



I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY TO DEFEND FROM WASTE, THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY, ITS SOIL AND MINERALS, ITS FORESTS, WATER AND WILDLIFE.

STOCKTON ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

BY-LAWS

INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 14, 1941 # 4915

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BY-LAWS OF THE STOCKTON ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

1. To promote the conservation of fish, game, and forests.
2. To promote the enforcement and observations of fish, game and fire laws and regulations.
3. To elevate standards of sportsmanship.
4. To further and maintain friendly relations between ranchers, landowners, stockmen, and sportsmen.
5. To educate the public generally to the advantages of preserving our wildlife and natural resources.
6. To cooperate with sportsmen, and organizations of sportsmen, incorporated or unincorporated, of California and other states and with national organizations having similar purposes.
7. To secure a fair deal for sportsmen regardless of wealth, influence social standing, special privilege or commercial interests, and to insure the average sportsman equal opportunities with those more fortunately situated.
8. To promote fellowship among the sportsmen of California.
9. To unite in a statewide organization all those citizens of California having ideals in harmony with these purposes.
10. To vigorously oppose the efforts of any and all individuals or groups who question the right of the people to hunt, fish or possess firearms.

ARTICLE I (1)

CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation shall be those necessary to effectuate its purposes as set forth in its articles of incorporation and shall be vested in a board of directors, nine in number, who shall be members in good standing. Five directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Such powers shall be exercised subject to ratification and referendum as herein after set forth.

ARTICLE II (2)

SEAL

The corporation shall have a common seal consisting of a circle having in its circumference the words "Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Incorporated February 14, 1941".

ARTICLE III (3)

SLOGAN

“To conserve and restore the wildlife and natural resources of California.”

ARTICLE IV (4)

OFFICERS

The corporation shall maintain its principal office in the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin, State of California but may have other offices and transact business at such other places as the board of directors may from time to time appoint.

ARTICLE V (5)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors shall be nine in number, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

1. The board of directors shall be elected at the first club meeting in December. Three Directors shall be elected each year to serve for a period of three years. The term of office shall begin following dinner in January and shall terminate when a member shall absent himself from three consecutive Board Meetings without legal excuse. Legal excuse shall be working, illness, death, or vacation. To be valid, the President, secretary, or club manager must be notified prior to the meeting. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall automatically be filled by the first runner up from the election of officers **if available, or by special election for the remaining term.**
2. To be eligible for appointment or election to the Board of Directors, a person must be a member in good standing for a period of one year.
3. The board of directors shall have the power to call a special meeting of the membership when they deem it necessary. They may call a meeting at any time upon the written request of five club members in good standing: (a meeting constituting twenty members in good standing) to appoint and remove at their pleasure all officers, agents, and employees of the corporation, and shall prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, if any.

ARTICLE V (5)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(Continued)**

4. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the corporation and to make rules consistent with the State of California for the guidance of the officers and the management of the affairs of the corporation subject to control by the regular membership meeting.
5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to incur indebtedness, subject to ratification by the membership. The terms and the amount shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Directors and a note of obligation, if any, given for the same, and signed officially by the President and Secretary, and shall be binding of the corporation. The Board of Directors will have full power to act in case of emergency without the approval of general membership.
6. The Board of Directors shall have the expressed power to set prices in the bar.
7. In the event of a conflict of interest in making a decision by the Board of Directors, then the general members shall rule.

ARTICLE VI (6)

OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall consist of those members of the club who are to be on the Board of Directors during the year following the election. The officers shall be, a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and/or a Treasurer, and such other officers the electing committee may elect. These officers are to be elected for a term of one year and when the duties do not conflict, one person may hold more than one of these offices. The Presidents shall be members of the Board but it shall not be necessary for the other officers to be members of the Board. To qualify as nominee for President, Board member must have at least one year of experience as a Board of Director.

ARTICLE VII (7)

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The nominating committee of five members shall be appointed by the President at the first club meeting in October to name five, or more candidates to be voted upon for the Board of Directors, said nominating committee to bring in its first recommendation at the first General Membership Meeting in November. Said list of candidates, together with nomination, which may be offered from the floor to be submitted to the Secretary for submission at the first general membership meeting in December. All nominees shall state acceptance at time of nomination or be declared ineligible to run for election. Acceptance must be *in writing* prior to the meeting, or formally accepted before the membership *in November*.

ARTICLE VIII (8)

PRESIDENT

The President shall preside over all meeting of the corporation and the Board of Directors. The President shall sign all certificates of membership. All contracts and other legal documentation which shall have been first approved by the Board of Directors. The President counter-signs all checks upon the Treasury when directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX (9)

VICE PRESIDENT

In case of absence of the President or their inability to act, the First Vice President shall act as President. In case of inability of the above officers, the second Vice President shall act as President.

