

BYLAWS OF THE:
FLORIDA PEACEMAKERS COWBOY MOUNTED
SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

As Adopted On: October 1st 2013

Preamble

The object of the Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, Inc (FPCMSA) shall be the encouragement of mounted shooting in Florida 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 Directors following the guidelines set forth in the following articles shall administer the affairs of the Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, INC (FPCMSA)

ARTICLE II - BUSINESS ADDRESS

The Business Office shall be the current President's home address.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. **Membership** in FPCMSA shall consist of three classes:

- A. **Active** – which will be all persons wishing to participate in Florida Matches as competitors regardless of age or gender. Any rider under the age of 18 may compete only with a signed parental consent form.
- B. **Associate** – which will be persons wishing to participate in the activities and/or as non-riding participants (support staff) at matches
- C. **Family** – which will be individuals living in the same household.

No membership roll shall be maintained.

2. **Annual Dues** for club membership in FPCMSA shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the year-end board meeting. Annual Dues for CMSA may be paid through the club or directly with CMSA.

3. **Eligibility** in FPCMSA 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 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 Directors. A member's resignation will not be cause for a refund of membership dues.

B. **Suspension** - Any member who, through their 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 Directors until such time that the board has had the opportunity to review the matter.

C. **Expulsion** - A member will be expelled from FPCMSA with a 2/3's majority vote by the Board of 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 expelled from the FPCMSA may after a period of ninety (90) days appear before the Board of 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 only.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. **Number of Directors** - The FPCMSA Board of Directors will consist of Officers and Directors. The number of directors is to be determined by the Board.

2. **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 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.

B. **Vice President** - The Vice President shall perform such duties as assigned. 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 Directors and a successor shall be 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 and maintain all non-financial board records.

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 Association 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. **Directors** – Shall be responsible for various tasks as agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION AND TENURE

1. **Time of Elections** - The election of Board of Directors shall take place during a meeting of the Members and/or by formal absentee ballots cast by Members, each year. The election of Club Officers (elected from the Board of Directors) shall take place during the first Board of Directors meeting following election of the Board of Directors, to be scheduled after the last day of competition at the CMSA World event of that year.

2. **Method of Elections** – Any Club Members may submit nominations for the open positions on the Board of Directors, to the appointed Nomination Committee. The nominated person must be a Club Member in good standing and meet all Board of Directors minimum qualifications. Simple majority vote by the Club Members shall decide the election for Board of Directors. Simple majority vote by the Board of Directors shall decide the election of Officers. In the event that there are unopposed nominations (only one nomination for one open seat), the formality of a ballot election shall be withheld.

3. **Term of Office** - The term of office for all officers shall be one (1) year and shall begin on the day following election. An officer may be reelected to the same position.

4, **Mid-term 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.

5. **Active Role**– Those Directors that do not maintain an active role will be subject to review by the Board of Directors to determine eligibility of that individual to remain on the board or be terminated by a majority vote of the board.

ARTICLE VI - QUALIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. **President** - Must be a FPCMSA member for (1) year; it is preferred that the nominee have served on the board for (1) year, but is not mandatory.

2. **Vice-President** – Must be a FPCMSA member for (1) year; it is preferred that the nominee have served on the board for (1) year, but is not mandatory.

3. **Treasurer** - Must be a FPCMSA member for (1) year.

4. **Secretary** – Must be a FPCMSA member for (1) year.

5. **Board of Directors**– Must be an active member of FPCMSA in good standing.

ARTICLE VII - EMERGENCY CLAUSE

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

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

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will decide when & where meetings will be held and schedule them as needed. All members in good standing, new or prospective members are welcome to attend meetings of the Board of Directors, unless a closed meeting is called. Those members who wish to address the Board of Directors 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.

ARTICLE VIII – 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 to the Board of Directors. 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 X – COMMITTEES

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