

# Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club Constitution

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## ARTICLE I

### (A) Name

The name of this organization shall be Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club.

### (B) Official Logo

Official Logo of the club shall be the Three Leg Ox. The image shall be used on membership cards, club stationary documents and apparel.



Example of Logo:

## ARTICLE II

### Object

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized shooting activities amongst citizens of the United States, 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.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

#### (A) Eligibility.

An individual 18 years of age or older who is and while he remains of good repute, who subscribes to the objectives and purposes of the organization, may become a member of this organization, provided: that the applicant is not a convicted felon; under indictment for a crime classified as a felony or a gross misdemeanor involving deadly force; a habitual drunkard; a drug addict; has not been adjudged mentally incompetent; has not been discharged from the armed services under dishonorable conditions; and is not otherwise prohibited from owning and/or possessing firearms.

No individual who is a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions shall be eligible for membership.

## Oath of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. I certify that I am a citizen of the United States and that I am not a member of any organization or group pledged to, or working for, a program aimed at the destruction of our present system of government established by the Constitution of the United States.

### (B) Admission to Membership.

An eligible applicant may become a member of this organization on a majority vote at any regular membership or Board of Directors meeting, upon payment of initiation fee and dues.

Any applicant may be refused admission by the membership or Board of Directors for any reason deemed by it to be sufficient.

(C) Honorary Life Membership, Honorary Life Membership may be awarded by The Board Of Directors to certain individuals in recognition for outstanding contribution and special service to the Club. No annual membership fees shall be assessed against an Honorary Life Member.

## ARTICLE IV

### Dues

The annual dues of the organization shall be one dollar (\$1.00) or more. The initiation fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00) or more.

## ARTICLE V

### Meetings

(A) The annual meeting. The annual meeting of the organization shall be held at the regularly scheduled meeting in December of each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected.

(B) Regular meeting. The regular membership meeting of the organization for the transaction of business shall be one hour immediately preceding the Board of Directors meeting in the clubhouse at the range. The meeting shall be called to order one hour before the time of the Board of Directors meeting and adjourn after no more than one hour.

(C) Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors meetings for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on a consistent day of the month each month.

(D) Special meetings. A special meeting of the organization may be held at any time upon the call of the Board of Directors or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 25 members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing by written notice sent through the United States mail not less than seven (7) days prior to the date for holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

(E) Quorum. A quorum at any regular meeting shall consist of those members of the organization in good standing who are present at the meeting plus 50% of the Board of Directors plus 1.

(F) Quorum. A quorum at any Board of Directors meeting shall consist of 50% of the Board of Directors plus 1.

(G) Quorum. A quorum at any special meeting shall consist of the body comprised by those members in good standing in attendance at the time and place of the special meeting as notified by the United States mail, provided that not less than 60% of the Board of Directors shall be present at any special meeting.

(H) Special Meetings of the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President whenever he determines it is necessary. All officers and Directors must be notified at least (7) seven days prior to the meeting by United States mail, e-mail, or telephone.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Officers

(A) The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer, Junior Advisor, Master-at-Arms, the immediate past President, and five (5) elected Directors who, acting together, shall constitute a Board of Directors. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the organization. They shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Board member with the most votes will serve for two (2) Years.

(B) The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the organization.

(C) Meetings of the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be as per Article V (C).

(D) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

(E) A vacancy in the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. However, if more than one (1) vacancy exists, a special meeting of the organization shall be called and new officers elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in Article V(A).

(F) Any member in good standing for a minimum period of one year, shall be eligible to hold office.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Duties of Officers

(A) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. He/She shall be a member ex- officio of all regular committees and shall perform all

such other duties as usually pertain to his office. The President shall assume the duties of the Executive Officer in his absence.

(B) Vice-president. The Vice-president shall coordinate the budget and schedule the calendar for the upcoming year. The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President or at his request.

(C) Secretary, The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the organization and shall have custody of the books and papers of the club. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence of the organization. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify members of special meetings as required in Article V(D).

(D) Secretary, Membership. The Membership Secretary will receive all applications for membership in the club. He/She shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit same to the Treasurer taking a proper receipt there from. He/She shall also be Responsible for issuing and controlling Gate Codes.

