

BITTERROOT BUCKAROOS



Cowboy Action Shooting & Old West Social Club

Bylaws
Of
THE BITTERROOT BUCKAROOS
BITTERROOT VALLEY, MONTANA

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ARTICLE I. GENERAL

Section 1.1 Name

This Montana nonprofit and incorporated mutual benefit club shall be known as The Bitterroot Buckaroos Old West Shooting and Social Club (hereinafter called the "Club").

Section 1.2 Mission Statement

The Bitterroot Buckaroos Old West Shooting and Social Club is a Cowboy Action Shooting Club bringing together Cowboy Shooters, Old West Re-enactors and Aficionados of the American Frontier. The Club is a family oriented organization bringing the fun of Cowboy Action Shooting and the Love of the Old West to young and old in the Bitterroot Valley by promoting the game of cowboy action shooting. The Club shall sponsor and provide a safe and fun shooting environment, special events and Old West social activities.

Section 1.3 SASS Affiliation

The Club will be affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS). The Club will incorporate SASS regulations as its own and encourage all Club members to also be SASS members.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1 Classes and Admission

a)

There shall be two classes of membership: Individual and Family. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older by submitting a written application supplied by the Club. Persons under the age of 18 will be considered junior-members (non-voting) when one of their parents/guardian is a regular member. All applications will be forwarded to the Secretary. Membership (initial) requires a positive two-thirds (2/3rds) vote by the Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD will make all negative decisions concerning membership based on the applicants' history, which will include but not be limited to: applicants' behavior in conflict with the Club's mission statement, unsafe gun/shooting behavior, and/or criminal history.

b)

A signed code of conduct and liability waiver/release is required of all members on an annual basis. A copy of the Bylaws of the Club will be available upon request of any member.

c)

Membership in the Club requires that each member must lawfully (Federal and State) be able to own and possess a firearm.

d)

While on Club premises, members and guests must at all times, obey the Rules as adopted by the BOD and voting members.

Section 2.2 Dues

a)

Each member shall pay annually renewable membership dues (calendar-year) that shall be fixed each year by the BOD based on the financial statement of the Club.

b)

Life membership in the Club is not available at this time.

c)

No increase in annual dues will be enacted without 30 day written notice of intent. Notice will be posted in the newsletter.

Section 2.3 Voting Rights

All members in good standing will be given the opportunity during regular BOD meetings to vote on Club matters deemed necessary by the Board of Directors; one vote per member. Members unable to attend a BOD meeting but who wish to vote on a particular agenda item may submit a proxy vote in writing to the President prior to the meeting.

Section 2.4 Termination of Membership

The BOD may, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the Board, terminate or suspend the privileges of membership, or expel a member for conduct which the Board shall deem in its sole and absolute discretion inimical to the best interest of the Club, including without limitation, violation of any provision of these Bylaws or failure to satisfy membership qualifications. The BOD shall give the member who is the subject of the proposed action 15 days prior notice of the proposed expulsion, suspension or termination and the reasons therefore. The member may submit a written statement to the BOD regarding the proposed action not less than five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed expulsion, suspension or termination. The BOD shall review any such statement and shall determine the mitigating effect, if any, of the information contained. The actions of the Board in terminating or suspending a member shall be conducted in a private and confidential manner.

Section 2.5 Good Standing

Any member, who shall be in arrears in the payment of periodic dues, as provided under Section 2.2 above, shall not be in good standing. Any member who is not in good standing for any reason shall have no Club privileges; no right to vote as a member; nor eligibility to be nominated, elected or continue as a Director or Officer of the Club.

ARTICLE III. MONTHLY MATCHES

Section 3.1 Eligibility to Participate

a)

All participants must execute a liability waiver/release form and Code of Conduct prior to each match.

b)

Members and guests participating in regular monthly matches must pay posted shooting fees.

c)

The Club offers New Shooter's Clinics, which are held as needed throughout the year.

d)

Junior shooters (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied and supervised by an adult member.

