

Hiawatha Sportsman's Club

How do I become a Member?

All members of the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club MUST own property on the Club and you may NOT own property on the Club without being a member. Membership and lot ownership are synonymous. To become a member, please visit our for sale list of lots owned by current members, visit a local real estate broker or contact the office to inquire about purchasing a lot from the Club.

Once you find a lot and enter into a purchase agreement with a member, you must contact the Club Office and supply the Club Office with your name and address. The Club will send you an application for membership. All new members must be sponsored by a member in good standing with the Club. If you do not know any members and cannot find a sponsor, please contact the club office. They will have a current member of the Past Presidents Committee contact you for sponsorship meeting.

Upon receiving the membership application the prospective member must:

- ◆ Sign and return their contract(s) to the Club office with an accompanying \$273 transfer fee (per membership). A letter from the sponsoring club member and the completed information data sheets must be returned before the transfer process can proceed.
- ◆ Three reputable personal references or only two references if they are HSC members in good standing. It should be noted that a realtor, realtor's spouse or realtor's sales staff cannot be used as a sponsor or reference if the agency is involved in the sales transaction. The selling member or any of their family also cannot sponsor nor be given as a reference for the buyer **unless the buyer and seller are related by direct descendants.**

When the sponsors letter and references are received, the material is then forwarded to the Membership Committee for consideration. During the interim, the HSC Office will:

- ◆ Forward a copy of the "Applicant's Information Data Sheet" to each governor.
- ◆ Request a background check from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and check the National Sex Offender Public Registry.
- ◆ Governor immediately communicate to the Membership Chairperson if there is any objection to the applicant becoming a Club Member.

After receiving the completed application the Membership Committee Chairmen will make arrangements for a personal interview of the Applicant by the Membership Committee or their chosen representatives. This meeting will take place at the HSC Office or a location arranged by the Membership Committee.

After the Applicant is approved, the member selling or transferring must return their Membership Certificate to the Club Office. The Certificate must be signed on the reverse side and include the name and address of the new buyer.

All indebtedness must be paid and all gate keys and the signed membership certificate(s) must be returned to the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Office prior to transfer of lots and memberships to the new applicant.

Memberships and or Deeds to Hiawatha Sportsman's Club properties may be held by the member or the member's living trust. Members may register survivors rights at the club office to expedite transfer. Upon the death of the member, all rights and privileges of membership are held in escrow until the membership has been transferred to the beneficiary as provided in the bylaws. Membership and deeds may not be held by a firm, partnership or Limited Liability Corporation.

In accordance with Hiawatha Sportsman's Club By-Laws Article VIII, Sec. 2 - the Membership Committee's decision will be final.