**BYLAWS OF THE COLORADO REGULATORS**

**Preamble**

The object of the **COLORADO REGULATORS** shall be the encouragement of mounted shooting in the STATE OF COLORADO and to provide an outlet for those persons wishing to compete by the rules as specified in the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association Rule Book. We will encourage organized shooting of single action .45 caliber pistols of the type available prior to 1900 among citizens of the United States resident in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. The further intention of the organization is to provide an atmosphere and social climate conducive to riding, camping, and other similar events where the members dress and conduct themselves in a fashion that promotes our western heritage. The Board of Officers and Directors following the guidelines set forth in the following articles shall administer the affairs of the **COLORADO REGULATORS**.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the organization shall be **COLORADO REGULATORS**.

**ARTICLE II - BUSINESS ADDRESS**

The Business Office shall be the current Treasurers home address.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE AND OPERATION**

No part of the net earnings of the club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, members, or other private persons, except that the club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, or to reimburse expenses and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes.

**ARTICLE IV - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed

**ARTICLE V – FISCAL YEAR**

The Fiscal Year shall be November 1 to October 31.

**ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP**

1. **COLORADO REGULATORS** shall have a Board of Officers and Directors. A membership list shall be maintained.

2. DUES shall be determined by the Officers and Directors prior to the end of the fiscal year.

3. ELIGIBILITY in **COLORADO REGULATORS** shall be extended to all persons of good character who would like to become members of an organization dedicated to the preservation of the cowboy lifestyle. Each new applicant will have his/her application submitted to the Board of Officers and Directors for approval. Membership can be denied by majority vote of the Board.

4. RESIGNATIONS, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND REINSTATEMENT OF

MEMBERS

A. Resignation - A member in good standing may tender their resignation at any time to any member or members of the Board of Officers and Directors. A member’s resignation will not be cause for a refund of membership dues.

B. Suspension - Any member who, through his actions, has caused personal injury to themselves or others, damage to another's property or livestock, or has projected themselves to be of undesirable character may be put on suspension by the Board of Officers and Directors until such time that the board has had the opportunity to review the matter.

C. Expulsion - A member will be expelled from **COLORADO REGULATORS** with a 2/3’s majority vote by the Board of Officers and Directors. Expulsion would result from either a member's total disregard for the welfare of the organization through their actions or any blatant and continued safety violations. In either case the decision will be based on specific incidents or actions.

D. Reinstatement - Any member suspended or expulsed from the **COLORADO REGULATORS** may after a period of ninety (90) days appear before the Board of Officers and Directors to seek a reversal of the Board of Directors decision concerning their membership status. The Board of Directors reply to such action will be by mail or email.

**ARTICLE VII - CLOTHING**

1. COSTUME - All members of **COLORADO REGULATORS** will be required to wear clothing in compliance with current CMSA rules and regulations.

2. NON-COMPLIANCE - Any member not complying with section 1 of this article may be requested to not participate in a match or exhibition at the discretion of the match director or Board of Directors.

3. ASSISTANCE - Any member or prospective member so wishing may have a seasoned member assigned to help them accumulate the necessary clothing and equipment to comply with section 1.

**ARTICLE VIII - ARMS and AMMUNITION**

1. FIREARMS - All firearms shall comply with current CMSA rules & regulations.

2. AMMUNITION - All ammunition shall be provided by **COLORADO REGULATORS**. No live ammunition will be permitted at a **COLORADO REGULATORS** sanctioned match or practice.

3. DISPLAY AMMUNITION – Contestants are to have no live ammunition on their person or in their cartridge belts or saddlebags. Dummy ammunition with inert or fire primers may be used in cartridge belts. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification and suspension.

**ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. **President** - The President shall schedule and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He\she shall prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Board. He\she may appoint necessary committees to carry on the Board's program. The President, within the limits of the law, and at the direction of the Board of Officers and Directors, shall act from time to time as the representative of the Board and the Association. In addition, he\she shall have the authority to sign all papers required for the ongoing business of the Board and the Association. The President will be responsible for all assets and property belonging to **COLORADO REGULATORS** such as timer, cones, blanks, balloons etc.

B. **Vice President** - The Vice President shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her. The Vice President, as authorized by the Board, shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President in case of the temporary absence of the President or in case of his or her temporary inability to act, the office shall be declared vacant by the Board of Officers and Directors and a successor chosen by the Board. The Vice President shall serve as a member of all committees.

C. **Secretary** - The secretary shall record the minutes of all Board meetings. Maintain all membership roles, supervise the signup booth at all **COLORADO REGULATORS** mounted shooting events, keep score at all timed events, and insure that match results be submitted to CMSA within the prescribed time allotted. The secretary shall be a signatory on the account of **COLORADO REGULATORS**.

