

SPORTSMEN’S GUN CLUB, INC.

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I-Purpose

Section 1

NAME: SPORTSMEN’S GUN CLUB Inc.

The acronym SGC, shall mean the same as Sportsmen’s Gun Club Inc. Any reference to “he”, “she”, or “member” shall have no restriction as to gender.

Section 2

PURPOSE: To create a social environment where Club members can share their interest in the amateur sport of target shooting, and share information regarding related topics. To educate and encourage safe and responsible gun handling and support participation in other group activities such as fishing and spectator sports. To facilitate these goals the Club will run competitive and non-competitive shooting matches, provide basic shooting instruction and safety education, as well as sponsor related social events such as an awards function. Other group activities may also be run by the club as requested by the members. The Sportsmen’s Gun Club Inc. will be run as a not for profit organization.

ARTICLE II-Membership:

Membership is open to any one 21 years of age or older who meets the following requirements:

Complete an application for membership.

Pay the annual dues upon acceptance into the club. (If the acceptance and dues be paid after the annual luncheon, the dues will count for the next complete year.

Annual dues shall be in the amount determined by vote of the Board, and run from August 1st to July 31st. Any member that notifies the board privately, that it would be a hardship to pay what ever the current annual club dues are, the board would have the authority to waive that years annual dues for that member.

Have an active member in good standing act as a sponsor and mentor.

Receive safety instruction from the safety officer assigned by the club before participating in any live fire exercise.

Accept and review a copy of the club's rules and by laws.

Attend at least 3 club shooting sessions, and demonstrate the ability to handle a gun in a safe and responsible manner.

Any applicant or member must be of good and moral character.

Any member of the club may be subject to expulsion for acting in an unsafe, threatening or illegal manner. Expulsion will take place after investigation and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and of a vote by the majority of members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE III-Organization

Composition

Section 1- Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors consisting of the 5 club officers shall run the day to day affairs of the Club. The President shall only vote when there is a tie vote between the Directors.

Section 2- Officers:

PRESIDENT: Presides over all club meetings. The President is an ex-officio of all committees. He/She appoints committee members, trustees, and range personnel based on experience and need. He/she formulates and sees that programs are carried out, organizes support for programs that will benefit the Club, and other duties that usually pertain to this office.

VICE PRESIDENT: Performs the duties of the President in his absence or other duties at his request.

SECRETARY: The Secretary is the custodian of the official club documents. It is his/her responsibility to distribute the rules and regulations, by laws and other important information to the membership. The Secretary takes and maintains minutes of all meetings, keeps a file of all committee reports, and constructs all Club correspondence. He/she shall maintain a master listing of all Club members, addresses, contact numbers, and email addresses; shall notify members of all regular and special meetings; and perform other duties as requested by the President.

TREASURER: The Club treasurer prepares periodic statements of the Club's financial condition, maintains the check book, makes deposits and writes checks, keeps the other officers informed about up coming expenses, and is responsible for the production of any tax returns. He/she shall run the fiscal year from September 1st thru August 31st of each year. Checks may be signed by the Treasurer or the President, only one signature is required. No more than \$250.00 in total, may be authorized and spent in any one month by any officer without a vote of the membership. These expenses must be reported at the next meeting. Exclusions to this rule are expenses that have been usual and customary, such as the "Awards Luncheon" and cost of trophies. The Club shall run as a non-profit corporation, and all funds spent must be for the benefit of the general membership. He/she shall provide an Annual Year End Financial Report and perform other duties as directed by the President.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT/ RANGE MASTER: The 2nd Vice-President / Range Master oversees all safety programs, safety instructors and safety instruction. He shall act as or appoint the Range Master for each range activity and has authority over any Range Master's appointment of Range Officers. The 2nd Vice-President shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Vice President in absence of the Vice President and perform other duties as directed by the President

Section 3-Election of officers

Elections:

The club shall have 5 Officers/Directors. Their titles are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2nd Vice-President / Range Master. Nominations for these positions shall take place during the monthly meeting in September. Each candidate must be 21 years of age or older, a member in good standing for at least 2 consecutive years of The Sportsmen's Gun Club and or the Sportsmen's Gun Club Inc, and all membership dues are current. Elections shall take place during the Annual meeting in October. Newly elected officers will assume their positions at the October meeting, after the outgoing president adjourns the meeting in progress. A new meeting will be called to order by the newly elected President