(E) Match Directors, Committee Chairman. The Match Directors and Committee Chairman shall be responsible for the safe operation of the matches of their discipline or committee forwarding all of the Match Results and Fees to the headquarters of the discipline.

(F) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the organization and place the same in such banks or financial institutions as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors, such moneys shall be disbursed only by check signed by the President and the Treasurer or in the absence of the President, by the Vice-president and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at all regular meetings of the Board of Directors and at all regular meetings of the membership, and shall deliver an annual report to the organization at the annual meeting. The Treasurer must be bonded.

(G) Executive Officer. The Executive Officer shall be responsible for safe management of the entire range. Their duties as defined in current governing disciplines rules shall prevail unless otherwise directed by majority action of the Board of Directors.

(H) Junior Advisor. The Junior Advisor shall head a Junior Advisory Committee which shall supervise the activities of the Junior Division; he shall be responsible to the Board of Directors and the Body for training the juniors in marksmanship; shall be consultant to the Junior Club and supervisor as needed, and he shall guide the juniors in sportsmanship and citizenship development.

(I) Master at Arms. The Master at Arms shall be responsible for maintenance of decorum at all meetings of the club; he shall be the custodian of club property including loaned or issued equipment, and shall maintain a true inventory and record of such property and equipment. Annually, on January 30th he will provide a list to the Secretary for Insurance purposes.

(J) Immediate Past President and 5 Elected Directors. The immediate Past President and the 5 elected Directors shall together with the above designated officers, constitute the governing body of the organization as delineated in Article VI (B).

(K) Compensation. All compensation and reimbursements must be approved by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### Suspension or Expulsion

(A) Any officer or Director may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for such purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless not less than fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be cast. At such special meeting, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

(B) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the organization for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors by a four-fifths (4/5) affirmative vote of the members of the Board present at any regular or special board meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless not less than fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the member stating the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting, the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(C) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts to substantiate such charges and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in support of the charges. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors and to each accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

(D) Any member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal to the full membership of the organization. Such appeal shall be made to the Secretary in writing who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the organization for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give not less than fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all members of the organization in good standing, stating the date, time, place, and reason for the special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Match Rules

All shooting competitions conducted by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations of the governing authorities of the individual disciplines such as the National Rifle Association of America, by the rules and regulations of the National Board for the Promotion of Marksmanship and the Secretary of Defense and any other organized shooting competitions approved by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Amendments

(A) Amendments to the Constitution may be introduced by any member of the organization in good standing at any regular meeting, or any special meeting called for the purpose of amending the constitution.

(B) Notice shall be given the membership that at the next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for purpose or ratification, the proposed amendment(s) will be voted on.

(C) A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required by the members present at the next regular, or special meeting to approve the amendment(s).

## **ARTICLE XI**

### Matters not provided for

All matters not specifically provided for in this Constitution and By-laws shall be controlled and adjudicated by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### Rules of Order

All regular meetings of the organization, of the Board of Directors, and any special meetings of either body shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, revised.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

(A) In the event of dissolution of the Club, upon payment of all due bills, taxes, and other financial obligations, the residual moneys derived of the disposition of the physical assets of the club shall be paid over to the National Rifle Association with the provisional restriction that as far as these moneys go, they will be used to create or improve shooting facilities.

(B) In the event of a forced disposal of the real property of the Club, following payment of all due bills, taxes, and other obligations, the residual shall be placed in trust in the bank of the Club to be used for purchase of a new site for the reestablishment of the Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### Indemnification of Directors

The corporation shall indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer of the corporation, or any other person who may have served at its request as a director or officer of any corporation, whether for profit or not, for defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which such person is made a party by reason of being or having been such director or officer. This provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer for acts or omissions that involve

intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or for any transaction from which the director or officer will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director or officer is not legally entitled. Such indemnification, however, shall not be deemed exclusive of any other right to which such director or officer may be entitled, under any by-law, agreement, vote of Board of Directors or members, or otherwise.

The good faith actions of all Directors in connection with corporate activities shall not in any manner subject such Director to personal, pecuniary liability, or responsibility of any sort, and this corporation and all of its assets shall protect and hold the individual Directors, their heirs, executors, and assigns harmless in this regard.

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