

**BUCK COLLECTORS CLUB INC.**  
**(BCCI)**  
A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
Code of Regulations (By-Laws)

**The Buck Collector's Club, Incorporated (BCCI)** is a state of Idaho non-profit corporation under the Revised Code of laws, Article of Incorporation Title 30, Chapters 21 and 30 of the Idaho Code. The BCCI is an approved Tax-Exempt Organization under IRS Code 501 (c) 7. BCCI was incorporated in 1998 in the state of Ohio. These revised Bylaws were presented in the September 23, 2025 Board Meeting and were ratified on Sept 29, 2025.

**PURPOSE AND MISSION**

The main purpose of this organization is to educate the public as to safe use and care of a knife.

- To help educate the general public, military, law enforcement and youth groups that the knife is one of an individual's oldest and most useful tools rather than a weapon and should be properly used.
- To foster and promote the hobby of collecting "BUCK" knives and memorabilia.
- To stimulate and cultivate social interest and fellowship among members,
- To hold an annual meeting, promote regional shows and social gatherings for the better understanding of the above purposes

**Knife:** The knife is one of mankind's oldest and most useful tools and was a form of one of the tools used to fashion the early wheel many centuries before the birth of Christ.

**ARTICLE 1 OFFICE LOCATION**

The principal office of the BUCK COLLECTORS CLUB, INC. (hereinafter referred to as BCCI) shall be located at the residence of the BCCI president. The BCCI may have such other offices, as the BOD may determine from time to time.

**ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is voluntary and shall be open to all eligible person interested in furthering the purposes of the organization. Correspondence to members will be electronically: internet, e-mail or telephone.

**Section 2.1 Classes of Members** The members of the BCCI shall be divided into four classes as follows: Annual; Life; Youth and Honorary Membership;

1. **Annual Membership.** Annual membership may be obtained by any person 18 years or older who pays dues as determined by the Board of Directors (BOD).
2. **Life Membership.** Life membership may be obtained by any person who pays dues as determined by the BOD.
3. **Youth Membership.** Youth membership may be obtained, upon the same terms as annual members, who has not attained 18 years of age. Youth membership must have permission from a parent or guardian **and** sponsored by an adult BCCI member in good standing. Youth members have all rights and privileges with the **exception** of holding office and voting.
4. **Honorary Membership.** The BOD shall by unanimous vote a candidate to Honorary Membership. Honorary members are not eligible to vote or hold office in the BCCI.

### ***Section 2.2 Becoming A Member***

Any person interested in collecting Knives and memorabilia produced by the H. H. Buck family and Buck Knives, Inc and also interested in becoming a BCCI member must submit an application to the BCCI supplying all information requested on the application along with the associated class of membership payment.

### ***Section 2.3 Dues***

The BOD shall determine the dues, payable to the BCCI by members of each class, and shall give appropriate notice to the members. All dues are payable in advance.

### ***Section 2.4 Responsibilities of Member***

All members of the BCCI must:

- a) Conduct themselves in all their activities and endeavors so as to further the purposes of the BCCI and to never bring discredit or disrepute to the BCCI, Buck Knives or to any of its activities or functions.
- b) Be prompt and fair in all their dealings with the BCCI and with all other members of the BCCI.
- c) Notify the Club of any changes of email, address and telephone.

### ***Section 2.5 Voting Rights***

Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each consideration submitted for vote by the members. Honorary and Youth members are not entitled to vote.

### ***Section 2.6 Lapse of Membership & Reinstatement***

If any member fails to pay the required dues or assessment by the designated deadline without cause shall be considered delinquent and their names removed from the official membership roll. Any person whose membership lapses for failure to pay annual dues may be reinstated by following the procedure in Section 2.2.