A simple majority of those in attendance shall carry the vote for each position, provided a quorum is present. Officers shall serve a 1 year term, or until successors are elected. A vacancy among the elected officers shall be filled at the next meeting. One person may hold more than one title. A minimum of three people must hold offices. A sitting officer/director may be removed from office only for gross misconduct in the performance of his duties. Written charges must be brought by any member in good standing. These charges must first be brought to the Executive committee for review. Their responsibility is to try to resolve the issue before having to bring the issue to the membership. If needed, and after a review in front of the membership at an announced monthly meeting a secret ballot must be issued to the entire membership by mail, returnable to one of the trustees of the Executive Committee, and only if there is a 2/3 majority, of the entire membership, in favor of dismissal will the charges stand. Should the charges be held against the President, the Vice President shall appoint the 3 trustees to the Executive Committee before a hearing takes place and he shall act as chairman. The President will take no part in the decision making of the committee for this purpose, but has the right to explain his actions at any point of the investigation, to both the Executive Committee and the membership.

Section 4-Meetings

General membership meetings will be held monthly at 7:30 PM where designated from August until May each year. Additional meetings may be called as needed with notice to the membership. If possible the day of the meeting should be the 4th Wednesday of each month. Typical meetings should include: greetings and salute, reading of the minutes from the last meeting, treasurers report, committee reports, new business, old business, unfinished business, membership, good of the organization. 50% plus 1 of the membership shall constitute a quorum for a vote. A quorum must be present for any vote. A majority of those present at any regular meeting shall carry a vote. All members shall have the right to place on the agenda for discussion any item relative to the club's stated purpose.

Annual meeting: The annual meeting shall take place on the fourth (4th) Wednesday in October at 7:30 PM, prior to the September monthly meeting. The Annual meeting is held for the purpose of conducting the annual election and any business, which should come before the board. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the membership plus 1. A majority of those present shall carry the vote.

Section 5-Administration

Executive committee: This committee, consisting of the officers of the club, past Presidents in good standing and 3 trustees appointed by the President, shall adjudicate any disputes, review any charges against any member, and interpret the by laws. For voting purposes a quorum will consist of 50% plus 1 of committee members, and a majority present shall carry a vote. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

Section 6-Committees of Organization

Standing committees:

Range and safety committee:

To formulate changes in range rules, and bring their results to the membership for a vote.

Social Committee:

Arrange all aspects of the awards luncheon, and any other outside catering requirements of the club.

Arrange all aspects of catering at regular club meetings.

Program Committee:

Arrange for educational programs, speakers and other non typical events.

To develop and offer alternative shooting programs to the members.

Scoring committee:

Assess all competitive target scores, record all scores, and distribute them to the members.

SHORT TERM COMMITTEES

Short term committees may be formed as needed by the President.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: Changes to By-Laws

All proposed alterations, additions, or amendments to the by-laws of the club shall be submitted to the secretary of the club, in writing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to a meeting. Each proposal shall contain the name of the sponsor. A copy of all proposed changes to the by-laws shall be included in the notice of the next meeting.

The sponsor of the proposed change, or a designated substitute, must be present at the meeting to speak for the proposed change.

Amendments to the proposed change may be offered by the membership at the meeting. Such amendments will only be accepted for vote by the membership if the sponsor accepts them.

ARTICLE V

Section 1- Parliamentary authority:

The administration shall undertake to resolve any disputes revolving around the club's by laws, referring to the by laws, or using Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI

Section1- Dissolution

If the membership votes to dissolve the corporation the assets must be divided equally among all members in good standing. All outstanding debts must be paid before any distribution.

ARTICLE VII

Disclaimer

Section1- Any error either by inclusion or omission which counters the laws of Florida and the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act shall be deemed null and void and the existing law shall prevail.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1- Range Rules

RANGE RULES:

When using a public or commercial range the posted rules must be observed. If no Range Officer is provided by the management to run the range, the range must be considered hot at all times.

Section 2 –Range Rules

That any activity, attended by (3) or more Club Members, that has been registered with the Secretary of the Club at least (3) days in advance or has been advertised to and open to all Club Members, or any Club event on the Club calendar, and conforms to the goals, purpose, standards, and by-laws of the Club be considered a Club Function.