

# Solon Sportsmen's Association, Incorporated

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## Bylaws

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## I - Definitions:

- 1 - The name of the corporate organization shall be "Solon Sportsmen's Association, Incorporated". The corporate organization may be abbreviated as "SSA".

## II - The purpose or purposes for which said corporation is formed:

- 1 - To promote the interest of legitimate sport with rod, gun and dogs, to propagate and re-stock our suitable fields with game.
- 2 - To uphold and enforce the Laws for the protection and propagation of game within the State in general, and in particular, the territory covered by the organization.
- 3 - To cultivate good will and seek the co-operation of farmers and land owners and assist them in every way possible in the protection of their property from damage by persons in pursuit of game; to further such legislation as is proper.
- 4 - To provide better hunting and to establish Game Sanctuaries.
- 5 - To promote interest in hunting, trap shooting, skeet shooting, rifle shooting, pistol shooting, fishing, bait casting, boating, and other lawful sports, to aid in the protection of fish, birds, and game, and to promote and provide social and athletic recreation for its members, to give and promote entertainments, lectures, social affairs, celebrations, exhibitions, games, amusements of any and all descriptions for the general enjoyment.
- 6 - To provide shooting matches among its own members and members of other similarly constituted organizations for the benefit, enjoyment, instruction, and well-being of its members, to establish and own shooting galleries and the necessary equipment for them.
- 7 - To purchase or lease land, and to maintain and operate buildings, club houses, or other structures as incidental to the above purposes, and to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the same.
- 8 - To do everything and anything reasonably and lawfully necessary, proper, suitable, or convenient for the achievement of the purposes above stated, or for any of them, or for the furtherance of the said purposes.

## III - Meetings:

- 1 - The regular monthly meeting shall be held at a time, date and place, as determined by the Board of Trustees. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be emailed to those corporation members that have a valid email address, and sent via USPS to those without an email to the address on file, at least four days before such meeting
- 2 - The Board of Trustees shall meet once a month for the transaction of business. It shall hold special meetings at the call of the President, or upon request of the majority of the Trustees
- 3 - At all regular membership meetings, twenty members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall attend.
- 4 - At each annual meeting of the Corporation, trustees shall be elected by ballot, among the members, to hold office for two years. In order for a member to be considered for Office, he/she shall have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 1 year. For each even year, four (4) trustees shall be elected to a two-year term and for each odd year, three (3) trustees shall be elected to a two-year term.

- 5 - The result of each election shall be entered in full on the records of the meeting, and the persons chosen shall be notified immediately of their election.
- 6 - In case any person elected a trustee shall not, within fifteen days after the date of his election, signify his acceptance of the office, the Board of Trustees may declare a vacancy to exist, and fill the vacancy. The Board of Trustees shall have power to fill a vacancy.

#### IV - Officers:

- 1 - The Trustees shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, from their own members. The President shall appoint committees from the membership, as shall from time to time be deemed necessary. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained. In all cases, when the Board of Trustees is evenly divided, the President shall have the deciding vote.
- 2 - In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Board of Trustees shall fill the same as early as practicable. The President may designate an officer to act during the absence of the Secretary or Treasurer or other officer, or in the case of vacancy in such an office.
- 3 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, and of the Board of Trustees. The president shall sign all notes, contracts, and other instruments in writing, unless where the Vice-President does so, under and by the direction of the Board of Trustees. The President, however, shall not sign any writing, obligating the Corporation, except upon order of the Board of Trustees, and he shall at all times abide by the decision of the Board. The President shall appoint and be a member of all committees.
- 4 - In case of a vacancy in the office of President, or in case of the President's absence or inability to act, the Vice-President shall preside and exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President, and shall generally discharge such executive duties as the President may from time to time discharge.
- 5 - The Secretary shall notify the Trustees of the time and place of all meetings of the Board. The Secretary shall also notify all members of the time and place of all special membership meetings at least four days in advance of such meetings. He shall officiate at all meetings of the Trustees and Corporation as clerk, and record all proceedings of said meetings and such records shall be signed by the presiding officer of such meeting and by the Secretary, and the minutes of all Trustee meetings shall be read at regular Corporation meetings, without discussion. The Secretary shall be custodian of all documents, books, papers, maps, records, letters and other papers not required to be kept by some other officer.
- 6 - The Treasury shall be operated according to the "Treasury Operation Rules".
- 7 - A Trustee, negligent in his duties, can only be voted out by the membership

#### V - Membership Qualifications:

- 1 - Any applicant shall be eligible for membership in the Corporation providing he/she meets current membership qualifications.
- 2 - Filling out proper application packet.
- 3 - Approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees.
- 4 - Payment of initiation fee plus dues for the current year.

