

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

Range Rules

Approved by Corral November 4, 2021

Article I – Name and Purpose

Our name is: **Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, Inc.** a corral duly registered corral of **Westerners International** assigned Certificate of Registration No. 117.

The purpose of the Corral is to bring together westerners in warm fellowship, who share a common interest, zeal for discovering, disseminating knowledge, and understanding of the American Frontier West.

The Corral will meet each month at Campfire (meeting) to encourage historical research and preservation, to promote Western lore and history through presentations, publications, awards, and preservation of archival records, documents, sites, and other evidences of the Old West which otherwise might be lost to posterity.

Further, to this end, the Corral will seek to establish assistive and cooperative relationships with other Corrals, historical societies, with the museums and archives.

Article II – Membership

Membership in the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, Inc. may be held in three ways:

1. **Ranch Hands:** Ranch Hands (members) will have all privileges of membership including the right to attend Campfires, run for office, vote in Corral elections, and to receive the Buckskin Bulletin and any publications of the Corral including the monthly Fremont Street Mail and the quarterly Border Vidette, the Range Rules.

To become a Ranch Hand, a person will:

- 1) Complete a membership application and pay the first year's dues.
- 2) Should be familiar with the Range Rules, which will be provided upon request by the Recorder of Marks and Brands at the time of application.
- 3) Ranch Hand Duties and Privileges:
 - a) Encouraged to attend Campfires and Trail Rides and to submit articles to Corral publications.
 - b) Should pay dues in a timely fashion by the December meeting for the coming year.
 - c) Should keep the Recorder of Marks and Brands informed of changes in address, email address and phone numbers.
 - d) Are encouraged to and have the privilege to wear Western Dress at Campfires.

2. **Family Members:** The non-dues paying family members of all active Ranch Hands will be welcome at all Campfires and Range Rides, but do not have a vote or hold office nor will they be reported to Westerners International as members. All Dues Paying Ranch Hands must be reported to Westerners International as members.
3. **Honorary Ranch Hand:** The status of Honorary Ranch Hand may be conferred by a majority vote of the Posse upon any person who through exceptional activity has added materially to the knowledge and understanding of the American West. Honorary Ranch Hands will have all the privileges of membership but will be exempt from paying dues.

Article III – Officers

1. **Elective Officers:** Elections will be held annually, normally at the November Campfire. In-coming officers shall assume their new duties at the Campfire in January. Outgoing officers will turn over all Corral records and provide instruction to incoming officers during the interim period.

Nominations: In July of each year the Deputy Sheriff will begin the recruiting of officers for the coming year. Ranch Hands should contact the Deputy Sheriff if they are interested in holding office. The slate of nominees will normally be presented at the October Campfire. Nominations may also come from the floor at said Campfire. All nominees must be Ranch Hands in good standing. Election will be by majority vote of the Ranch Hands present. Officers, except for the Corral “Rep”, will hold their positions for one year; Corral “Rep” is a three-year position.

By-elections: In the event that an elected officer can no longer fulfill their duties, an election for that position should be held at the next regular meeting.

The elected officers of the Corral will include and their duties will be:

a. Sheriff:

- 1) Performs the duties normally associated with a chairman, to chair the Campfires. The Sheriff must be familiar with the Range Rules and follow the stated agenda to maintain good order and discipline.
- 2) Ensures that all elected and appointed positions remain filled.
- 3) Ensures that officers have the information and resources to perform their jobs.
- 4) Fills appointive positions and oversees their work.
- 5) Organizes the annual effort to follow up on lapsed Ranch Hands and encourage them to remain active.
- 6) Passes the Pony Up Jar explaining its purpose and passes money collected to the Keeper of the Chips.
- 7) Contributes the column known as Sheriff’s Star to the Fremont Street Mail.
- 8) Distributes an agenda of the coming meeting of the Posse.

b. Deputy Sheriff:

