

NEW  
CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA SOCIETY OF TRADITIONAL BOWMEN

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization will be the Alabama Society of Traditional Bowmen. The Alabama Society of Traditional Bowmen shall also be known as the Society, or ASTB. The Alabama Society of Traditional Bowmen or the recognized alternate names will be used in all correspondence and publications of the organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alabama Society of Traditional Bowmen will be to expand and perpetuate the shooting of traditional and primitive archery equipment for recreation and the sport of hunting. The Society will also educate its members and the general public in the history pertaining to the art of traditional and primitive archery .The Society will also promote fellowship through gatherings called Rendezvous and friendly competition among traditional archers.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. The annual membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00), payable on or before April30th of each year.

Section 2. Annual members whose dues for the current year are paid on or before April30th each year, based on the roster of paid members in the possession of the Treasurer of this organization, shall be active members. Annual members paying current year's dues after April 30, but on or before June 30 shall be restored to active status. Membership shall be terminated upon failure of any annual member to pay current year dues by July I of the year in which they are due.

Section 3. The amount of annual dues for this organization shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Society at any regularly scheduled meeting of Directors, provided that ten days prior written notice is given each Board member that a change in the amount of dues is to be considered at such meeting. Any change in annual dues which is approved by the Board of Directors shall take effect in the next subsequent calendar year after said change is approved. The Board may delegate the authority to set fees, charges, etc. for specific events to applicable members, committees, or other component units of the Society .Annual membership dues are not refundable.

Section 4. All first time applications for membership in the Society will be presented at the first Board of Directors meeting following receipt of the application. All new member applications must be confirmed by the Board of Directors of the Society. Application fees will be refunded to applicants who are not confirmed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Membership in the Society may be revoked by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors. That member will be notified in writing by the President of the Society that membership was revoked. The former member will have the right to an automatic appeal and hearing at the next Board of Directors meeting. The former member may be reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Members in good standing will be allowed to vote in general elections and on proposed changes to this Constitution. A member will be considered in good standing if the member is current in dues and if membership has not been. revoked by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Any member whose connection with this organization shall be severed by resignation, death, expulsion, or otherwise, shall forfeit all interest in any fund or property belonging to this organization.

## ARTICLE IV: GENERAL ELECTIONS

### SECTION 1: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

General elections will be held to elect Society officers and the Board of Directors. A nominating committee will be appointed to canvass the membership to present a competent slate of officers. This slate will be nominated by the Chairman of the nominating committee at the State Championship tournament. Nominations will be taken from the floor. All candidates will be allowed to address the membership.

### SECTION 2 : BALLOTS

The vote for officers and directors shall be by written ballot which must be signed by the member so voting. Each member has the right to write in any member in good standing, who is qualified to serve as hereafter provided, to serve in any elected office of the Society . Completed ballots will be mailed by members to the Society's post office box and must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer on or before September twentieth in order to be counted. Ballots must be sealed and marked "Ballot" on the outside of the envelope to be valid. Ballots will be kept by the Secretary/Treasurer until the next Board of Directors meeting. The ballots will be opened at the meeting and counted publicly and notification of the result of the election shall be given to the members in the next regularly scheduled news letter of the Society.

## ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

### SECTION 1: TERM OF OFFICE

The officers of the Society will serve two (2) year terms of office. The term will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> following the general membership election. An officer may serve no more than

two (2) consecutive full terms in a given office. All elected officers of the Society shall be members of the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE

Candidates for elected office must be members in good standing for a minimum of one year prior to the date of nomination. Candidates for office must be residents of the State of Alabama. All officers must be members in good standing during each such officer's respective term of office. An office will be forfeited if the officer's membership in the Society terminates for any reason.

## SECTION 3: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The elected officers of the Society will be as follows:

**PRESIDENT** -The President will open all meetings of the Society at the appointed times. The president will announce the business before the Society in the order in which it is to be acted upon. The President shall recognize members entitled to the floor. The President will state and put a vote all questions which are regularly moved and will announce the results of the vote. The President will expedite the business of the Society in every way compatible with rights of the members. The President will authenticate, by his signature, all acts, orders, and proceedings of the Society declaring its will and in all things obey the commands of the Society .

The President will be a member ex-officio of all committees of the Society. The President will represent the Society and will lead the Society so that its purpose will be achieved. The President will have access to all records, property , accounts, publications and minutes of the Society .

**VICE PRESIDENT** -The vice-president will perform the duties of the President in his absence. The vice-president will assist the President in all matters of the Society .