### ***Section 2.7 Termination of Membership by Board of Directors***

The BOD by affirmative vote of 5 or more, may suspend or expel a member for cause after notice and a hearing. The Board shall give the member 14 days prior notice by e-mail or telephone to the meeting, with the issues to be addressed and shall give the member an opportunity to be heard before the Board, either in person or by writing. The determination of the BOD as to what constitutes "cause" sufficient for termination of membership shall be made in the sole judgment of the BOD acting in the best interests of the Buck Collector's Club. All decisions shall be consistent with the BCCI bylaws. No refund of dues will be made upon termination of membership.

### ***Section 2.8 Resignations***

Any member may resign by filing a written statement to the Secretary or BOD. A resignation does not entitle member to any refund of dues paid.

### ***Section 2.9 Death of a Member***

Membership in the BCCI terminates upon the death of the member. No refund of dues will be made.

## **ARTICLE 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)**

### ***Section 3.1 General Powers***

The general policy of the BCCI shall be set by its BOD. Directors need not be residents of the state in which the BCCI is incorporated. The BOD has the fiduciary duty to safe guard the club and their assets. All operational financial obligations have to be approved by the BOD in advance.

### ***Section 3.2 Number, Tenure and Qualifications***

The BOD shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership-Web Site Administrator, 5 directors at large, all of whom are referred to, collectively herein, as Board of Directors or BOD. One director is the BCCI-BUCK Liaison, appointed jointly by Buck & BCCI.

No person shall serve in two positions on the BOD. Elections of Officers and Directors shall take place at the annual meeting. The annual meeting shall be held at suitable venue with time and place as advertised. The terms of office for the Officers and each of the 4 at-large directors shall be for three years. One third of the director's terms will expire each June in rotation.

### ***Section 3.3 Vacancies***

A vacancy on the board may be filled by an affirmative vote of 5 or more BOD. Any person appointed by the BOD to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the term of the office of this vacancy. However, a vacancy need not be filled unless the remaining directors are fewer in number than that required to constitute a quorum.

### ***Section 3.4 Regular Meetings of The Board of Directors***

A meeting of the BOD should be held electronically at least quarterly or as needed, by notice of the Secretary. An organizational meeting should be held prior to the Annual meeting. Notice to the BOD should be 14 days or more in advance.

### **Section 3.5 Quorum of BOD for All Meetings**

There is a minimum of 5 BOD required for a BOD meeting to be conducted and action taken on BCCI matters. This BOD minimum must consist of 2 officers plus 3 BOD. A membership meeting requires a minimum of 20 members present.

### **SECTION 3.6 SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Special meetings of the BOD may be called by the President or by any 3 of the directors. Notice of meeting shall be given at least 14 days in advance.

### **Section 3.7 Quorum for Board Meetings**

The minimum of 5 Board Members, 2 officers and 3 BODS shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called or regular meeting of the Board.

### **Section 3.8 Compensation**

Directors shall not receive any salaries for their services, but by resolution of the BOD, a fixed sum or expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at any regular or special meeting or club event. A vote of the Board is necessary in **advance** to disperse any funds for expenses to/for BOD members.

### **Section 3.9 BOD Meetings Open to Members**

All meetings of the BOD shall be open to all members of the BCCI. The Board may convene in an executive session at any time to discuss sensitive issues. Executive session is defined as a meeting of the BOD only.

### **Section 3.10 BOD Electronic Meetings**

A member(s) may participate in the meeting hybrid via telephone or internet communications. (Teams, Zoom, Google Meet, Facebook Meet, You-Tube or similar) where all participants can simultaneously hear each other. A director must take minutes of the meeting held under this section.

### **Section 3.11 Parliamentary Procedure**

Parliamentary procedures shall be covered by these bylaws; any State laws and Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of the meetings of the Board.

## **ARTICLE 4 CLUB OFFICERS**

### **Section 4.1 Officers**

The officers of the BCCI shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership/Website Administrator.