- 1) Acts as Sheriff in the event the Sheriff cannot attend a Campfire, Trail Ride, or event. Becomes Sheriff in the event that the Sheriff is no longer able to fulfill the duties of the office.
 - 2) Encourages Ranch Hands to submit award applications to Westerners International through the Recorder of Marks and Brands. (See addendum and current requirements on the Westerners International website).
 - 3) Deputy Sheriff's Blotter: contributes the to the Fremont Street Mail.
- c. Ink Slinger:**
- 1) Edits the quarterly journal, Border Vidette, for the Corral.
 - 2) Maintains the Corral's website www.CochiseCountyCorral.org.
- d. Printer's Devil:**
- 1) Encouraged to write at least two articles per year about Corral activities for the Buckskin Bulletin.
 - 2) Edits the monthly newsletter, Fremont Street Mail, publishing on the Tuesday after Campfire by sending the manuscript to the Recorder of Marks and Brands for email distribution and to the Ink Slinger for publication on the website.
- e. Recorder of Marks and Brands:**
- 1) Performs the duties and responsibilities normally performed by a secretary or adjutant.
 - 2) Keeps the minutes of each monthly Campfire (see addendum).
 - 3) Maintains the Range Rules, Corral archive, and forms, including but not limited to membership applications, Corral flyers and current Ranch Hand Roster.
 - 4) Receives and forwards all Corral correspondence including checks and payments, publications, and correspondence with Westerners International including the forwarding of annual awards packets. All incoming and outgoing mail (except that specifically sent by the Home Ranch to the Corral Rep or Statutory Agent) must be mailed by and should be addressed to the Recorder.
 - 5) In March, or as required by Westerners International, forwards the current count of Ranch Hands together with dues assessment, and names of Sheriff and Corral Rep, including their mailing and email addresses, to Westerners International. Requirements from Westerners International may vary in some years, so that the current roster of officers and Ranch Hands including name, address, email address and phone numbers may be required.
 - 6) Reports and receives monies as needed for postage, supplies and document reproduction.
 - 7) Upon approval of expenditure by the Posse, disburse necessary checks received from the Keeper of the Chips.
 - 8) Provides a membership roster to the Corral for correction and approval in April and distribution in May to the Ranch Hands.
 - 9) Prepares membership badges for all Ranch Hands and has them available at the Campfires.
 - 10) Contributes the Recorder of Marks and Brands column to the Fremont Street Mail.

f. Keeper of the Chips:

- 1) Performs the duties and responsibilities of a treasurer.
- 2) Collects and deposits the dues of Ranch Hands along with any corrections to address, email address and phone number and reports the same by roster to the Recorder of Marks and Brands at each Campfire. The roster will normally be maintained in Excel and printed out in Word or other word processing program.
- 3) Collects and deposits the dues from new Ranch Hands, receiving their applications and delivering them promptly to the Recorder of Marks and Brands together with the duly amended roster.
- 4) Creates and distributes Membership Cards to the Ranch Hands.
- 5) Reports the opening and closing balances in the Corral account at all Campfires together with the sum of all collections and disbursements. This report will be prepared and ready for distribution prior to the start of Campfire.
- 6) Maintains the Corral bank accounts and balances the books in a timely manner and deposits all incoming funds (Tip Jar, Raffle, Pony Up, etc.) in a timely manner.
- 7) Signs all checks and delivers them to the Recorder of Marks and Brands for disbursement.
- 8) Contributes How the Chips Fall to the Fremont Street Mail.

g. Trail Boss:

- 1) Arranges Corral Trail Rides (outings) on dates not conflicting with other major historical events. The Corral will attempt to have four or more Trail Rides. Plans will be presented to the Corral at a Campfire usually three months prior to the event.
- 2) Coordinates with the Telegrapher to produce notice explaining times and places of meeting and significance sites to be visited.
- 3) As needed, reports costs of outings, equipment and supplies required, times and places of assembly, arranges carpools and collect fees when applicable.
- 4) When appropriate, arranges speakers/hosts to explain and interpret sites.
- 5) Arranges any permissions for the event when needed.
- 6) Contributes the Trail Boss's Whip to the Fremont Street Mail.

h. Roundup Foreman:

- 1) Arranges for monthly speakers and programs for Campfires to provide a presentation of approximately one hour.
- 2) Obtains recommendations for speakers and presentations. The Roundup Foreman will maintain a written record of possible speakers and presentations with contact information and communicate the same to his/her successor.
- 3) Collects a short bio, short description of the talk, and photos from the speaker forwarding same to the Telegrapher and Ink Slinger usually four months in advance.
- 4) Pays for dinner for the speaker and plus one on behalf of the Corral and is reimbursed by the Corral. Pays other expenses of the speaker as approved by the Posse.
- 5) Announces upcoming speakers and topics at the Campfire.