Section 3.2 Shooting Fees

a)

Fees will be fixed by the BOD. Monthly match fees are discounted for members of the Club.

b)

No increase in fees will be enacted without a 30 day written notice. Notice will be posted in the newsletter.

Section 3.3 Rules

All competition held by the Club shall be governed by the Rules adopted by the BOD as deemed appropriate. The Vice President will serve as Match Director and oversee all matters pertaining to the safe conduct of Club sponsored shooting on all ranges. The Match Director may raise, issue and post additional regulations for the safe conduct of Club sponsored shoots; however, all such regulations must be approved within 30 days by the BOD.

a)

The Match Director may appoint such Deputy Range Officers, as he/she deems necessary. All Deputy Range Officers must be, at minimum, SASS RO I certified.

b)

It shall be the duty of the Match Director to oversee or to appoint one or more Deputy Directors to oversee the safe conduct of all organized shooting competitions of the Club.

ARTICLE IV. DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 Powers

Subject to limitations as stated in the Bylaws of the Club, the activities and affairs of the Club are exercised by or under the direction of the BOD. The Board may delegate the management of the activities of the Club to any member or committee(s) however composed. All business and affairs of the Club shall be managed and conducted under the direction of the BOD.

The Board, collectively or individually, is not responsible for negligent, irresponsible or deliberate behavior of others causing loss, accidental injury or harm to property or person.

Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the BOD shall have the following powers in addition to the other powers enumerated in these Bylaws:

a)

To select and remove all the other officers of the Club, prescribe powers and duties for them as may not be inconsistent with law or these Bylaws, and require from them security for faithful service.

b)

To conduct, manage and control the affairs and activities of the Club as they may deem best.

c)

To authorize the issuance of memberships for the Club from time to time.

d)

To manage in the manner they deem best, all funds and property, real and personal, received, acquired or earned by the Club subject to any restrictions set forth in these Bylaws or in the laws of Montana.

e)

Checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the Club exceeding \$250, shall be signed by the Treasurer or his/her designee and countersigned by the President or his/her designee. Checks or payment of \$250 or under require only the Treasurer's authorization.

f)

Accept all funds payable to the Club, which shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Club in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the BOD may select.

g)

The BOD may accept on behalf of the Club any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purpose or for any special purpose of the Club.

Section 4.2 Officers

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Territorial Governor, and Range Operations Officer. All officers shall be members in good standing of the Club at all times they hold such offices. SASS membership is recommended but not required. No offices may be held by the same person unless the BOD approves. No two members of one family may hold the offices of President and Treasurer at the same time. In order to hold office on the BOD, a member must be an active Club shooter for at least one year.

a)

President

– The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and has, subject to the control of the BOD, general supervision, discretion and control of the business and officers of the Club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

The President shall have the duty to see that these Bylaws and such rules as may be adopted by the BOD are enforced, supervise generally the affairs and management of the Club, and at the Annual Meeting make a report of the affairs of the Club during the preceding year.

b)

Vice President

– In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restriction upon the President. The Vice President will also act as the Sheriff or Match Director at Club shoots and will work with members to ensure appropriate shooting scenarios, safe match set-up and course of fire, firearm safety, overall match safety, and adherence to SASS range guidelines.

c)

Secretary

– The Secretary shall keep a book of the minutes of all meetings of the Members, the BOD and its committees. The Secretary shall have such other powers and duties as the Board may prescribe. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the BOD.

d)

Treasurer

– The Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of the club and shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Club. The Treasurer shall cause to be deposited all monies and other valuables in the name of the Club and shall disburse the funds of the Club as may be ordered by the BOD. The Treasurer shall render to the President and the Board, whenever they request it, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Club, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. Treasurer’s reports to the Board shall include a copy of each month’s bank statement and a reconciliation of any outstanding checks.

e)

Territorial Governor

--The Territorial Governor is the chief liaison between the Club and SASS; SASS membership is required. The Territorial Governor will represent the Club at SASS governing meetings and will communicate to the Club SASS regulations and bylaws. The Territorial Governor will coordinate and provide range officer training leading to SASS R.O. I and II certification.

f)

Range Operations Officer

--The Range Operations Office will manage all aspects of range set-up and tear-down, target set-up and maintenance, logistics, repair, set construction, target purchases and acquisition, materials storage and range maintenance.

