# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE BLACK CREEK GUN CLUB CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Black Creek Gun Club

#### ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of the club is to provide its members with adequate and safe facilities for the shooting sports and sanctioned competition matches and to promote the shooting sports within our local communities.

## ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of all club members. All members must complete, in full, the membership application / renewal form, sign a waiver, provide a legal photo I.D. that includes the applicant's legal name, current address, birth date and photo and pay membership dues. Photo I.D.'s and waiver are required from everyone included in the family membership, spouse, and children age 22 or younger that live at home and attend school full time. Can live away at college if enrolled full time. Who has a Driver's License or Permit and will be shooting at the club. Applicant for new membership must have their membership dues paid in full and attend a safety orientation meeting (must sign the safety orientation rules sheet). All members must notify the BCGC organization if they (or anyone included in their family membership) have been convicted of a felony.

# ARTICLE IV. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Any person of good character who may legally own / possess a firearm and is at least 18 years old shall be eligible.

## ARTICLE V. OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Club Officers and members of the Board of Directors must be club members in good standing.

The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary / Treasurer position can be combined as one position. These are elected positions and are held for four-year terms. An officer may be re-elected without limitations to the number of terms he/she may serve. If there is a time when a member is not running for a needed position then the previously elected member may maintain that position for the next four-year term, if they so desire.

Board of Directors (BOD): Members are elected by the Officers and other members of the BOD by two-thirds of the voters at a meeting. A BOD member can be removed from the Board by two-thirds vote of the Officers and BOD members, if the BOD member has not attended a meeting in 2 years.

# ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Shall be responsible for the general welfare, safety, and development of the club, in accordance with the wishes of the Membership present at meetings and shall preside at all meetings. Responsibilities include submitting of taxes.

Vice-President: Shall assist the President and act in the absence of the President.

Secretary: Shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all club meetings. The Secretary shall assist with newsletters or any club communications and shall process all

member applications (new and renewal), waivers, safety sheets, distribute new membership cards and lock combination information.

Treasurer: Shall receive club monies, maintain a club bank account and keep accurate accounting of all club monies. He/she shall be responsible for paying all club debts, with club monies, such as rent, taxes or other bills.

Board of Directors (BOD): The BOD shall assist the Officers in investigating and reviewing details of any situation or problems concerning the club. They shall make recommendations for any problem resolution. The BOD shall make recommendations for improved safety and/or improvements to the club. The BOD shall review the Constitution and By-Laws every four years, with the newly elected Officers, in May, coinciding with the election of new Officers.

## ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Club Members Meetings (open meetings) shall be held, at minimum, of once a year. Notice of a general Members Meeting shall be posted at the club and/or sent in a member's letter or e-mail.

Board of Directors Meetings (including the Officers): Club Officers and the BOD shall meet at least twice a year (once during the open member meeting) or more as deemed necessary by the President, Officers or Board members.

## ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Committees shall be appointed by the President or with the approval of the President, through the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or a member of the BOD.

# ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS

Officers shall be nominated and elections held during the annual Member's meeting in April and take office in May. Elections, by secret ballot, shall be held every four years or sooner if it is necessary to replace a resigning officer. Replacement officers shall hold office until the completion of the original term such that the re-election schedule is maintained. Winner of an election is by majority vote.

Nominees for Officer positions shall be members in good standing and must have been so for at least the 3 consecutive prior years. The Board of Directors has the power to override this requirement by 2/3 vote of attending BOD members.

# ARTICLE X. CHANGES to the CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Any member may suggest an amendment in writing to a club Officer or member of the BOD. Any proposed changes will be posted at the club and/or put in a letter / e-mail and will include information concerning the proposed amendment or alteration.

To determine if an alteration or amendment to this Constitution and By-Laws will be approved, the members present and voting shall vote for or against such amendments or alterations. The decision will be determined by two-thirds vote. This may be done by open or closed ballot whichever the President decides is best for the integrity of the club.

## **BY-LAWS**

## SECTION I. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Any applicant to membership in the Club must be 18 years or older, complete an application and waiver, provide a photo ID, receive safety training, and sign a safety sheet, and pay membership dues.

Family Membership includes the primary member, spouse, and children (age 22 or younger) in school full time that live at the same address, (includes children that are living away while attending college full time). Applicants must be accepted by at least 2 club officials (officers and BOD).

# SECTION II. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Club members shall refrain from using profanity or under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on Club property.

Club members shall not take part in any shooting sport while intoxicated. His condition shall be determined by the Match Director or Range Officer.

If a member is inebriated, he/she shall lose their membership permanently (banned and barred, as necessary, and receive no refund).

All members and their guests must completely fill out the log-in / log-out book at each visit. Guests must fill out a waiver prior to shooting at the range. All members are responsible for their guests. A member may bring the same guest twice. After that, the guest is encouraged to join the Black Creek Gun Club. A guest may only use our range twice; it does not matter which member brings the guest they are only allowed two visits in total. Exceptions may be allowed by the President upon request.

Safety is of the greatest importance; therefore, any member or guest found endangering others or property by flagrant disregard of safe firearms handling practices and/or the club's safety rules, may be required to leave the Club grounds and/or subject to SECTION V.

## SECTION III. GENERAL RULES

No member shall remove a piece of equipment from Club premises for any purpose unless authorized by the Officers or members of the BOD. To do so, the member is subject to SECTION V.

Any member willfully destroying or misusing equipment or property of the Club shall be fined an amount sufficient to replace same and subject to SECTION V.

Any member leaving the club membership shall return all Club property to the President, Vice-President. No member shall make any purchase and/or transact any business of any nature for or in the name of the Club without written authorization of the President or Vice-President. To do so the member is subject to SECTION V.

The Constitution and By-Laws shall be provided on the web site (www.BlackCreekGunClub.com or current) and/or posted in the clubhouse.

Voting membership shall consist of 1 registered member per paid membership, who is at least 18 years old and present at the meeting.

# SECTION IV. DUES

Annual dues shall be \$125.00 per year; the due date shall be on the application. New members shall be charged an additional \$25.00 fee for administrative services. For renewal of membership, a late fee of \$15 will be added to any renewal received (that has a postmark date) after September 30<sup>th</sup>. A 25% reduction of yearly dues shall be given to a Law Enforcement Officer with proof of current employment.

# SECTION V. DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

The dismissal of a member shall be by majority vote from the Officers and BOD. Written notice, including an explanation for this action, shall be sent to the dismissed member. Membership dues will not be refunded.

# SECTION VI. ASSET DISTRIBUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this organization will be turned over to one or more recreational organizations which are exempt from Federal Income Tax as described in sections 501(C) (7) and 170 (C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1978 *or* the corresponding provisions of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code.

# SECTION VII. PRIOR REGULATIONS

All previous rules, agreements, and regulation of the Club, upon acceptance of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be null and void.

These Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by the Black Creek Gun Club in regular meeting held in April of 2017.

| Signature: _ |                      | Date: |
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| -            | President            |       |
| Signature:   | Vice-President       | Date: |
|              | Vide i redident      |       |
| Signature: _ | Secretary/ Treasurer | Date: |
| Signature: _ |                      | Date: |
|              | Member of BOD        |       |
| Signature: _ | Marshar of DOD       | Date: |
|              | Member of BOD        |       |
| Signature: _ |                      | Date: |
|              | Member of BOD        |       |