D. **Treasurer** - The treasurer shall record all gifts, donations, and financial transactions of the Board in an accepted bookkeeping method. The treasurer shall provide current financial reports at each regularly scheduled meeting and a yearly financial statement. All financial records will be available to the Board upon request. The treasurer shall also be responsible for the collection of all dues and entry fees. The treasurer shall deposit funds of the **COLORADO REGULATORS** in such bank or banks as designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall supervise all payments of regularly occurring expenses and distribute winnings/payback for any and all matches. The treasurer shall make sure all Federal, State and Local taxes are prepared, filed and paid in a timely manner.

E. **Director Positions (maximum of 5) –** Shall be responsible for various tasks as agreed upon by the Board of Officers at the annual meeting. Such as insuring that CMSA rules are followed at all **COLORADO REGULATORS** events, supervise all personnel to insure their competence prior to their serving as line judges. Instruct new shooters in proper loading and unloading, gun handling, safety and safe horsemanship. A Range Master will also supervise any qualifying runs by new members or Non-Competition Cardholders to insure both the competitor and his\her mount is able to engage the prescribed course of fire safely. Directors will assist at all of the shoots they attend with setup, cleanup, announcing, changing of stages, making sure balloons setting is getting handled and other duties assigned.

**ARTICLE X - ELECTION AND TENURE**

1. TIME OF ELECTIONS - The election of officers shall take place during the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors which will be scheduled each year between September 1 and October 31.

2. METHOD OF ELECTIONS –Members may submit nominations for the officers who are up for election/re-election and directors positions. The applying member must receive a majority vote by the Members present at the annual meeting. Current Incumbents will automatically be on the ballot if they so desire.

3. TERM OF OFFICE - The term of office for all officers shall be **(2)** year and shall begin on the day following the election with exception of the Directors that shall be **(1)** year. An officer may be reelected to the same position or another board position as often as the board elects them. The President and Secretary will be elected in odd numbered years, the Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected in even numbered years and the Directors will be elected every year.

4. VACANCIES - The Nominating Committee shall place before the board the name of an individual or individuals to be considered to complete the vacated term of office. The replacement shall be decided by a majority vote of the board.

**ARTICLE XI - QUALIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

1. PRESIDENT - Must be a **COLORADO REGULATORS** member for **1** year.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT – Must be a **COLORADO REGULATORS** member for **1** year.

3. SECRETARY – Must be a **COLORADO REGULATORS** member for **1** year.

4. TREASURER - Must be a **COLORADO REGULATORS** member for **1** year.

5. DIRECTORS – Must have been a member of **COLORADO REGULATORS** for **1** year. To be elected each year.

**ARTICLE XII - EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

1. EMERGENCY CLAUSE - These By-laws may be temporarily suspended in full or in part when the Board of Officers and Directors decide an emergency exists and provided that the action is a temporary expedient to best serve the interest of all members of the **COLORADO REGULATORS**.

2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of any business of **COLORADO REGULATORS**, which is not otherwise listed in these by-laws.

**ARTICLE XIII – MEETINGS**

The Board of Officers will decide when & where meetings will be held in conjunction with monthly shoots when possible. All members in good standing, new or prospective members are welcome to attend meetings of the Board, unless a closed meeting is called. Those members who wish to address the Board should request of the President in writing that they would like to have an item added to the agenda. Requests to add business items to the agenda should be received by the President at least 48 hours in advance of meeting date. The members will be notified via newsletter, e-mail and/or the calling committee of meeting time, date & location. In the event that an emergency or closed meeting is called no notification will be forthcoming. Voting can be accepted by email if board approves it.

**ARTICLE XIV – CHANGING BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be changed as follows. Any board member in good standing may submit a proposed change to these bylaws by submitting the recommended change in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting or by email to the Board. The Board will consider the change and vote on it at the next year-end board meeting.

If the recommended change receives at least a 2/3 majority vote it will be adopted. A by-law committee will be formed as needed by the President and will make recommendations to the board of directors.

**ARTICLE XV – COMMITTEES**

Any member in good standing shall be eligible to serve on special committees as formed at the direction of the President and/or Board to perform special projects for the betterment of **COLORADO REGULATORS**.

**Special Committees** are as follows if needed:

1. Web Design Committee – to assist in the updating and maintaining the website of **COLORADO REGULATORS**. This committee works within a yearly budget approved by the board of directors.

2**. Marketing & Promotion Committee** – responsible for club advertising and scheduling/coordinating events such as horse fairs and other opportunities that have the potential to promote the sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting. This committee works within a yearly budget approved by the board.

3. **Nominating Committee**- to nominate potential officers and board members for annual elections.

4**. Demo/Clinic Committee** – will coordinate all activities that have the goal of new member recruitment. Will hold clinics to help all levels of shooters achieve on-going training to be the best mounted shooter that they can be. This committee works within a yearly budget approved by the board of directors.

5**. Sponsorship Committee** – to obtain sponsorship income.

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