

**Articles of Incorporation of  
Lancaster County Muzzleloading Rifle Association  
April 1, 1992**

1. The name of the Corporation shall be Lancaster County Muzzleloading Rifle Association.
2. The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.
3. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:
  - a. To promote an historical appreciation of early American and the firearms of early America;
  - b. To revive the sport of muzzleloading firearms.
  - c. To educate the public regarding the safe use and enjoyment of muzzleloading firearms;
  - d. To provide a location(s) for the use of muzzleloading firearms and historical reenactments;
  - e. To conduct, sponsor and assist in organized activities for the use of muzzleloading firearms and/or historical reenactments;
  - f. To own or lease real and personal property and to perform all other powers as conferred by Nebraska law upon non-profit corporations in furtherance of such purposes. The Corporation is organized exclusively for non-profit purposes as a civic league for the promotion of social welfare within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. The Corporation shall not devote more than an insubstantial part of the Corporation's activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, and shall not directly or indirectly participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
5. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to members, directors or other private persons. However, the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation to any person for services rendered.
6. The number of directors constituting the initial Executive Board of administrators shall be four, and the names and street addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting of the members of the Corporation are as follows:
  - Ronald Osberg, 3536 Smith Street, Lincoln NE 68502
  - Roger L. Frink, Rt 1, Box 136, Palmyra NE 68418
  - Norman L. Gesch, 2521 NW 8<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln NE 68521
  - Danial R. Watson, 1565 South 21<sup>st</sup> St, Lincoln NE 68502
7. In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the net assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for use for exempt purposes to one or more organizations with similar exempt purposes and which are exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code.
8. The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 530 South 13, Suite B, Lincoln NE 68508 and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address shall be William G. Blake.
9. The incorporators are as follows:
  - Norman L. Gesch
  - David H. Filbert
  - William G. Blake
  - Roger L. Frink
  - Ronald Osberg
  - Danial Watson

**Bylaws**  
**Lancaster County Muzzleloading Rifle Association**

The Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Muzzleloading Rifle Association (Corporation) adopts the following Bylaws.

**Offices**

1. The offices of the Corporation shall be at 1248 O Street, Suite 600, Lincoln, Nebraska and at such other places as the Board of Directors may determine.

**Members**

2. Membership in the Corporation shall be open to persons who profess an interest in promoting the purposes of the Corporation and who pay the annual dues. Annual dues shall become due and shall be in such amount as the existing members shall determine. Every person who has currently paid dues and who has been accepted into membership by vote of approval by the existing members shall be a member of the Corporation. Honorary membership may be bestowed upon individuals by vote of the existing members.

**Meetings of the Members**

3. Meetings of the members for the election of directors shall be held at the offices of the Corporation or at such place as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held in December. At each annual meeting, the members shall elect five directors, each for a term of one year, or until a successor shall be elected, by plurality vote, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
4. At all meetings of the members, those members present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. There shall be no voting by proxy.
5. If no record date is fixed by the Board of Directors, the date on which the notice of the meeting is mailed shall be the record date for the determination of members entitled to vote.
6. Written notice of the annual meeting and all special meetings shall be delivered or mailed to each member entitled to vote at the address which appears on the books of the Corporation at least ten days prior to the meeting.
7. Special meetings for any purpose may be called by the President, a majority of the Board of Directors or at the request in writing of one-fifth of the members entitled to vote. The request shall state the purpose of the meeting. Regular meetings shall be held as determined by the members.
8. The act of a majority of the votes cast at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Corporation, except as may otherwise be specifically provided by statute or these Bylaws.

**Directors**

9. The number of directors shall be five, each of whom shall be a member of the Corporation, and shall be elected by the members of the Corporation at the annual meeting. A director may be removed by two-thirds of the votes present at an annual meeting of the members or at a special meeting of the members if the proposed removal is contained in the notice of such special meeting.
10. If the office of any director shall become vacant for any reason, the members shall elect a successor, who shall hold office until the next election of directors and officers.
11. The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.
12. Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but by vote of the members, expenses may be allowed for special meetings or activities of the Board of Directors.
13. Meetings of the board may be called by the President and shall be called at the written request of two directors.
14. Notice of any meeting of the board shall be given to each director, either personally or by mail, at least three days prior to the meeting.
15. At all meetings of the board, a quorum is present throughout the meeting if three of the board members are present. The act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting, at which there is a quorum, shall be the act of the board, except as may otherwise be specifically provided by statute.

### **Officers**

16. The Board of Directors shall serve as the officers of the Corporation. The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a board member-at-large. However, the members may elect the same person to serve as Secretary and Treasurer, in which case two persons shall be elected to serve as board members-at-large.
17. The board may appoint other officers and agents, and delegate such authority as the board may determine.
18. The officers of the Corporation shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. Any officer may be removed by the members in the same manner as removal from the Board of Directors. If any office becomes vacant, the members shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next election of Directors and officers.