### **Section 4.2 President**

The President of the BCCI shall be the BCCI's principal executive officer and shall exercise general supervision and control over all the business and affairs of the BCCI. The President shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- a) To preside at all meetings of the BOD.
- b) To have general management of the business of the BCCI.
- c) To see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect.

- d) To appoint such committees to the Board as the President deems appropriate, and to dissolve such committees upon completion of charge.
- e) Upon approval of the Board, to execute, along with two other officers, bond and execute other contracts requiring a seal, under the seal of the BCCI, if any.
- f) To have general superintendence and direction of all the other officers of the BCCI and to see that their respective duties are properly performed.
- g) To operate and conduct the business and affairs of the BCCI according to orders and resolutions of the BOD.
- h) To submit a report of the operations of the BCCI to the directors at board meetings, and a state of business report to the members at the annual meeting, and from time to time to report to the directors all matters within the President's knowledge that should be brought to their attention in the best interest of the BCCI.
- i) To be custodian of or have oversight on the records retention of the Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition to the foregoing, the President may sign membership certificates, and shall have such other powers, duties, and authority as may be set forth in these bylaws and as may be prescribed by the BOD.

#### ***Section 4.3 Vice President***

The Vice President duties include assisting the President and performing duties of the President in case of absence that the President cannot serve. The Vice President shall assume the President's power and discharge the President's duties during the period absence.

Any acts of the Vice President are duly authorized when performed under such conditions and shall be binding on the BCCI. If the Vice President, who has temporarily assumed the duties of the President, is unable for any reason to continue to perform such duties, the BOD shall appoint an officer of the Board to perform such duties. Any person who acts as President shall report fully to the President upon the President's return to duty and to the BOD with respect to all actions taken and transactions accomplished by that person during the absence of the President.

#### ***Section 4.4 Secretary***

The Secretary of the BCCI shall be the custodian of and shall maintain the BCCI's records and shall be the recorder of the BCCI's formal actions and transactions. The Secretary shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- a) To record or to see to the proper recording of the minutes and transactions of all meetings of the directors and the members, and to maintain separate minute books at the principal offices of the BCCI, or such other place as the BOD may order of all such minutes in the form and manner required by law and prescribed by the BOD.
- b) To attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the BCCI required by these bylaws.
- c) To attend to such correspondence and make such reports as may be assigned through the Secretary by the President or by the BOD.

#### ***Section 4.5 Treasurer***

The Treasurer of the BCCI shall be its chief fiscal officer and the custodian of its funds and securities. The office Treasurer shall be bonded. The Treasurer shall have the following specific powers and duties;

- a) To keep and maintain, open to inspection by the Board and any member at any reasonable time, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the BCCI,
- b) To have the care and custody of the funds of the BCCI and deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the BCCI with only such financial institutions insured by federal agency or so approved by the Board.
- c) Pay all bills contracted by the BCCI in a timely manner as approved by the Board or provided for in the budget as adopted.
- d) To maintain accurate lists and descriptions of all capital assets of the BCCI.
- e) To render to the BOD, whenever they may require it, an account of all of his/her transactions and financial records of the BCCI. The Treasurer shall be subject to an annual audit by a two-member committee appointed by the President.
- f) Prepare and file in a timely manner all required federal, state and local tax and information returns.
- g) The Treasurer of the BCCI shall be covered by a surety bond in the face amount of at least \$100,000.00. The Board may impose additional bond requirements.

#### ***Section 4.6 Membership/Website Administrator***

The Membership/Website Administrator shall oversee the membership roster and maintain the BCCI website. The Membership/Website Administrator shall have the following specific powers and duties;

- a) Oversee new membership electronic packets including assigning member numbers, website passwords and any certificates.
- b) Oversee membership renewals and upgrades to lifetime membership.
- c) Maintain current contact information from members.
- d) Oversee entering new data to website.
- e) Assist other officers as needed.
- f) To keep the current bylaws available on the website.