Section 4.2.1 Subordinate Officers

The BOD may elect and may empower the President to appoint such other officers as the business of the Club may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform all duties as are provided in these Bylaws or as the BOD may from time to time determine. The following positions are Appointed Board positions: Public Relations Officer, Range Maintenance Officer(s), New Shooter Representative, Editor, Membership Director and Safety Officer.

Section 4.3 Directors Duties

a)

Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, the Articles or these Bylaws.

b)

Appoint and remove, employ and discharge and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the Club.

c)

Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Club to assure that their duties are properly performed.

d)

Attend Board meetings.

Section 4.4 Election and Term of Office

a)

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Territorial Governor, and Range Operations Officer shall be persons elected to their respective positions by the members of the Club. Nominations for each office will be solicited and collected in writing or email in November from current Club members. Nominees will be revealed in the December BOD meeting agenda. Election of officers will be held at the December BOD meeting and conducted through secret ballot. All current Club members are eligible to vote; those unable to attend this meeting may request a mail-in ballot. Ballots (both mail-in and in-person) will be counted during the December BOD meeting. Election requires a simple majority of ballots. If the number of candidates precludes a majority, then the top two (2) vote achieving candidates shall have an immediate run-off election by secret ballot until a simple majority vote is successful. Results of the elections will be announced at the meeting, and the introduction and induction of the new BOD will take place at the January BOD meeting.

b)

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Territorial Governor, and Range Operations Officer shall serve two-year terms. Beginning with the 2020/2021 elections, the terms of office will be staggered; the President, Secretary and Territorial Governor will be elected for a one-year term for 2020, and the Vice President, Treasurer and Range Operations Office will be elected for the two-year term 2020/2021. From 2021 on, elections will be held every year, and the three BOD positions whose terms expire will be elected for two-year terms.

Section 4.5 Removal and Resignation

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the BOD at any time pursuant to (a) the vote of a majority of the directors then on the Board at a regular or special meeting or (b) the unanimous written consent of the BOD. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Club to take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein.

Section 4.6 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the BOD shall be held once a month to discuss the ordinary operations of the Club; Board meeting dates and times to be announced. All members of the Club are welcome to attend and participate in Board meetings. BOD meetings will be chaired by the President and will follow *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Section 4.7 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the BOD for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President or his/her designee. Any member of the Club can request a special meeting upon written notice to the Secretary. A 30-day notice will be posted via the Club's newsletter noting the date, time, place and subject of such meeting. Members in good standing are authorized to vote on matters brought forth to the membership. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the members of the BOD must be present to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Club. Except provided in these Bylaws, the BOD may, with the agreement of the majority of members, take action without meeting as long as each Board member has been contacted and advised of the action.

ARTICLE V. OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 5.1 Amendments

A proposed amendment to these Bylaws may be introduced by any member of the Club at any regular meeting or special meeting. A two-thirds vote by the BOD is needed before the proposed amendment is passed along to the Club membership. Proposed amendments approved by the BOD will then be voted upon by Club members at the next scheduled BOD meeting. Voting will be done by secret ballot; members unable to attend and vote in-person may request a mail-in ballot. A simple majority by Club members is required to pass BOD proposed amendments.

Section 5.2 Dissolution

Should the Club be dissolved, its assets shall be transferred to other viable Cowboy Action Shooting non-profit organization(s) having purposes broadly similar to those of the Club, as may be selected by the BOD.

Section 5.3 Transition

These Bylaws shall replace all previous Bylaws of the Club and shall become effective upon approval of two-thirds of the BOD.