

**By-Laws**

**of**

**The Rio Grande Renegades**

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## **Article 1: Club Name and Purpose**

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be the Rio Grande Renegades of Albuquerque, New Mexico hereinafter known as the Club.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Club is to provide services and facilities for the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) and to promote cowboy action shooting in Albuquerque and New Mexico.
- 1.3 The Rio Grande Renegades shall be affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society hereafter known as SASS.
- 1.4 The officers and management committee of the Club shall be known as the Town Council.

## **Article 2: Membership**

- 2.1 Anyone under the age of 18 years who wishes to apply for membership must submit the appropriate membership form to the Town Council together with a letter of Parental/Guardian endorsement. These membership requests will be considered on an individual basis. If approved, a Half-Year provisional membership will be granted where the individual will need to demonstrate his/her ability to safely compete in CAS. The Town Council reserves the right to terminate the provisional membership at any time. If the member completes the provisional membership to the satisfaction of the Town Council then full membership will be approved.
- 2.2 Members are classified as follows:
  - 2.2.1 Adult Member: Anyone 18 years and older
  - 2.2.2 Young Gun: A junior from 12 to 17 years of age
  - 2.2.3 Buckaroo and Buckarette: A junior under 12 years of age
- 2.3 Junior members must be supervised by a parent or guardian during all Club activities.
- 2.4 All members under 18 years of age must have parental or guardian consent to participate in Club activities.
- 2.5 Membership Categories and Dues
  - 2.5.1 Membership categories and dues may be set and changed from time to time by vote of the Town Council.
  - 2.5.2 All annual dues for the Club year are payable by the 25th of March.
  - 2.5.3 Daily membership is required of any guests (anyone not a regular eligible RGR member) who wishes to experience CAS with the Club.
- 2.6 If dues are not paid by April 15, the member will be considered delinquent and removed from the rolls. A delinquent member may rejoin the Club at any time if otherwise an eligible member.

- 2.7 A member may be removed from the Club by a majority vote of the Town Council. A member or guest may be removed from a match by a majority of the Town Council present. Removal from the Club or Club activities for either a member or guest may be temporary or permanent as decided by the Town Council.
- 2.8 Reasons for the removal shall be:
  - 2.8.1 Safety Concerns;
  - 2.8.2 Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances during a match or Club activity;
  - 2.8.3 Unruly, rude, or disrespectful behavior calculated to bring the Club into disrepute;
  - 2.8.4 Any such member will have no claim on the Club for any subscriptions, dues or match fees paid;
  - 2.8.5 Such members may have the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting provided intention of such is given to the Secretary within 14 days of termination of membership.
- 2.9 A member may resign from the Club at any time upon verbal or written notice to the Secretary.
- 2.10 Individual membership in SASS is not required but is highly recommended. An additional fee may be assessed to any member of RGR who is not a SASS member.
- 2.11 All members will adhere to all SASS rules governing dress and firearms.
- 2.12 All guests including visiting members of other CAS clubs will adhere to all rules of the Rio Grande Renegades.
- 2.13 Eligible members are members in good standing whose dues are current.

### **Article 3: Officers and Administration**

- 3.1 The Club shall be managed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and up to five other members who will form the management committee hereinafter known as the Town Council.
- 3.2 An eligible member may be proposed for an officer position by submitting his/her name to a current member of the Town Council at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
  - 3.2.1 The AGM will take place before the end of March.
  - 3.2.2 All officers are to be elected for a term of one year to take effect the first of the month following the AGM.
  - 3.2.3 Each person elected shall hold only one office at a time.
  - 3.2.4 There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive times a person may hold office.
  - 3.2.5 All officers standing for contested posts shall be elected by ballot which may be secret.
  - 3.2.6 All officers must be eligible members of the Club.
- 3.3 If there is a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President will become President. As soon as practicable a special meeting will be held to elect a Vice President.
- 3.4 If there is a vacancy in any of the other officer positions, the President may appoint an interim officer to fill that position until the next AGM.
- 3.5 Any officer can be removed from office with or without cause by a two-thirds vote of eligible members at a regular or special meeting where previous notice has been given.
- 3.6 A Territorial Governor will be elected at the same time as Club officers, but will not be an officer of the Club. In the event of a tie vote of the Town Council, the Territorial Governor shall cast the deciding vote.

### **Article 4: Duties of Officers and Councilors.**

#### **4.1 President a.k.a. Mayor**

The President shall be responsible for conducting club meetings and for general oversight of Club operations and planning.