### **ARTICLE 5 BCCI ADVISORS-COMMITTES-STAFF**

The BCCI BOD may add additional advisors at any time it is deemed necessary. These shall all be non-voting members of the BCCI BOD. The Board may add working committees as needed for projects. Additional staff may be requested for special events.

### **ARTICLE 6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### ***Section 6.1 Nominations***

Nominations of the officers and directors shall be filed with the Secretary each election year, either by a nominating committee appointed by the President, or by a petition signed by 20 members in good standing and with permission of the nominee. In order to be eligible for election, the nominee must agree to abide by all state and federal laws and agree to abide by all provisions of the bylaws of the BCCI.

## **SECTION 6.2 BALLOTING**

Elections shall be held at the annual meeting in June or at a time as decided by the BOD. Balloting can be done in writing or by a show of hands.

### ***Section 6.3 Results of Balloting***

Ballots shall be counted by a committee designated by the Board, which will certify the results. A majority of all valid votes cast shall decide those elected to office. The President shall notify immediately the newly elected officers and results shall be announced publicly at the annual meeting. Newly elected Directors shall take office following this announcement.

## **ARTICLE 7 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

### ***Section 7.1 Removal of Officer or Director***

The BOD, by affirmative vote of 5 BOD, may remove an officer or director who was elected or appointed to for due cause. For the purposes of this Section, cause shall mean any failure to abide by the requirements of the bylaws or any act or failure to act on the part of the member or Board contrary to the best interests of the BCCI.

### ***Section 7.2 Effect of Removal***

Any officer or director who is removed pursuant to the bylaws shall, immediately upon the vote of the BOD, forfeit all rights as such officer or director of the BCCI.

## **ARTICLE 8 DEPOSITS**

### ***Section 8.1***

All funds collected for the BCCI shall be accounted for and reported to the Treasurer within 5 business days of receipt and deposited in the Club Bank Account. A copy of all deposit slips and inventory sold needs to be forwarded to the treasurer. Online transactions must go through the Club Bank Account. No third-party transactions are authorized.

## **ARTICLE 9 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

### ***Section 9.1 Annual Meeting of Members***

An annual meeting of the members shall be held at such place as may be directed each year by the BOD for the purpose of conducting such business as may come before the meeting.

### ***Section 9.2 Special Meetings of The Members***

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by a majority of the BOD. Special meetings are to be publicized and noticed. A special meeting of the membership may also be held, if at least 20 current members petition the secretary of the BCCI, request for a meeting, describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held. The BOD shall designate, as to each special meeting of members, when and where the special meeting will be held.

### **Section 9.3 Notice of Meetings of Members**

Electronic notice to members in good standing will be published in the newsletter and on the BCCI Website stating the place, day, and time of any meeting of the membership. Notice shall be delivered by email or within the regular publication of the BCCI to each member in good standing, not less than 14 nor more than 90 days before the date of such meeting.

### **Section 9.4 Quorum**

The minimum of 20 members that includes 2 officers and 3 BOD, who are in good standing in the BCCI, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any called annual or special meeting of the members.

### **Section 9.5 Membership Decisions**

The vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting shall be the act of the BCCI unless the BOD has to table the issue for further due diligence and to ensure consistency with BCCI bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 10 FISCAL YEAR**

The last day of the fiscal year of the BCCI shall be December 31st.

## **ARTICLE 11 BYLAWS AMMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of 5 of all members of the BOD, or by a majority vote of the members at any regular or special meeting, if at least 14 days written notice is given.

## **ARTICLE 12 DISPERSEMENT OF ASSETS**

In the event that BCCI should want to or have to dissolve by law, any remaining debts are to be paid out of the BCCI funds and the balance turned over to a charity chosen by a vote of the Board with input from the membership.

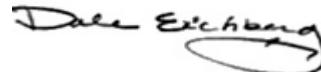
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Brian Hugh, Secretary



Dale Eichberg, President