ARTICLE X (10)

Secretary - Treasurer

1. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and Club meetings. A copy of the minutes of all board meetings shall be furnished to each Director. The Secretary shall read Board meeting minutes at the General meeting.
2. **The Treasurer** shall keep the seal of the corporation and affix same to legal documentation as may be required in the regular course of business, shall make service of such notices as may be necessary or proper, shall supervise and control the keeping of the books and accounts of the corporation, shall take charge of such other business as pertains to the office or as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
3. In the case of absence of the Secretary at the Board meeting or a General meeting, a substitute may be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE XI(11)

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the corporation and deposit same forthwith on receipt in the bank or banks that may be designated by the Board of Directors. Such funds shall be paid out only on a check of the corporation, signed by such persons not less than two, as the Board of Directors may direct.

ARTICLE XII (12)
MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION

1. The regular meeting of the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc. shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at the club house or such place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Thursday of the month, or as deemed necessary by the President.
3. Notices of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be telephoned at least one day before the meeting, to the last known number of each Director. Notice of all special membership meetings shall be given to Board members at least five days prior to such meetings.
4. A general membership meeting may be called to order when a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of twenty members, including the President, Secretary, or in the absence of the President, the Vice President, or the second Vice President.
5. The agenda to be followed in general meetings shall be as follows: (unless tabled, suspended, or dispensed by a vote of the membership.)
 - A. Call meeting to order
 - B. Present colors and pledge to flag
 - C. Roll call of officers and directors
 - D. Introduction of guests and new members
 - E. Ratification of minutes
 - F. Treasurers report
 - G. Reading of communications
 - H. Presentations of Resolutions
 - I. Report of committees
 - J. Old business
 - K. New business
 - L. Good of the order
 - M. Adjournment

ARTICLE XIII (13)
CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Certificate of membership shall be of such form and device as the Board of Directors may elect, each certificate shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary and express on its face, its number, date of issuance, and shall have the date each new member enters the club, name of member to whom it is issued. It shall contain the statement *in* clear type that the corporation is not for profit, that no property rights occur to members by virtue of such membership.

ARTICLE XIV (14)
MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the member defined as an individual who has and retains a valid membership card. A member shall have one vote on each voting matter. Immediate family is defined as being the spouse/partner and unmarried children 18 years old or younger, residing in the household. They shall have the same privileges in the club as the member with the exception that they are not allowed to vote.
2. Application for membership to the Stockton Rod & Gun Club, Inc. shall be set by the Board of Directors not to exceed \$200.00 initiation and \$300.00 yearly dues, (not exceed \$500.00 total) A new member or spouse/partner cannot rent the hall at member rate for one (1) year from joining the club. A member or spouse/partner may rent the hall at the reduced rate once per year, for immediate family use only. Any additional rentals at the reduced rate will be at the discretion of the board.
3. For new applicants, dues shall be pro-rated 25% each quarter.
4. Applicant must appear before the Board of Directors for approval and also before the General Membership to be sworn in and receive membership card. FAILURE TO ATTEND MAY CONSTITUTE CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP. If it is not possible for applicant to appear before the Board his sponsor may appear in his/her behalf or last, an affidavit of loyalty to club conservation oath will be read and signed.
5. The club facilities shall not be used for personal gain.
6. Any member or spouse/partner may serve on a committee of choice. Each member will serve at least 8 hours a year. If a member is unable to put in their 8 hours, they may make a donation of cash or material equal to their service.
7. Each member, when approved by the Board will receive at no cost:
 - One decal
 - One copy of the by-laws
 - Information on buying club shirts, jackets & caps.
 - Information on the Rodettes
 - One copy of club rules.
 - **New Application - Referral card**
 - Paid member will receive (1) Membership Access card. Additional access cards for spouse / partner will cost \$10.00. Replacement cards will cost \$20.00
7. Each year dues are due and payable Jan. 1 through January 31st. If dues have not been received by January 31st you are no longer a member of the club. Membership may be reinstated by paying the regular initiation and dues as described. In paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.
8. Conviction of any law pertaining to conduct unbecoming to a sportsman by a member may constitute reason for cancellation of membership for a period as set by the Board of Directors.

9. Any member who has reached the age of 65 or older and has been a member in good standing for 20 (twenty) years will become a paid life member. Any member who has reached the age of 65 or older and has been a member in good standing for 10 (ten) years and became a member prior to January 1, 2017 will become a paid lifetime member.
10. The Stockton Rod and Gun Club Inc. shall be limited to (500) five hundred active members.