- 6) Introduces the speaker.
 - 7) Contributes the Roundup Foreman's Trumpet to the Fremont Street Mail.
 - i. Corral "Rep":**
 - 1) Elected for three years.
 - 2) When possible a Past Sheriff.
 - 3) On-going representative to the Home Ranch and other corrals and to other historical associations within Cochise and surrounding counties.
 - 4) Advisor to the Sheriff on the Range Rules and requirements of the Home Ranch.
 - 5) Should be willing to attend Home Ranch Annual Gather.
 - 6) Keeps the Telegrapher informed of coming events.
 - j. Statutory Agent:**
 - 1) Keeps the state corporation commission informed if the agent's contact address changes.
 - 2) Files the annual report to the Corporation Commission before the end of November including the changes in the officers. The Corral will refund the reporting fee to the Statutory Agent.
 - k. Drag Rider:**
 - 1) At large members of the Posse available to fill out a quorum.
 - 2) Assists other Posse members and appointive officers as needed such as filling in for the Recorder, the Bounty Trader, Faro Dealer, etc.
2. **Appointive Offices:** The following offices will be filled by the Sheriff by appointment:
- a) Telegrapher:**
 - 1) Functions as the membership chairman.
 - 2) Creates flyers and advertisements
 - 3) Updates the Corral Facebook Page.
 - 4) Posts notices of coming Corral events, outings and the nature of the topic at the next Corral Campfire on the Page.
 - 5) Collects photographs of outings and speakers.
 - 6) Presents a synopsis of coming events at each Campfire.
 - b) Bounty Trader (Raffle Tickets):**
 - 1) Acquires books or other items by donation for the monthly raffle.
 - 2) Sells raffle tickets before the Campfire and during the break.
 - 3) Conducts the drawing by having the speaker draw after the presentation.
 - 4) Surrenders moneys collected to the Keeper of the Chips.
 - c) Bartender (Refreshments):**
 - 1) Provides snacks for the Corral.
 - 2) Recruits volunteers to bring snacks reimbursing them up to \$15 per Campfire through money collected from the Keeper of the Chips.
 - 3) Puts out the Tip Jar in a prominent spot and turns over any monies collected to the Keeper of the Chips.
 - d) Wrangler:**

- 1) Runs the video recording and live link to the internet during the speaker's presentation.
- e) **Swampers:**
 - 1) Assist the Wrangler with setting up Old Joe, the sound system and computer equipment.
- f) **Faro Dealer (Librarian):**
 - 1) The Faro Dealer maintain a record of loaned materials.
 - 2) The Faro Dealer will report at the monthly Campfire on books or articles of interest that are new or available in the Faro Table.

Article IV – Publications

Corral Publications: The Corral encourages historical research by Ranch Hands and the publication of speeches or articles based upon such research. Ranch Hands desiring their material to be published by the Corral or in the Corral's name will submit the same to the Ink Slinger.

- a) The Fremont Street Mail (newsletter):
 - 1) Departments include but are not limited to the departments of officers: **Roundup Foreman's Trumpet** (coming speakers), **Sheriff's Star** (thoughts on where he's leading the Corral), **Recorder of Marks and Brands**, **How the Chips Fall** (Keeper of the Chips), **Trail Boss's Whip** (Trail Rides)
 - 2) Departments open to all Ranch Hands: **Blast from the Past** (a piece of history), **Poetry Corner** (Cowboy and 19th Century Poetry), **Deep Thoughts on History** (Philosophy of how to do history), **Tidbits from History** (small items stumbled upon that answer some question), **Tombstone Epitaph** (a story from the Epitaph), **Places to Visit** (Interesting museums, parks and places), **Hollywood Trivia** (fun stuff from the TV and Movies), **Corral Members at Large** (stories from Ranch Hands who have visited or hiked to some place of historical interest, or received recognition or participated in telling the world about Frontier History), **Last Campfire** (stories about the most recent Campfire), **Photo Album** (Photos submitted by Ranch Hands), and **Local Events**.
- b) Web Site: Sections may include – Fremont Street Mail, Border Vidette, Photo Album, Coming Events.
- c) The Border Vidette: Both long and short articles of history and book reviews.
- d) Buckskin Bulletin: Ranch Hands are encouraged to write and forward to the Ink Slinger short vignettes about places and persons of historical interest for possible publication.

