 2

Associate Memberships are available to the spouse and non-adult children of any regular member as part of the Family Membership. Associate members are entitled to participate fully in all club functions not reserved exclusively to regular members.

### Section 3

Members must abide by the Bylaws and adhere to the Predator Hunting Code of Ethics.

### Section 4

The Board of Directors may terminate the membership of any individual if the club is made aware of illegal hunting practices, unsafe or unsportsmanlike practices or any conduct detrimental to be in the best interests of the *Arizona Predator Callers*. The member may defend his case before the Board. An expulsion may be for life or some other suitable period of time.

### Section 5

All members may view and download the Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Hunt Record at the APC website. They will also receive regular club newsletters by e-mail, U.S. mail or other suitable delivery method.

## **Article 4 – Dues**

### Section 1

Annual dues for a regular membership are \$30.00. A family membership is available to a regular member for an additional \$5.00.

### Section 2

Regular members will be notified of expiring membership by published notice in the APC newsletter at least two months prior to expiration.

### Section 3

The Board of Directors will determine the amount of annual dues to be paid and notify the membership of changes by written notice.

## **Article 5 – Officers**

### Section 1

The elected offices of the *Arizona Predator Callers* are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The elected officers will appoint Directors to the offices of: Membership, Program, Awards, Hunt, Newsletter, and Website.

### Section 2

A member may not hold more than one elected position unless approved by the Board of Directors.

### Section 3

The four (4) elected officers will be elected by the club membership in attendance at the Awards banquet held in May. Nominations will be opened and accepted from the membership starting with the March meeting and ending fifteen (15) minutes prior to the election. No member will be placed on the ballot without his/her consent.

The term of office is normally twelve (12) months, however, officers remain in office until their replacement is elected.

### Section 4

The President has the authority to appoint a new officer to any vacant office for the remainder of the term. The Board of Directors must ratify this appointment. If the President's office becomes vacant, a new President shall be elected at the first available regularly scheduled general meeting of the *Arizona Predator Callers*.

### Section 5

The **President** presides during all regular, business and special meetings of the *Arizona Predator Callers*. The President is the Chairman of the Boards of Directors.

### Section 6

The **Vice President** shall assist the President and Treasurer as needed and fulfill the obligations and duties of either office in their absence.

### Section 7

The **Secretary** shall keep a true and accurate record of all proceedings during Business meetings of the *Arizona Predator Callers*. The Secretary will answer all correspondence directed to the club and will be the keeper of the Bylaws, making revisions as directed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary will fulfill the obligations and duties of the Vice President in his/her absence.

### Section 8

The **Treasurer** shall handle all funds, be responsible for the sale of club merchandise and raffles, and pay club bills. Each month a financial report will be prepared and presented at the monthly Business meeting. APC members may obtain a copy of the financial report by submitting a written request to the Treasurer.

### Section 9

The **Membership Director** will keep track of membership records. The director will make available to all Board members current membership lists detailing name, email address, street address, phone number, age, and

membership status. Monthly, a current list of new and expired members will be provided to the Treasurer.

## Section 10

The **Program Director** is responsible for planning the monthly general meetings. The director will schedule and reserve meeting locations for all club meetings and events, arrange guest speakers, educational classes, etc. for the general meetings. The subject matter presented at general meetings will further the objectives of the *Arizona Predator Callers*. When appropriate, the director will send a news release to the local newspaper with date, time, location, meeting topic and the phone number of the Membership Director prior to actual general meeting.

## Section 11

The **Awards Director** will keep a continuous and accurate record of all predators called and/or taken by club members and properly reported according to the club hunt and award guidelines. The director will make available awards to be presented to club members as directed by the Board of Directors and the Hunt/Award Guidelines.

## Sections 12

The **Hunt Director** is responsible for organizing club hunts, establishing special rules, coordinating with other organizations, if necessary, and assuring that there are no conflicts with hunting regulations and seasons.

## Section 13

The **Newsletter Director** will be responsible for publishing the newsletter.

## Section 14

The **Website Director** will be responsible for the APC website and Facebook page. The website is the clubs repository for all information.

# Article 6 – Board of Directors

## Section 1

The elected officers and appointed directors will serve as the Board of Directors for the *Arizona Predator Callers*. The President will serve as the Chairman.

## Section 2

The Board of Directors have the power to expel members, spend club money, change dues, conduct business and in general make decisions concerning the *Arizona Predator Callers* interests.

### Section 3

Every major decision rendered by the Board of Directors must be made by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Board, unless otherwise called for in the Bylaws. The Chairman will vote only in the case of a tie vote.

### Section 4

The Board may revise and amend the Bylaws to meet the needs of the *Arizona Predator Callers*. A three-fourths vote by the Board members is required to make any changes to the Bylaws.

### Section 5

The Board of Directors may create temporary special project committees as needed. Committee members do not have voting privileges at Board Meetings.

A member of the Board has only one vote no matter how many offices he holds.

Any Board member may be replaced by a majority vote of the Board if he/she fails to attend two consecutive Board meetings without making provisions with the Board for their written proxy vote, or if he/she fails to properly fulfill the obligations as an elected officer or board member.

A Board member may have another *Arizona Predator Callers* member attend a Business Meeting as his/her authorized representative including voting the Board member's written proxy.

## **Article 7 – Special Elections**

A petition of 51% of the club membership may call for a Special Election for the purpose of recalling any elected officer.

## **Article 8 – Meetings**

### Section 1

The *Arizona Predator Callers* Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled Business meeting every month, July through April. These meetings are suspended during the months of May and June. However, emergency Business meetings may be called by any member of the Board as club needs dictate. Any club member may attend and observe Business meetings.

