

BYLAWS

BAY GUN CLUB

PORT LAVACA, TEXAS

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be known as **Bay Gun Club**.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an association of members, sharing a common interest in shooting sports and who support the inalienable Second Amendment rights of the individual American citizen. We encourage responsible shooting activities among residents of our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such person in the safe handling and proper care of firearms, coupled with improved marksmanship. Our further purpose is to promote the development of honesty, fellowship, self-discipline, and good sportsmanship among members of the Bay Gun Club.

Article III

Membership

(a). Any law abiding citizen of the United States who is 21 years or older; or a licensed peace officer; who is not prohibited by Texas or Federal law from owning or possessing a firearm; who is of good moral character and subscribes to the purpose of this Club; who is not a member of any organization or group having as a purpose, the overthrow of the government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; shall, and on payment of dues and completion of all paperwork and a board approved background check will be eligible to be a member of this Club.

(b). A club membership includes family members living in the member's house. Family members are defined as the spouse and any children who are younger than 21 years old.

(c). Each member must sign a Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk of Dangers and Hazards.

Article IV Dues and Fees

- (a). The new member dues and renewal dues shall be determined yearly by the Executive Committee and ratified by vote of the total membership present.
- (b). All members of the club shall be assessed the annual dues, excluding the executive committee.
- (c) Dues changes must be approved by a majority of the membership present at the voting meeting.

Article V Meetings

(a). Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the club shall be held on the first Wednesday in February of each year (or on such other date as determined by the Executive Committee) at such place and at such hour as may be fixed by resolution of the Executive Committee and on any subsequent day or days to which such meeting may be adjourned, for the purposes of electing officers and of transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. If for any reason the Annual Meeting shall not be held on the day designated herein, the Executive Committee shall cause the Annual Meeting to be held as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

(b). Regular Meetings. The regular business meeting of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month, at such time and place as established by the Executive Committee.

(c). Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President of the club, a majority of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than twenty (20%) percent of the MEMBERS entitled to vote. In such event, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the club to fix the place, time and day of the meeting to be held and to give due notice thereof. If the Secretary of the club shall neglect or refuse to fix the place, hour and day of such Special Meeting and give notice thereof, the President of the club may do so.

(d). Notice of Meetings. Electronic mail notice of every annual or special meetings of the Members shall be given by the Secretary of the club to each member in such a manner as to ensure proper notification of the time and place of such meetings. Any notice required or permitted by these Bylaws to be given to a member or officer of the club shall be given by electronic mail. By electronic mail, a notice is deemed delivered when accepted by the electronic address given by the person and on file with the club records.

Article VI Officers

- (a). The officers of this Club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, range officer(s), and range/grounds manager(s) who, when acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer, range officer(s), and range/grounds manager(s) shall be elected by the majority vote of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the Club. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected or appointed. Only members in good standing with the club may hold office.
- (b). The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the Club activities.
- (c). Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such time and place and in such fashion as the Executive Committee may determine. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any time on call of the president or on demand by two members of the Executive Committee.
- (d). Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.
- (e). Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- (f). A vacancy in the Executive Committee shall be filled by nominations at the next regular or special Club meeting with elections to be held at the following regular or special Club meeting.
- (g). The Executive Committee has the authority to appoint an interim officer to perform the specific duties of the appointed office until that office can be filled by an election.
- (h). The Executive Committee is approved to pay out meal expenses for all special meetings, not to exceed \$100 and not to exceed 3 meetings per year.

Article VII Duties of officers

- (a). President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee as defined by Robert's Rules of Order. He shall be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to his office. The

president shall appoint standing or special committees as may be required by the bylaws or as he may find necessary.

(b). Vice-president. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence or at his request and shall perform other duties as assigned by the president. He shall provide responsible oversight of all capital equipment owned by the Club.

(c). Secretary/Treasurer. The secretary/treasurer shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the Club and shall maintain a complete record of all correspondence and transactions. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and Club. He shall have custody of the books and papers pertaining to the Club. He shall be responsible for collection of dues, paying of bills, and preparing a detailed accurate account of all funds of the Club and place same in such financial institution(s) approved by the Executive Committee.

(d). Range Officer(s). The range officer shall have charge of the range(s) of the club and be responsible for range safety and arms instruction, as well as planning, coordinating, and implementing the range events of the Club. He shall interface as necessary with external entities to schedule activities and facilities as required to fulfill the objectives, requests, and decisions of the membership.

(e). Range/Grounds Manager(s). The range/grounds manager(s) are responsible for maintenance of all targets, frames, buildings, weed control, fertilizer, and insect control. All parts and needs will be addressed at each regular meeting.

Article VIII

Suspension or Expulsion

(a). Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least 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 taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

(b). Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least 15 days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(c). Complaints against any officer or member may be presented by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such complaints shall be filed with

the Secretary/Treasurer, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the complaints. The Secretary/Treasurer will give at least 15 days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the complaints and of the support in the form of affidavits and/or exhibits.

(d). Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. He may do so six months after the date of his suspension. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the members for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary/Treasurer shall give at least 15 days of notice to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the special meeting the Secretary/Treasurer 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 Executive Committee 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 vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee. If a member is suspended or expelled by the Police Chief, then that member stays suspended or expelled until such time the Police Chief determines otherwise.

Article IX Rules

(a). Firearm Safety. All members shall adhere to the 4 rules of firearm safety as is practical.

(b). Match Rules, both rifle and pistol competitions held by the club, will be governed by the range officer(s) and approved by the Executive Committee.

(b). General Rules. All members of the Club shall abide by and comply with the Club Range Policy and all safety requirements contained therein or posted at the Club facilities. All persons using the range are responsible for their own acts and/or omissions. They must obey posted safety rules, exercise good safety sense, and show a spirit of cooperation toward keeping the range safe, clean and in orderly condition.

Article X Amendments

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose. They must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose provided a copy of the approved amendments has been sent to each club member at least ten days prior to the meeting. Contact for proposed amendment changes shall be made by email. A two-thirds vote at a regular meeting will allow the Committee to trigger a total membership vote via email. This vote must be a majority vote and thirty percent of members must vote.

**Article XI
Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Bay Gun Club, property and equipment belonging to the club will be sold as necessary to satisfy outstanding debts of the club. All remaining funds and equipment shall be donated to the City of Port Lavaca, TX.

**Article XII
Vacancies**

Any vacancy in any office other than the President shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the President of the club, his/her duties shall be assumed by the Vice-President.