CONDUCT

1. Any member who has a complaint against the conduct of another member shall file a written and signed notice to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall serve written notice requesting the offending member to appear before the Board of Directors and answer the complaint.
2. The Board will review the complaint, evaluate and take action as needed to resolve the issue.
3. Violations of federal, state, county or city laws by a member may be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
4. No member of the Stockton Rod & Gun Club, Inc. or member affiliated with, the Stockton Rod & Gun Club, Inc. shall file any law suit against the Stockton Rod & Gun Club, Inc. or its affiliate.
5. Any member found fighting on the property will be suspended from the club until the member comes before the Board and the Board makes a decision of action.

ARTICLE XV (15)

The President, the Board of Directors, or the club in open meetings may provide for the appointment of suitable committees whether standing, or temporary, and affix their terms and duties or function. Every committee will have a chairman and co-chairman. All committees shall have a representative at the general meetings. Standing committees shall be unless terminated by the membership.

1. By-Laws
2. Buildings and Grounds
3. Concessions
4. Docks and Boat ramp (Harbor Master)
5. Legislature
6. Rental Chairman
7. Other necessary committees

ARTICLE XVI (16)

AUDITS

The books of the secretary and or Treasurer shall be audited annually. A full report of the audit will be given to the Board of Directors and to the General Membership [at the first meeting in February. The financial audit shall be done by an independant accountant or bookkeeping business.](#)

ARTICLE XVII (17)

INVENTORY

At the end of each month an inventory of the concessions shall be conducted by a committee of three appointed by the President, of which the concession chairman or bar manager shall be one, at the end of each month to inventory, and to keep a perpetual inventory running at all times [and cost of such inventory. The inventory report shall be given to the board of directors the first Thursday of the month.](#)

ARTICLE XVIII (18)

EMPLOYEES

1. Manager and or caretaker and salaried employees (bartenders), shall be under written contract. Said contract to include wages, time off, vacations, duties, and bonus provisions, if any. The employees are restricted from running for the Board or holding an office while being paid by the Stockton Rod and Gun Club.
2. It is a conflict of interest for an employee to run for the Board as the Board establishes policy. Motion to restrict employees, contracted, or regular paid from running for the board or holding office while paid by Stockton Rod & Gun Club.

ARTICLE XIX (19)

AFFILIATED DIVISIONS OF STOCKTON ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

1. All affiliated divisions shall have a representative at all Board meetings.
2. All affiliated divisions shall supply the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc. with a list of their members annually or more often as requested by the Board.
3. All members of affiliated divisions shall also be members in good standing with the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc.
4. Loss of good standing in the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc. shall terminate membership in the affiliated division.
5. All affiliated division shall have a set of By-Laws, one copy to be presented to the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc. The By-Laws shall not conflict with the By-Laws of the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc. and shall state that the name of the affiliated division read, Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc.
6. All affiliated division shall supply the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc. with a report annually or more often as deemed necessary by the Stockton Rod and Gun Club. All monies and properties are solely owned by the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc.
7. Notice of any changes or amendments to the By-Laws of affiliated division shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors of the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, within sixty (60) days of the inauguration of change.
8. Hiring of employees of affiliated division shall be made only with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc.
9. Special meetings or special events of affiliated divisions at the Stockton Rod and Gun Club house must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc.

ARTICLE XXI (21)

PAST PRESIDENTS

Past Presidents of the Stockton Rod and Gun Club, Inc. in good standing, for twenty (20) years, shall be entitled to life membership in the club.

ARTICLE XXII (22)
AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the corporation may be adopted, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors, subject always to the power of the members, to change or repeal such By-Laws. Any changes of the amendments in the By-Laws are to appear in the club bulletin not later than sixty (60) days after adoption.

ARTICLE XXIII (23)
ROBERTS RULE OF ORDER

In case a situation arises which is not covered by the By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.

ARTICLE XXIV (24)

DISSOLUTION

In the event the Stockton Rod & Gun Club dissolves its existence, all assets will be divided to the members after outstanding debts are paid and incoming debts collected. The remaining assets will be divided among the members of the Stockton Rod & Gun Club, Inc.

RODETTES

The Rodettes Club was organized to assist the Rod and Gun Club for the betterment of the Club to help participate in any activities and to help in the kitchen. Any woman with a husband, son or father with a membership in good standing is eligible to join. Dues are \$5.00 per year. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. All wives of the Stockton Rod & Gun Club member are asked to join, we need your help.