

# *Texas Riviera Pistoleros*

A Cowboy Action Shooting Club

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## ***BYLAWS***



## ***BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS RIVIERA PISTOLEROS***

A Cowboy Action Shooting Club that shoots at the Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club, Corpus Christi, Texas

### **ARTICLE I -GENERAL**

(a) Name: The name of this organization shall be TEXAS RIVIERA PISTOLEROS, which will function as, and adopt bylaws for, a Cowboy Action Shooting Club.

(b) State of Incorporation: The said Organization shall not be organized for purposes of pecuniary gain or profit under the laws of the State of Texas. No part of the net earnings of the Organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Trustees, officers or other private persons.

### **ARTICLE II- OBJECT**

(a) The object of this organization shall be to encourage organized rifle, pistol and shotgun cowboy action type competition with a view toward a better knowledge and understanding of safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship, using firearms that were available prior to 1900 or replicas thereof;

(b) To forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self discipline, team play, law observance and self reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism;

(c) To forward the development of the National Rifle Association and to follow the guidelines of safe gun handling and sportsmanship set forth by the NRA.

(d) To forward the development and growth of Cowboy Action Shooting and its governing body, the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), and to follow the guidelines set forward by the Single Action Shooting Society in regards to this sport.

(e) Further, while engaging in this sport, competitors are expected to "dress the part" in hats, boots, leather gear and other costume, accouterments as described in the Single Action Shooting Society handbook. It is our purpose to recreate and enjoy the days of the Old West, while still enjoying our shooting sport.

### **ARTICLE III -MEMBERSHIP**

(a) Membership in the National Rifle Association or Single Action Shooting Society is not mandatory, however, is strongly recommended. Since the nature of our organization is international in scope, membership is not limited to citizens of the United States; however, the balance of the NRA pledge should apply.

#### NRA PLEDGE

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America and that I am not a member of any organization or group which has as any part of its program ~~the~~ to attempt the ~~to~~ overthrow the government of the United States or any of its political sub-divisions by force or violence, and if admitted to membership I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

(b) Application for membership in this organization is made through the organization secretary who will be sure the membership application is completely filled out and dues are paid for the year.

(c) Prospective members must turn in their completed membership application to a member of the Executive Committee who will review the application for completeness and liability release prior to turning the completed application over to the Secretary. Delivery of the application to the Secretary constitutes acceptance of the individual as a member.

#### ARTICLE IV -DUES AND MATCH FEES

(a) Dues and fees are set by the executive committee, which consists of the officers of the organization.

(b) The primary member's annual dues shall be \$40.00, \$20.00 for the second immediate family member, and \$10.00 for each immediate family member thereafter, payable no later than January 31. Shooters who become members of the Texas Riviera Pistoleros after June 30 shall have their annual dues be reduced by 50% for the rest of the current year.

(c) Match fees shall be \$15.00 for TEXAS RIVIERA PISTOLEROS members. Non-member match fees shall be \$20.00. Match fee shall include meal fee. A separate meal fee shall be assessed and determined by Executive Committee for each guest/non-shooter.

#### ARTICLE V -MEETINGS

(a) The Executive Committee shall set the time, location and frequency of meetings of the organization and e-mail the same to the membership.

(b) Executive Committee Meetings. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at such time and location as designated by the Executive Committee.

(c) Special Meeting. A special meeting of the organization may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 30% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States Mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The Executive Committee shall fix the place of such special meeting.

(d) During organization meetings those members in good standing that are present shall constitute a quorum. All business matters that affect the organization shall be open for discussion.

#### ARTICLE VI -OFFICERS

(a) The officers of this club shall include a President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Range Safety Officer, one or two Match Results Officer(s) and Territorial Governor, who acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. All officers are elected for a two year term. Elections will be held 2-3 months prior to end of term to allow for a smooth transition of duties to newly elected officers.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the organization. The President or Vice-President alone, or any member of the Executive Committee with the President's, Vice President's or Executive Committee's said authority to do so, may make agreements with other organizations and/or individuals to carry out the objectives of the organization.

(c) Meetings of the Executive committee shall be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing, to the Secretary, by three members of the Committee. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

(d) Any meeting of the Executive Committee must include the President and/or Vice President.

(e) Resignation of an officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

(f) A vacancy in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the committee. However if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the organization shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in Article V, paragraph (a) above.

(g) All members of the Executive Committee are encouraged to become members of the Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club for their tenure in office. The Executive Committee will function within the Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club as their Cowboy Action Shooting Committee functioning as liaisons between the TEXAS RIVIERA PISTOLEROS and the Corpus Christi Pistol and Rifle Club.

(h) Interpretation of these Bylaws shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

(i) Officers of this organization are encouraged to maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association and the Single Action Shooting Society for their tenure in office.

(j) A minimum of three officers of the organization at all times must be members of the National Rifle Association.

(k) In the event that there is a tie of the votes cast by the Executive Committee, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

#### ARTICLE VII -OFFICER'S DUTIES

(a) The duties of the officers enumerated in Article VI above shall be those described in Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order will be the reference for conduct of this organization unless that conduct is specifically addressed in these bylaws.

(b) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to the office. The President may contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

(c) Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. The Vice President shall have overall charge of the monthly match. The Vice President shall be responsible for re-affiliating the organization annually with the National Rifle Association and the Single Action Shooting Society. The Vice President may contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

(d) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the official and true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the organization and have custody of the books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's book of account. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking proper receipt therefore. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the organization by the National Rifle Association. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify the organization members of the special and annual meetings described in Article V. The Secretary shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

(e) Treasurer; The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by both the Treasurer and the Secretary and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the President or the Executive Committee. In lieu of a check for such payments the Treasurer may instead elect to make said payments with cash. Either way receipts of all said transactions made by the club shall be kept by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested and an annual report to the club at its annual meeting. The Treasurer will collect liability forms for shooters and observers who do not have one on file with the organization. The Treasurer shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

(f) Range Safety Officer. The Range Safety Officer shall be responsible for the overall safety of all matches sponsored by the club. The Range Safety Officer shall provide a safety program for

the organization and shall conduct all safety-related lectures held during the shooter's meetings before any organization match. The Range Safety Officer will organize and orient the posse leaders to the stages and their scenarios prior to organization matches. The Range Safety Officer shall have the final say in any and all safety related issues during the course of any club match. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

(g) Match Results Officer. The Match Results Officer shall keep the official scoring sheets used by the organization during the monthly shoot and shall have the final say in all matters concerning scoring and match results. The Match Results Officer will be responsible for supplying a copy of the final match results to the newsletter editor in a timely fashion so they may be incorporated into the monthly newsletter, if the organization publishes such. The Match Results Officer shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII -SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

(a) Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

(b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges proffered and of the time, and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(c) Charges against any officer or member may be proffered by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting for the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

(d) Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will

be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

(e) The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of this club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and action taken.

#### ARTICLE IX -MATCH RULES

All rifle, shotgun and pistol competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America and in being that this is a cowboy action shooting club the guidelines and rules of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) will also be adhered to.

#### ARTICLE X -AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club in good standing at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose. Such proposed amendments must be submitted to the National Rifle Association for approval. After they have been approved by the NRA, they must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose, provided a copy of the approved amendments has been sent to each club member by United States mail at least ten days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass or reject it.

#### ARTICLE XI -DISSOLUTION

In the event it becomes necessary to dissolve the Organization, after the payment of all outstanding indebtedness of the organization, including loan capital however evidenced, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the Executive Committee.