- 5 - Members agree to spend at least eight hours of work per year in Corporation projects as requested by Corporation Officers or Committee Chairman. Probationary members cannot “buy out” of work assessments for their first full year of membership.
- 6 - All members of the Corporation shall be subject to all Local, State, and Federal rules and regulations.
- 7 - Must have a current membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA). A photo copy of your membership card is required, and must be kept up to date during membership
- 8 - New members shall be on Probation for a period of one year from join date
- 9 - Former members who rejoin shall be on Probation for a period of one year from join date.
- 10 - Probationary members shall not have voting rights

## VI - Annual Assessments:

- 1 - Annual membership dues (including any work party assessment) will be payable at the January meeting or within 30 days thereafter. Hardship cases will be reviewed on a per case basis by the Board of Trustees.

## VII - Suspension and Expulsion of Members:

- 1 - For failure to pay annual dues at the time specified in the Bylaws of this Corporation.
- 2 - For conduct in violation of any safety regulation and/or for conduct unbecoming a member.
- 3 - For failure to contribute at least eight hours of work per year in Corporation projects as requested by Corporation Officers or Committee Chairman or pay the appropriate assessment. (Probationary members see Article V, Number 5).
- 4 - A suspended member will be notified in writing at least seven days before the Trustees meeting, at which time he may appear and appeal his suspension. If suspension is because of non-payment of dues, reinstatement will be made, upon approval of the Board of Trustees, with the understanding that said member immediately pay annual dues of the current year plus any work penalties accrued.

## VIII - Divisions:

- 1 - The Corporation may be divided into divisions as deemed necessary. Each division shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of Trustees.

## IX - Committees (as needed):

- 1 - An Auditing Committee, which shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and shall report at the February meeting.
- 2 - A Ways and Means Committee to devise and direct the plan for raising money for carrying on the work of the Corporation.
- 3 - Nominations for officers/Trustees can be made during the August, September, and October meetings. Nominations will be closed at the November meeting.

## X - Order of Business - Annual Meeting:

- 1 - Meeting called to order by President and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

- 2 - Minutes read of Board of Trustee meeting.
- 3 - Reading and approval of minutes of the prior annual meeting.
- 4 - Consideration of amendments.
- 5 - Election of Trustees.
- 6 - Reports of Officers.
- 7 - Reports of Chairmen of Standing Committees.
- 8 - Reports of Chairmen of Special Committees.
- 9 - Miscellaneous “Old” and “New” Business.
- 10 - Adjournment.

## **XI - Order of Business - Regular Meetings:**

- 1 - Meeting called to order by President.
- 2 - Reading and approval of minutes of the last Trustee meeting.
- 3 - Reading and approval of minutes of the last Membership meeting.
- 4 - Reading of communications.
- 5 - Report of Treasurer.
- 6 - Report of Committee Chairmen.
- 7 - Unfinished business.
- 8 - New business.
- 9 - Announcements.
- 10 - Discussion.
- 11 - Adjournment.
- 12 - Program of entertainment.

## **XII - Amendments:**

- 1 - These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Association, providing the proposed revisions have been read at the previous meeting. Notice to the membership of the reading of the proposed revisions and voting thereon, should be given in writing at least four days prior to such meetings. Members with a valid email address on file with the Secretary will be emailed. Members without an email on file will be sent such amendments via USPS with their address on file.
- 2 - Dissolution. This corporation may be dissolved voluntarily pursuant to the requirements of O.R.C. Sections 1702.47 and 1701.87, et seq. The Active Voting Members of the SSA, at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose of considering the issue of dissolution, either present in person or by duly approved and recorded proxy votes, may by an affirmative majority vote, or by a such lesser amount as enumerated in Article III, above, adopt a resolution of dissolution of the corporation. Assets of the dissolved corporation, after all debts and liabilities have been settled, shall be evenly distributed to all non-probationary members on the current year's roster of the date of filing for dissolution.

### XIII - Rules:

- 1 - The rules contained in Cushing's Manual or Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all cases wherein they do not conflict with the rule of the Corporation.