### **President**

19. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, preside at all meetings of the members and the board, and carry out all orders and resolutions of the members and Board.
20. The President shall execute conveyances of real estate and contracts.

### **Vice President**

21. The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of members may prescribe.

### **Secretary**

22. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the board and all meetings of the members and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in books belonging to the Corporation. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all annual and special meetings of the members and all meetings of the board, and shall perform such other duties as the board or members may prescribe.
23. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds, keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and deposit all monies in the name of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board.
24. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as determined by the President or the board and shall file, at least annually, a report of all transactions and the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall report at all meetings of the members as to the expenditures since the last meeting.

### **Club**

25. The Corporation may operate under a club name as may be determined by the members of the Corporation, and will acquire and own such property, real and personal, and undertake such activities and events in the name of the Corporation or the club as the members may determine. All such activities shall be devoted to the purposes of the corporation.

### **Notices**

26. Whenever, by these Bylaws, notice is permitted to be given by mail, notice shall be deemed to have been given when mailed to the address shown on the books of the Corporation.
27. A waiver of any notice, signed by the person entitled to such notice, at any time, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

### **Indemnity**

28. The Corporation shall defend and indemnify the directors and officers from all claims arising from the performance of their duties, except those involving willful misconduct or bad faith.

### **Amendments**

29. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the members of the Corporation. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be contained in the notice of the special meeting.

Adopted March 1, 1992  
Norman L. Gesch, Secretary

(Revised and amended 12/6/2013)

**Policy Handbook**  
**Lancaster County Muzzleloading Rifle Association**  
**aka: "Rock Creek Renegades"**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership categories will include:

- Individual membership:
  - Includes newsletter, voting privileges, reduced prices at club events, and encourages active participation in club activities.
- Family membership: (household at same address)
  - Includes newsletter, voting privileges for two adults, reduced prices at club events, and encourages active participation in club activities.

Membership in the Corporation shall be open to persons who profess an interest in promoting the purposes of the Corporation and who pay the annual dues. Every person who has currently paid dues and who has been accepted into membership by vote of approval by the existing members shall be a member of the Corporation. Honorary membership may be bestowed upon individuals by vote of the existing members.

Each individual wishing to become a member of RCR, must complete a membership application, participate in club events, work parties or meetings, become acquainted with a minimum number of members who they did not know prior to application and become officially approved for membership by the club or the board.

New members, including those who have allowed their membership to lapse for a year or more, shall not have the privilege to vote until 60 days after payment of club dues; and shall attend at least one club meeting or participate in one club event or activity after payment of dues before being privileged to vote.

A youth at age 18 must become a member of the club on his/her own rather than continue on a family membership. A youth at age 16 may, with parental permission and with the consent of an adult member who will serve as sponsor, become a member, because that is the age requirement for adult shooting.

Lancaster County Muzzleloading Rifle Association (aka: Rock Creek Renegades) is a non-profit corporation. The club owns 27 acres of property. All taxes, costs and fees associated with ownership, improvements and maintenance of these properties are the responsibility of the members of the club. The two annual gun shows are the only sources of revenue. Decisions regarding the operation of the club are made by members who attend meetings and exercise their right to vote.

For these important reasons, all RCR members are encouraged to participate in and be an active part of the Rock Creek Renegades. Attendance at meetings, participation in work programs, shoots, trade shows and various other events of the organization are greatly appreciated. Without involvement of its members, the club cannot succeed.

**ORGANIZATION:**

The Lancaster County Muzzleloading Rifle Association shall operate under the club name of "Rock Creek Renegades."

In all matters put to a vote of the members, an individual membership shall be entitled to one vote, and a family membership shall entitle the family to one vote by each of two designated family members, one of whom may be a youth between 16 and 18 years of age.

There shall be no voting by proxy.

**OFFICERS:**

**President:** Conducts regular club meetings, sets meeting dates and agenda, and calls and conducts meetings of the officers and board of directors for purposes of coordinating club activities.

**Vice President:** Coordinates range improvement and maintenance efforts, logs hours of work accomplished by members, sets work dates and schedules, maps the jobs to be done and timelines for completion, and conducts meetings in the absence of the president.

These offices may be held by one person or by two individuals:

**Secretary:** Keeps minutes and membership records, handles correspondence as necessary, and prepares minutes to be published in monthly newsletter.

**Treasurer:** Keeps financial records and checkbook, pays bills and prepares a monthly financial statement to be given to those members attending the meeting.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

A Board of Directors shall be made up of five members: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and two Members-at-Large. If the position of Secretary/Treasurer is divided and held by two members, only one Member-at-Large will be elected by the membership.