#### **4.2 Vice President a.k.a. Deputy Mayor**

The Vice President shall assume such responsibilities as are delegated by the President and shall serve as President in the President's absence.

#### **4.3 Secretary a.k.a. Town Clerk**

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and keeping of minutes of all Club meetings and for general administration of club affairs.

4.4 Treasurer a.k.a. Banker

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administration of all the Club's financial affairs.

4.5 Safety Officer a.k.a. Town Sheriff

The Sheriff shall be responsible for all aspects of safety at Hayes City.

4.6 Building Construction and Maintenance a.k.a. Town Blacksmith

The Blacksmith shall be responsible for the upkeep of buildings and shooting props at Hayes City.

4.7 Public Relations & Recruitment a.k.a. Town Crier

The Town Crier shall be responsible for communications with the public at large and for recruitment.

4.8 Membership Clerk a.k.a. Town Librarian

The Membership Clerk shall be responsible for accurately maintaining membership records and processing new member applications.

4.9 All officers shall perform the duties assigned to them in a safe and efficient manner within the bylaws and appropriate state and federal legislation.

4.10 In addition, the Council may add up to two additional RGR members to temporary positions during a membership year. Should these positions be considered essential to the ongoing function of the Club then they will be open for election by the membership along with all other council positions at the next AGM.

## **Article 5: Financial Management**

5.1 All assets of the Club shall be managed by the Town Council which may incur debt, pay bills and collect funds. In addition, the Town Council shall represent and defend, or cause to be defended, the Club and its officers against any claims or demand in respect to any liability properly incurred in the course of Club business or activities.

5.2 Any officer or member receiving money on behalf of the Club shall forthwith pass same to the Treasurer.

5.3 The Council shall annually appoint three eligible members of the Club to act as auditors to the accounts. These members must be other than Town Councilors.

5.4 Together, the auditors shall examine the accounts along with all supporting documentation at least once annually prior to the AGM. The auditors shall select one member to make an oral presentation at the AGM. The auditors may, at any other time, inspect any books, documents, or any other property of the Club in the possession of any officer or member and make a report thereon to the Town Council.

5.5 Club funds shall be used for the benefit of the Club and its members. Contributions of Club funds may, in the discretion of the Town Council, be made to individuals

and other organizations in appropriate circumstances (i.e. death, injury, good causes). In addition, special shoots may be set on scheduled match days or on non-scheduled match days to support charities/good causes keeping in mind the Club has members of various social and religious beliefs and the Club should avoid direct religious donations or donations in support of controversial issues. Any member in good standing may approach any member of the Town Council with a request for a special shoot. That council member will bring the matter to the attention of the full Town Council.

## **Article 6: Meetings**

- 6.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held before the end of March at a time and place to be determined by the Town Council. No less than 10 days prior to the AGM, notice must be given of the date, time and place of said meeting. The AGM is for selecting the Town Council and any other business that requires a membership vote.
- 6.2 A quorum is required for the conducting of business requiring the vote of the membership. A quorum consists of 25 eligible members or 25% of the eligible membership of the Club, whichever is less.
- 6.3 Regular Meetings of the Club can be convened prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Match of each month.
- 6.4 Special Meetings may be called by eligible members upon written request to the Secretary. This request must be made at least 14 days prior to the Special Meeting and must be requested by at least 10 eligible members of the Club or by at least three members of the Town Council.
- 6.5 The rules contained within “Robert`s Rules of Order: Simplified and Applied” shall govern meetings where they are not in conflict with the bylaws, rules of order, or other rules of the Club.

## **Article 7: Dissolution**

- 7.1 Previous notice and a vote of two-thirds of the eligible membership at a Special General Meeting can dissolve the Club. All outstanding debts and liabilities will be paid. The remaining money and club assets, if any, will be disposed of by decision made during the Special General Meeting at which dissolution is voted.



### **Article 8: Amendment of Bylaws**

- 8.1 These bylaws may be amended at either a Special Meeting or an AGM. Any proposed changes should be forwarded to the Secretary in sufficient time for the Secretary to give at least 14 days prior notice to the membership.
- 8.2 Proposed amendments will be presented to the members at one of the above meetings and will require a simple majority vote by eligible members present provided a quorum is achieved.

### **Article 9: Hayes City Dress Code**

- 9.1 During official RGR matches all SASS dress codes for shooting categories will be adhered to with the exception of special needs requirements such as medical necessity or weather. Any member falling short of this code will be asked to comply. Failure to do so may result in the member being asked to leave for that particular match.
- 9.2 During practice sessions the dress code may be more informal but members are asked to remember that the RGR is a CAS club and to reflect this in their attire.