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**- The Secretary/Treasurer will be the recording office of the Society and the custodian of its records. The Secretary/Treasurer will keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Society and its Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer will keep a register of all members and committees. The Secretary/Treasurer will perform the duties of the President and vice-president in their absence.

The Secretary/Treasurer will account for the funds of the Society and provide for the proper receipt and disbursement of such funds. The Secretary/Treasurer will keep accurate and current records of all financial transactions of the Society .The Secretary/Treasurer will make written financial reports to the Board of Directors of the Society each calendar quarter .

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for publication and mailing of a newsletter to the membership of the Society each calendar quarter. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have authority to appoint an assistant Secretary/Treasurer; but such assistant shall not have access to the funds of the Society .

**RANGE MANAGER** -The range manager shall be responsible for maintenance of targets and all ancillary equipment belonging to the Society which is used in and in connection with all tournaments or rendezvous of the Society .The Range Manager shall set the courses of fire at all tournament or rendezvous of the Society in a safe manner and shall be responsible for provision of necessary refreshments [such as -ice water] on each course of fire. The Range Manager shall have authority to appoint as many as two assistant range managers to assist him in his duties.

The Range Manager will perform the duties of the President, Vice-president and Secretary/Treasurer in their absence.

#### **SECTION 4: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS BY THE BOARD**

Officers or Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the full Board of Directors. Such vote may only be taken after the affected Officer or Director has been afforded the opportunity for a hearing. Neither the vote nor the hearing may be had at the same meeting at which the motion to impeach is made. Written notice announcing that such hearing shall be held and such vote shall be taken must be mailed to each member of the board of directors 10 or more days before the date of the meeting and shall specify the time and place of such meeting. An officer or director removed from office may be re-elected by the membership.

#### **SECTION 5: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS BY THE MEMBERS**

Officers or Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a general membership meeting, after the affected Officer or Director has been afforded the opportunity for a hearing. A vote to impeach, after hearing, will be required upon receipt by the Secretary/Treasurer of a written petition signed by one-fifth of the membership at least 45 days prior to said general membership meeting. A notice announcing that such hearing will be held and such vote will be taken must be mailed to the Society membership 10 or more days before the date of the meeting, shall specify the time, place and nature of the charges against the affected Officer or Director, if any, and may be contained in the Society news letter. An officer removed from office may be re-elected by the membership.

#### **SECTION 6: RULES**

**CONDUCTING OF SOCIETY BUSINESS:** The latest edition of Robert's Manual of Parliamentary Rules shall govern all proceedings of this Society and all meetings of its Officers, Committees and Directors.

### **ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **SECTION 1: AUTHORITY & COMPOSITION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors will approve and conduct the business of the Society. The members of the Board of Directors will be elected in the general membership election and shall each serve for the term of two years. Each board member will assume his duties on January 1 following his election. Members nominated for election to the Board of Directors must be members in good standing for 12 months prior to nomination and be residents of the State of

Alabama. Members of the Board of Directors must be members in good standing during their respective terms of office. The office will be considered vacant if the Director's membership in the Society is terminated for any reason.

All necessary standing committees shall be appointed by the Board and the Board shall appoint some individual to fill the unexpired term of any Officer or Board member who shall no longer serve as Officer or Board member for what ever reason.

The Board of Directors will consist of the following members:

Elected Officers	4
Immediate Past President	1
Members-at-large	4

## SECTION 2: MEMBERS-A T -LARGE

Half of the members-at-large will be from the northern half of the State of Alabama and half will be from the southern half of the State of Alabama. There will be four (4) members-at-large when total membership is 150 members or less. There will be two (2) additional members-at-large for each 100 members in excess of 150. The Secretary/treasurer will determine the number of members prior to nominations being taken. All members-at-large will be elected to serve 2 year terms.

## SECTION 3: QUORUM

Fifty percent (50%) of the Board members must be present for transaction of business. Unless otherwise specified in the Constitution, all motions and other votes must pass by fifty per-cent (50%) plus one (1) vote. The President will have the option to vote only when his vote shall serve to break a tie vote.

# ARTICLE VII : MEETINGS

## SECTION 1: REGULAR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All meetings of the Society will be scheduled by the President. Regular general membership meetings will be held a minimum of twice per year. At least one (1) general membership meeting will be held at one of the Rendezvous of the Society .The location of general membership meetings will be decided by the President. General membership meeting will be open to all members in good standing and invited guests of the members; but only qualified members shall vote as herein provided.

## SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special general membership meetings may be called by the President at his discretion. The meetings will be open to all members in good standing and invited guests approved by the President; but only qualified members shall vote as herein provided.

## SECTION 3: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meetings of the Board of Directors and the time and location of such meetings will be

scheduled by the President. The President will alternate the location of board meetings so as to not put an undue hardship on members of the board. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be open to Society members in good standing. A meeting of the Board may be closed by a two-thirds vote of the Board Members present.

If in the discretion of the President some item of business which requires Board of Directors action can be more efficiently handled by a written vote of the Board transmitted to the President by the United States Mail, the President shall request that the Secretary/Treasurer prepare a ballot which shall set forth with specificity the particular item of business to be voted by the Board and shall provide a place on the said ballot where a yes or no vote may be indicated. A ballot as herein provided shall be mailed, first class postage prepaid in the United States Mail, to each member of the Board who shall have twenty (20) days from the date of mailing by the President within which to cast his vote. At the expiration of the said twenty (20) day period the President shall open the ballots in the presence of the Secretary/Treasurer. If there are sufficient ballots to constitute a quorum [which is here defined as ballots received from fifty per cent (50%) of the member of the Board] the Secretary/Treasurer shall count the votes and certify in writing the results thereof; a copy of which certification shall be mailed to each member of the Board by the Secretary/Treasurer. A copy of said certification shall be retained as a part of the records of the Society by the Secretary/Treasurer.

#### SECTION 4: NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

At least ten days prior written notice of the time and place of any regular meeting of the general membership must be given the membership of the Society in the newsletter . At least ten days prior written notice of the time and place of any regular meeting of the officers or board of directors. At least ten days prior written notice of the time, place and purpose of any special called meeting of the officers or board of directors must be given; however, such notice may be dispensed with should all directors or officers execute a written waiver of notice form at such special called or regular meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII: SOCIETY ASSETS AND EXPENDITURES

#### SECTION 1: DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.

Until such time as aggregate disbursements in any calendar quarter shall equal two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), each disbursement of Society funds shall be evidenced by properly signed receipt from the entity or individual receiving such disbursement; which receipts shall be retained by the Treasurer as a part of his records and shall be furnished to the audit committee as hereafter provided. At such time as the aggregate of all disbursements of funds in any calendar quarter shall equal two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), additional disbursement of funds in such calendar quarter shall be by check, signed by the Treasurer, shall have received prior approval by the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, and shall be evidenced by properly signed receipt as herein provided.

#### SECTION 2: SALE OF ASSETS

Sale of any asset of the Society out of the ordinary course of business of the Society shall require prior approval of a majority of the directors present at the meeting where approval

of said sale is sought in order for said sale to be valid. Sale of shot out 3-D targets by auction at the end of regularly scheduled 3-D shoots shall be considered to be in the ordinary course of business of the Society and shall not require prior approval of the Board of Directors.

### SECTION 3: PAYMENTS TO CLUB MEMBERS

There shall be no expenditure or other payment of any kind to any member of the Society , or any of member's immediate family, without the prior approval of a majority of the Directors present at the meeting where approval of such expenditure or of such payment shall be sought. However, reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by any member on behalf of the Society shall not require prior approval unless the aggregate of such reimbursements in any calendar quarter shall equal two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); in which instance prior approval of the Board of Directors shall be required for additional reimbursements in any such calendar quarter .

### ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Motions to amend the Constitution of the Society must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors. If the motion is seconded, the sponsor of the motion will be allowed to discuss the motion. Discussion by other members of the Board will be at the discretion of the President. The motion will be tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Directors and written notice shall be given each Director at least ten days prior to said next meeting of the contents of the motion to amend the Constitution and that said motion will be considered at said meeting. The sponsor of the motion will be allowed to begin discussion at the next meeting. The motion shall be conclusively presumed to have been withdrawn if the sponsor is not present at the next meeting and shall not be considered. If to be considered, discussion of the motion will be open to the Board. The motion to amend must pass by a two thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors. If passed by the Board, the motion will be mailed to the membership for ratification. The proposed revision must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the ballots returned by the membership of the Society .The ballots must be marked "Ballot" and mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer. The ballots will be opened at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion to amend will become effective immediately upon passing and ratification by a majority of favorable membership ballots cast unless the motion included a different effective date.

ATTEST:

ALABAMA SOCIETY OF  
TRADITIONAL BOWMEN

BY Rhonda Harris  
As Its Secretary

BY Terry Harris  
As Its President

