

# **BY-LAWS**

## **Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.**

As Amended January 2010

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

**Section 1.1 Name.**

The name of this Corporation shall be the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **OBJECT**

**Section 2.1 Object.**

The object of this corporation shall be to encourage and advance organized shooting of muzzle loading firearms and to promote higher standards of sportsmanship, safety and good fellowship among those who participate in such sport.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 3.1 Admission to Membership.**

Any individual and / or his/her family residing in a common household may acquire a Membership of their own upon payment of dues established by the Board, unless he or she is disapproved by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.2 Certificates of Membership.**

The Corporation shall issue cards or certificates evidencing Membership in the Corporation to each Member.

**Section 3.3 Termination of Membership.**

Any Member in default in payment of dues shall be barred from the rights and privileges of Membership.

**Section 3.4 One Membership – One Vote.**

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**Section 3.5 Membership for Military.**

Any active Military Service person will be allowed a free electronic membership. This shall be applied for yearly, with the presentation of an active military card or a current active state member’s verification of military status. (Amended January 2010)

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETINGS**

**Section 4.1 Annual Meetings.**

An annual meeting of the Members shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors, which shall be for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be displayed in the program of the annual competition. If no annual competition is held, the Members will be informed in writing of the time and place of such meeting.

**Section 4.2 Voting.**

Each member in good standing shall have one vote to be cast in person and not by proxy. All Members shall have the right to attend and be heard.

**Section 4.3 Quorum.**

Presence of twenty-five (25) Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Membership.

**Section 4.4 Order of Business.**

The order of business at all meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- .. (a) Roll Call of Officers
- .. (b) Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting
- .. (c) Filling of Vacancies
- .. (d) Reports of Officers
- .. (e) Reports of Committees
- .. (f) Election of Directors
- .. (g) Unfinished Business
- .. (h) New Business
- .. (i) Adjournment

**Section 4.5 Rules of Order to Govern at Meetings.**

The rules contained in Roberts’ Rules of Order shall govern the meeting of the Members and the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **Section 5.1 Number, Tenure and Qualification.**

The business, property and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, composed of thirteen (13) Charter Members of the Corporation who shall hold office for a term of three (3) years. The immediate Past President will be the 13<sup>th</sup> Director and any unexpired elected term shall be considered vacant. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Director to succeed himself. The election of Directors shall be by secret ballot. The term of each Director shall commence immediately upon his election.

#### **Section 5.2 Regular Annual Meeting.**

At the place of holding the annual meeting of the Members, the Board of Directors, as constituted upon final adjournment of such annual meeting, shall convene, without other notice than from these By-laws, for its regular annual meeting.

#### **Section 5.3 Special Meetings.**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President, or any seven (7) Directors. Written notice of the time, place and purpose of such special meetings shall be mailed to each Director at least fifteen (15) days before the date of such special meeting.

#### **Section 5.4 Vacancies.**

Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board.

#### **Section 5.5 Quorum.**

Presence of fifty percent (50%) of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 5.6 Internal Affairs.**

The internal affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS

#### **Section 6.1 Officers**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**Section 6.2 Election and Tenure.**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by and from the Membership of the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting of the Board. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. The President shall not serve more than two (2) years consecutively.

**Section 6.3 Removal.**

Any Officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board by a three-fourths vote of the members of the Board; provided that such Officer and all Directors shall have been served with a written notice of the accusations against him and of the time and place of the meeting at which such Officer shall be given an opportunity to produce his witnesses, if any, and to be heard. Such notice shall be served at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time of the meeting.

**Section 6.4 Vacancies.**

A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Section 6.5 President.**

The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings.

**Section 6.6 Vice-President.**

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

**Section 6.7 Secretary.**

The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all the meetings and take care of correspondence as directed by the President or Board of Directors.

**Section 6.8 Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall have custody of all Corporation funds and shall be responsible for the collection of dues. He shall disperse funds of the Corporation only by checks signed by him. He shall report the financial status of the Corporation at each regular and special meeting and shall keep, in books belonging to the Corporation, full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section 7.1 Amendments.**

These By-laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Membership by a vote of a majority of the Members present.

Amended Board of Directors 1-10-2010...Article III Membership; Section 3.5 Memberships for Military was added.

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David W. Wilson,  
Secretary  
January 31, 2000

Ginger Baumann  
Secretary  
January 10, 2010