External Publications:

- 1. The Corral may maintain memberships in the Cochise County Historical Society and the Arizona Historical Society using the address of the Recorder of Marks and Brands. Upon receipt copies of their publications will be delivered to the Faro Dealer. Dues may be paid to such organization when due usually in December.

2. The Corral will consider the recommendations of its Ranch Hands to subscribe to journals or acquire books.
3. The Corral Faro Table welcomes the contribution of journals, maps, articles and books.

Article V – Dues:

Corral Dues: Dues for Ranch Hands will be established by majority vote of the Posse and announced at the next Campfire.

1. Dues are paid in advance for the coming year for January to December membership. They will be due at the December Campfire for the coming year. Ranch Hands will be deemed in arrears at the March Campfire and will be dropped.
2. New Ranch Hands joining October through December will have their dues credited to the following year.
3. Dues are currently \$20 dollars per Ranch Hand.

Article VI – Campfires (meetings) and Programs:

The Corral will meet monthly at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Schieffelin Hall, 402 E Fremont St, Tombstone, AZ. There may be a pre-Campfire dinner at a restaurant selected by the Posse. In the case of an emergency when the regular place of meeting is not available, the Sheriff may announce a temporary change of venue. This must be done in a timely fashion by email to members who have accounts and telephonically to those who do not. No permanent change of venue will be made except by majority vote of the Corral.

The Sheriff is responsible for the conduct of the Campfire, regardless of specific tasks delegated to other officers and Ranch Hands.

Campfire Agenda: The recommended Campfire Agenda:

- Call to Order (Ringing of the Cow Bell)**
- Pledge of Allegiance**
- Greeting of Old Joe**
- Introduction of Visitors**
- Passing the Pony Up Jar and mentioning the Tip Jar**
- Sheriff's summary of Posse (business) meeting**
- Trail Boss Report** of Coming Trail Rides
- Round Up Foreman Report** of the next month's program
- Telegrapher's report** of coming events around the county
- Corral "Rep's" report** of events and interactions
- Faro Dealer's Report** on books
- Cowboy Poetry Reading**
- Five-Minute History** (no more than five minutes!)
- For the Good of the Corral** (at large Ranch Hands 'books, events, good ideas, personal trips)

Break (*not less than five minutes nor more than fifteen*) The break is so the **Bounty Trader can sell Raffle Tickets**, while we rearrange the room, call Ranch Hands forward to sit by the screen, collect dues, sign books out from the Faro Table, etc. Refreshments will be available.

Call to Order

Round Up Foreman Introduces the Program and guest speaker

Round Up Foreman thanks the speaker and calls for the raffle drawing

Bounty Trader has the speaker select the winning ticket

Sheriff Closes Campfire

Ranch Hands adjourn for refreshments from the Chuckwagon

Article VII – Expenditures:

There are two types of expenditures, routine/recurring and new. Routine expenditures do not require a vote by the Corral, new expenditures do.

Routine Expenditures are:

1. Money to purchase speaker's dinner.
2. Reporter of Marks and Brands' expenses for postage, office supplies and reproduction.
3. Bartender's Chuckwagon expenses.
4. Dues to historical societies.
5. Dues to Home Ranch.
6. Rent, if required, including insurance.

New Expenses:

1. Honoraria for speakers.
2. Equipment purchases.

Article XI – Business Meeting of the Sheriff's Posse (Executive Committee) herein after Posse

The **Posse** meeting will be held at least 45 minutes ahead of the regular monthly meeting or as the **Posse** may decide for the subsequent meeting. A simple majority of elected officers will constitute a quorum.

The Posse will consist of the following elected officers.