The Board of Directors shall meet on a regular basis as determined by the Board to conduct the normal business of the club. The board shall have authority to take such action as needed to accomplish the activities of the club which have been approved by the members, and shall have the authority to approve expenditures of up to \$1,000 per calendar year without members' approval for maintenance and repair of club property. All capital improvement and purchases of equipment exceeding \$1000 shall require approval by the members.

### **OTHER CLUB POSITIONS:**

**Public Relations and Membership Chair:** Organizes incentives and plans for club membership drives, strives to increase membership in the club, and prepares and mails a monthly club newsletter, seven to ten days prior to each regular monthly meeting. Prepares other publicity as needed.

**Program Director:** Responsible for organizing programs and refreshments as scheduled.

**Range Officer:** Responsible for safe operation of the range during any club shooting activities. Club will have a chief range officer and a minimum of three assistants.

**Gun Show/Trade Show Chair:** Responsible for arrangements and publicity for the annual gun and trade shows and authorized to make appropriate expenditures as needed for that purpose.

### **MOWING COMMITTEE**

Only those who sign on to the committee each year are authorized to use club owned mowers and trimmers.

Rock Creek Renegades has established a mowing committee for the following reasons:

- To insure that the property will be mowed and trimmed, for weed and insect control as well as for appearances.
- To coordinate efforts so individuals do not go out to mow or trim to learn that it has already been done or that there are problems with the equipment—(mowing committee members contact Chair to report problems and work in teams and on schedules to complete the work that needs to be done.)
- To organize and set up a regular mowing schedule
- To provide maintenance of the mowers and trimmers to include cleaning after each use, oil and filter changes, lubrication and adjustment of the chains and other routine care.
- To insure that fuel, oil, filters, tools and other necessary items are available as needed.
- To authorize and coordinate repairs through the vice president or other designated chair.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER POSITIONS:**

Elections shall be conducted in the following manner:

- An elections committee will be created to handle elections.
- Nominations for all offices and positions will be received by the committee at or before the September business meeting.
- A preliminary ballot of nominated candidates will be published in the October newsletter.
- Any changes to the ballot must be received by the election committee at or before the October business meeting.
- The final ballot will be published in the November newsletter.
- Official ballots and ballot envelopes shall be mailed by the elections committee to each voting member 10 (ten) days prior to the annual meeting.
- Sealed ballots will be received by the elections committee at or prior to 7:00 p.m. on the evening of the annual meeting and shall be opened and counted at the annual meeting.

## **DUES AND FEES:**

Dues shall be \$30 for individual members and \$40 for each family.

Donations of appropriate prizes for club events are encouraged at a member's discretion.

Dues will be payable on January 1 and considered delinquent after the January regular club meeting. A current paid membership list will be prepared before each club event to assure that only currently paid members will be admitted free or at reduced prices offered to club members.

## **RANGE OFFICERS:**

The membership will elect a chief range officer and three assistants, to be determined by votes and by experience or qualifications if necessary. If less than four persons are nominated, the Board of Directors will appoint assistant range officers as needed.

When training is available, RCR range officers will be trained and certified.

## **MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

- The Rock Creek Renegades will hold programs as planned and scheduled by the Program Director.
- Business meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.
- The annual meeting will be held in December.
- The purpose of having meetings and programs is to allow more complete participation by more members.
- Each club-sponsored event which involves camping will be directed by a booshway. His/her decision shall be controlling, unless overruled by the Board of Directors.

## **RANGE RULES:**

1. Any violation of range rules will be handled in the following manner:
  - a. First offense: Warning from range officer
  - b. Second offense: Written reprimand from Board of Directors
  - c. Third offense: Expulsion from the range and from club membership
2. Shooting Range Rules will include the following:
3. All NMLRA Rules will be followed.
4. NO consumption of alcoholic beverages before or during shooting range activities.
5. NO shooting when range is closed, unless a range officer is present.
6. NO shooters on firing or ready line under sixteen (16) years of age, unless accompanied by an adult.
7. Any questions on scoring of targets will be brought to the range officer or assistant range officer.
8. NO loading directly from powder horn or flask, including pistol loading. ALL loading will be from a single load charger or measure ONLY.
9. Muzzle must always be pointed in a safe direction.
10. The Rock Creek Renegades (Lancaster County MLRA) is NOT responsible for lost or misplaced items.
11. Competitors in shooting events must write their names and competitor numbers on all targets.
12. Muzzleloading guns only. Open sights. NO plastic wadding or patching. No compressed or pelletized charges. No modern in-lines or synthetic stocks during competition.
13. Loading and capping at firing line ONLY.
14. NO spectators on firing line.
15. Practice allowed only if room is available.
16. Twenty (20) minute relays. If there is a problem, contact the range officer. Chief Range Officer has final word in all range matters.