### Section 2

Once every month, August through May, a regularly scheduled General Club meeting will be held for all club members. These meetings are suspended during the months of June and July.

### Section 3

Special meetings, club hunts, social and other club events will be planned throughout the year. All activities will be announced in a timely manner in the Newsletter and at the General Club meetings.

### Section 4

Any club activity may be suspended or postponed if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the club by the Board of Directors (i.e. summer hiatus of meetings and newsletter, unforeseen conflicts with other important events, etc.)

## Article 9 – Definitions

- Board of Directors: A voting board consisting of all elected officers and Directors appointed by the Elected Officers. Also referred to as Board.
- Business Meeting – A Board of Directors meeting held for the purpose of reviewing and planning club finances, General meetings, hunts, and other activities.
- Caller: The person responsible for bringing the animal within reasonable shooting range via hand call, e-caller, lip squeak, or other legal method.
- Directors: Individuals appointed by the Elected Officers to manage specific areas of responsibility for APC.
- Elected Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
- Fur Bearer: Badger, skunk, raccoon, ringtail, weasel
- General Meeting – A meeting for Regular and Associate members, as well as guests, for the primary purpose of educating membership on predator hunting techniques and methods. Also includes the annual award banquet.
- Hunt Record: An APC document provided to members for the purpose of tracking Caller and Shooter results, determining member class progression, determining annual awards for members, and providing the Arizona Game & Fish Department with valuable information regarding predator control. Hunt records must be submitted to the Hunt Chairman at the end of each season.
- Hunt Year: April 1 through March 31
- Predator: Coyote, fox, bobcat, mountain lion, bear.
- Shooter: The person responsible for the actual harvest of the animal via rifle, shotgun, bow & arrow, or other legal method of take.

## Article 10 – APC Hunter Classes

Each member class builds on the previous class in a natural developmental progressive order on the journey to Master Caller. A member must meet ALL requirements of a class before advancing to the next class. For the purpose of Hunter Class advancement ONLY, the species authorized are predators and badgers, and the animal may be taken anywhere in North America.

The member must fulfill the requirement of both Caller and Shooter. If no witness is available photo/video evidence must be submitted.

### Section 1

**Novice** – A new member. Has called in and harvested 0, 1, or 2 predators. Novice is NOT a “Hunter” class. The member is brand new to predator calling and hasn’t earned a “Hunter” class at this point. A member must first become a Hunter in order to Earn a “Hunter” class!

### Section 2

Hunter Classes:

- **Hunter (the Apprentice)**: Has fulfilled all Novice requirements and demonstrated the learned skill of a caller by calling in and harvesting three (3) predators (any of the five predator species) from three (3) different stands. A double or triple at one stand counts as one.
- **Caller (the Journeyman)**: Has fulfilled all Hunter requirements and has called in and harvested at least 15 predators from at least two (2) of the five (5) predator species. We are the Arizona Predator **CALLERS**. The coveted title of “**CALLER**” is earned. A caller has demonstrated that they have learned the needed skill set to locate, call to the stand and harvest predators.
- **Expert Caller**: Has fulfilled all Caller requirements, has been an APC member for at least one-year, and has called in and harvested at least 30 predators from at least three (3) of the five predator species.
- **Master Caller**: Has fulfilled all Expert Caller requirements and has called in and harvested all five (5) predator species.

## Article 11 – Awards

### Section 1

At the end of each hunt season plaques and monetary awards, as determined from Hunt Records by the Board of Directors, will be presented to the top member within each of the five (5) hunter classes.

## Section 2

Only animals harvested in the state of Arizona are considered for the presentation of awards.

## Section 3

If no witness is documented on the Hunt Record photo/video evidence of the harvested animal must be submitted with the Hunt Record to be considered for presentation of awards.

## Section 4

When hunting as a team of two (2) or more hunters, the Caller will only receive points if the Shooter successfully harvests the animal.



# Arizona Predator Callers Predator Hunting Code of Ethics

1. **We will abide** by all wildlife laws and regulations.
2. **We will abide** by club and event rules and any participant or member found to be in violation of the law or such rules would be banned from future events and membership.
3. **We will conduct** ourselves in a manner so as not to bring discredit or dishonor to the sport by:
  - Disposing of skinned or otherwise unusable carcasses properly and out of public view.
  - Disposing of all trash properly.
  - Not disturbing domestic livestock.
  - Not trespassing.
4. **We will report**, to the proper authorities, any unlawful activity we observe while in the field with as much information as can be obtained safely.
5. **We will assist** the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* in acquiring animals needed for research and collection of management data.
6. **We will conduct** ourselves at all times with a regard for the future of all hunting.
7. **We will handle** firearms and other implements safely and insist upon the same of others.
8. **We will respect** the land and the rights of landowners.
9. **We will respect** and honor the rights and space of other people encountered in the field.
10. **We will demonstrate** our respect for wildlife, the environment and the land by abiding by this in our Code of Ethics.
11. **We will strive** to educate all hunters regarding the ethics of the hunt and the proper role of sportsmen in our society.
12. **We will promote** appropriate uses of the animals taken through the proper handling of pelts and making donations of the edible portions thereof to animal rehabilitation centers for the benefit of injured and orphaned wildlife.
13. **We will compile** data and furnish it to the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* as requested to aid in the management and study of predators.
14. **We will cease** the pursuit of any predator species deemed in danger of extirpation by the *Arizona Game and Fish Department* or other official wildlife management agency.
15. **We will encourage** other clubs and organizations to remove from their membership roles any person found guilty of violating wildlife laws and regulations and to adopt and abide by the is Code of Ethics.