1. Sheriff
2. Deputy Sheriff
3. Recorder of Marks and Brands
4. Keeper of the Chips
5. Corral Rep
6. Trail Boss
7. Ink Slinger
8. Printer's Devil
9. Round Up Foreman
10. Drag Rider

The agenda will consist of:

- 1 Reading of the Marks and Brands
- 2 Report on the Chips
- 3 Correspondence
- 4 Old business
- 5 New business

The Posse will be limited to spending no more than \$200 per meeting on New Expenditures. Amounts greater than \$200 will have to go before the Ranch for approval. However, Routine Expenditures, such as paying rent or our annual assessment to Westerners International may be handled by the committee without a vote of the Ranch Hands.

The Sheriff will summarize the decisions of the Posse for the Corral at the regular meeting.

Article IX – Amendments:

Proposed amendments to the Range Rules must be presented in writing showing the Article and paragraph to be altered and the text of the proposed change. They will be presented at a regular Campfire and the Ranch Hands given one month to consider the change before a vote is taken at the next Campfire. The proposed change will be emailed to the Ranch. The Recorder of Marks and Brands will post the Short Name of the Amendment, its date of adoption, its Article number and paragraph and initial the same on the bottom of the last page of the Official Corral copy of the Range Rules and the full text attached on a separate page. The Recorder of Marks replace the appropriate wording in the Official Copy of the Range Rules.

Article X – Western Dress and Donation Jar

1. In the interest of having fun and promoting our purpose of preserving the Old West, at any Campfire Ranch Hands will wear Western Attire or pay a fine of at least \$0.25 per infraction. A jar labelled Pony Up will be passed at all Campfires for the purpose of collecting from offenders.
2. A Donation Jar is available at all Campfires to help defray expenses.

Douglas W. Socking _Nov. 5, 2021____
 Sheriff date

Gary Smith _5 Nov., 2021____
 Recorder of Marks and Brands date

Amend #	Short Name	Article & paragraph	Date Adopted	Initials

Awards Addendum

“Coke” Wood Award (Best Article or Monograph):

- 1) The Corral should monitor monographs and articles published by Ranch Hands and speakers. Such articles must meet the minimum length and other requirements set by Westerners International, often 10,000 words or more. In the event there is more than one entry and Westerners International limits us to one submission, the Posse will select the best article for submission.
- 2) The author must submit four copies of such an article or monograph to Westerners International.
- 3) If the author is a presenter and not a Ranch Hand, offer an Honorary Membership to the presenter.

Heads Up Award (Best Corral):

The Keeper of Marks and Brands should keep track of fulfillment of the usual Requirements including:

- a. Outreach to young people
- b. Four Trail Rides
- c. Publication of at least two articles in the Buckskin Bulletin
- d. Increasing membership
- e. Corral participation in presentations at public events
- f. Publication of a newsletter
- g. Existence of a Corral Scrapbook and archive of Corral documents
- h. Participation in public events
- i. Video recording of presentations
- j. Publication of a journal by the Corral
- k. 12 Campfire meetings and presentations annually

Fred Olds Award (Best Cowboy Poetry):

- 1) The Corral should encourage the reading of Cowboy Poetry at the Campfires.
- 2) The Corral should collect copies of **original** poems read to the Corral.
- 3) The Posse should select the best poem of the year to submission to Westerners International.

Philip A. Danielson Award (Best Presentation):

- 1) The Posse should Track and select the best presentation of the year made by a Ranch Hand.
- 2) Inform the presenter of the requirements for submission to Westerners International. These usually include:
 - a. Photocopy of slides used.
 - b. Narrative of the presentation.
- 3) The Posse will collect four copies of the presentation from the presenter.

Westerners Co-Founders Award (Best Book):

- 1) The Posse will track the publication of books by Ranch Hands and presenters during the year.
- 2) If the author wishes the book considered for the award, collect four copies of the book from the author.
- 3) If the author is a presenter and not a Ranch Hand, offer Honorary Membership.

Addendum on Minutes

- 1) Minutes should include time and date called to order/dismissal.
- 2) The names of the officers present, whether or not there is a quorum.
- 3) The exact wording of motions considered and outcome of any votes.