## **Hawk, Knife and Primitive Archery Rules will include the following:**

1. NO consumption of alcoholic beverages before or during hawk, knife or archery events.
2. NO competitors on line under fourteen (14) years of age, unless accompanied by an adult.
3. ALL hawks, knives and arrows will be handled in a safe manner.

## **CAMPING RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. Beverages in period containers are encouraged and preferred!
2. NO ground fires! Dig fire pit, preserve sod. Replace and water sod when breaking camp.
3. Ashes from stoves and above-ground fire pits must be placed in covered ash container near bridge. Buckets are provided for transporting ashes. Return buckets and secure lid on ash can.
4. NO trenching of shelters.
5. Upon breaking camp, please leave the area as you found it. Fill and water fire pit, pick up trash. Return firewood to established wood piles.
6. Haul out trash.
7. NO cutting of standing trees or brush, unless clearly marked for removal.
8. Fire must be attended at ALL times. A container of at least one gallon of water must be kept by each fire.
9. NO loaded firearms in camp! ALL shooting will be done on the range.
10. NO cannons!
11. ALL pets will be kept leashed and/or secured at ALL times. Please clean up any messes that any pet makes.
12. Horses (equine animals) permitted only on ten acre tract just inside the gate. No horses permitted on bridge or in camping areas.
13. Swimming will be at your own risk.
14. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for the actions of their children.
15. All municipal ordinances and state statutes will be enforced.
16. Club members will enforce all camp rules.
17. Board of Directors decisions are FINAL.

## **Expectations:**

This list is provided to those who request to use the range. The same considerations apply to members.

1. Bring your own firewood. (Members are not expected to bring firewood, but need to remember that it is a limited natural resource and use it wisely.)
2. NO ground fires. Small pits may be dug for cooking fires in camping areas. Preserve the sod, replace, level the ground and water the area before leaving. Appropriate above-ground fire pits that prevent the ground from being scorched are permitted.
3. Ashes from stoves and above-ground fire pits must be placed in covered ash container near bridge. Buckets are provided for transporting ashes. Return buckets and secure lid on ash can.
4. Campfires may be built in either of the two large fire rings provided. There is one on each side of the bridge.
5. DO NOT burn or leave trash in cooking fires or campfire rings.
6. Fires must be attended at all times. A container of water must be kept by each fire.
7. Water may be pumped from the well near the flagpole.
8. NO trenching of shelters.
9. Pick up and HAUL OUT ALL TRASH. There is no trash service.
10. Return benches and tables to their designated place near the bridge.
11. NO cutting of standing trees or brush.
12. ALL shooting will be done at the range, and with patched round ball ONLY.
13. Hawk, knife and archery may be done only in those designated areas.
14. ALL pets will be kept leashed and/or secured at all times. Pick up after pets.
15. Horses (equine animals) permitted only on ten acre tract just inside gate. No horses permitted on bridge or in camping areas.
16. Parents and/or guardians or event leaders are responsible for the actions of children.
17. Outhouses: Nothing but human waste and toilet tissue may go into the pits in the toilets! Fines will be charged for any kind of trash, including disposal diapers, found in the pits
18. Outhouses are to be cleaned, tissue stored in metal containers provided, and lids put on candles with matches stored inside. Doors must be latched on the outside.
19. General clean up and respect for the property is expected. Leave things at least as good as you found them.
20. Assistance you may offer in picking up fallen branches and placing them or burning them in one of the fire rings is appreciated.
21. Follow directions for locking both gates when leaving.

## RCR CAMPING, PARKING AND PROPERTY USE

- Campers may drive to their selected campsite, unload and immediately return any vehicles and trailers to the parking lot. Vehicles may be brought back to the campsite to load again when leaving. Once in. Once out. No traffic. Non-campers may not drive vehicles beyond the parking lot.
  - Those who wish to have their tents near their vehicles will need to camp in the parking lot or along the fence next to it.
  - The modern camping area is not part of the parking area and is reserved for various kinds of recreational campers and camping trailers and camping vehicles.
  - Non-members may not leave tents and property at the range except during club events or during the duration of a special permit.
  - This applies at all times, regardless of whether there is a club event or any other campers at the range. An exception would be the use of vehicles during work parties when equipment and tools need to be hauled.
  - Club events are designed for club members, shooters who come to compete, and a few guests who are invited by individual members to enjoy and participate in the events that are advertised on the flyers as part of the weekend.
  - No non-club gatherings or events may be planned or held at any time on club property without club approval granted by way of the "Request to use RCR Property" application. It is not acceptable for any member to schedule any type of activity during a club event, or at any other time without the written permission of the club.
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- *(This page of information was added to handbook after the May 2014 Board of Directors meeting to clarify long-standing club policy and practice that had not been understood by all members.)*