

# **MISSOURI RAWHIDE MOUNTED SHOOTERS ASSOC.**

## **BY-LAWS**

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### **ARTICLE I: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The object of the association shall be to encourage and participate in the sport of cowboy mounted shooting and to provide an outlet for those persons wishing to compete in said sport. We shall abide by the rules set forth in the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) Rulebook. We will encourage organized shooting of single action .45 caliber pistols of the type available prior to 1900 among citizens of the United States. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics necessary to promote good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. We will strive to increase and promote our knowledge of horses in order to increase our horsemanship skills on all levels. We will take a view toward better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of fire arms, as well as improve marksmanship. The further intention of the organization is to provide an atmosphere and social climate conducive to riding, camping and other similar events where the members dress and conduct themselves in a fashion that promotes our western heritage. The Board of Directors will adhere to the guidelines set forth in the following articles shall administer the affairs of the association.

### **ARTICLE II: NAME**

The name of the association shall be MISSOURI RAWHIDE MOUNTED SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION, INC (MRMS- herein referred to as "the Club"). The MRMS is recognized as and official Club by our National Affiliate organization, The Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association (CMSA) and we endorse all CMSA functions as well as abide by all CMSA rules set forth in the rulebook.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

#### **1.) MEMBERSHIP- Rules and Definitions**

- A.) A- Active- which will be all persons wishing to participate in the MRMS matches and events as competitors, non-riding participants, and/or support staff, regardless of age or gender, having paid in full all applicable dues for membership year.
- B.) A family member option shall include all immediate family members within the same house hold.
- C.) Any member under the age of 18 may compete only with signed parental consent.
- D.) All active members in good standings over the age of 12 shall be able to vote on club issues.

#### **2.) ELIGIBILITY in MRMS shall be extended to all persons of good character who would like to become members of an organization and who pledge to promote the preservation of the cowboy lifestyle as defined by CMSA.**

- 3.) All MRMS Active/Family members must also be members of the CMSA and are encouraged to participate in its functions.
- 4.) DUES: All MRMS dues are paid on the calendar year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The dues for membership shall be determined by the board of directors on an annual basis.
- 5.) RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF

MEMBERS:

- A.) RESIGNATION- A member in good standing may resign at any time to any member of the Board of Directors. Members' resignation will not be cause for a refund of membership dues
- B.) SUSPENSION: A majority vote of the Board of Directors may immediately put any member on suspension that :
  - 1.) Has caused personal injury or committed an act that may cause injury to themselves, another person, property or livestock.
  - 2.) Has committed actions that have or are likely to bring discredit to mounted shooting, MRMS or CMSA.
  - 3.) Has conducted themselves in a manor unbecoming the MRMS.
  - 4.) Has been abusive or treated their horse in any otherwise inhumane fashion.
  - 5.) Acted in an unsafe manner when dealing with firearms.
  - 6.) Refuses a directive of and MRMS board member, official or designated range master acting for the safe and efficient conduct of MRMS events or is unreasonably disruptive to the efficient operation and enjoyment of MRMS events by its participants.
- C.) SUSPENSION/EXPULSION- Any member placed on suspension or expelled by the board of directors, will not be allowed to participate in any club activities until after their 90 day waiting period and reinstatement by board of directors.
- D.) EXPULSION: A member may be expelled from MRMS with a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors for violation listed in Article III, 5B,#1-6 inclusive.
- E.) REINSTATEMENT: Any member suspended or expelled from MRMS may, after a period on ninety (90) days, appear before the Board of Directors to request a reversal of the Board's decision concerning their membership status. The Board of Director's reply to such a request will be in writing by mail only.
- F.) COMPLAINTS: Any member witnessing recurring violations of general safety practices of MRMS or CMSA rules and/or Bylaws by another member may submit a signed complaint to the board of directors.

#### **ARTICLE IV: CLOTHING**

- 1.) COSTUME: All members of MRMS will be required to wear clothing reminiscent of the Old West outlined by the CMSA rulebook while competing in sanctioned matches, events and exhibitions.
- 2.) NON-COMPLIANCE: Any member not complying with section I of Article IV may be requested to not participate in a match or exhibition at the discretion of the match director of Board of Directors. In keeping with this theme, if any member shows up for an Awards Presentation out of costume, any/all awards may be forfeited.

- 3.) ASSISTANCE: Any member or prospective member so wishing may have a seasoned member assigned by the Board to help then accumulate the necessary clothing and equipment to comply with Section 1 above.

#### **ARTICLE V: ARMS and AMMUNITION**

- 1.) FIREARMS: All firearms shall be of .45 calibers. All firearms shall be of single action design and manufactured previous to 1900 or like reproductions as specified in the CMSA rulebook.
- 2.) AMMUNITION: All ammunition at MRMS events shall be provided by Club. Ammunition used in the competition is only allowed in the loading area, staging area and the arena. No live ammunition will be permitted at MRMS events.
- 3.) AMMUNITION: Contestants are to have no live ammunition on their person or in their cartridge belts or saddlebags. Dummy ammunition with fired primers or without primers may be used in cartridge belts. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification from the match/event.

#### **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

- 1.) NUMBER OF DIRECTORS: The MRMS Board of Directors will consist of no less than six (6) individuals including officers.
- 2.) SPECIFIED DUTIES OF OFFICERS:
  - A.) PRESIDENT: The president shall preside all meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Board. He/she may appoint necessary committees to carry out the Board's programs. The president, with the limits of the law, and at the direction of the Board of Directors, shall act from time to time as the representative of the Board and the Club. In addition, he/she shall have the authority to sign all papers required for the ongoing business of the Board and the Club. In the case of the President's inability to act, the Vice President shall be the immediate successor. The President is responsible for maintaining contact with the Corporation Commission and other regulatory agencies necessary for the Club's activities.
  - B.) VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall be responsible for the accounting and disposition of all non-monetary club assets, and to ensure that all needed equipment is present at club functions. And perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her. The Vice President, as authorized by the Board, shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President in case of temporary absence of the President. In the case of the Vice Presidents' temporary inability to act, the Board of Directors shall declare the office vacant and said board shall choose a successor.

- C.) **SECRETARY:** The secretary shall record the minutes of all Board Meetings. He/she shall be responsible for supplying information for the chairman of the newsletter and gathering information for and writing of the articles for publication. He/she shall also keep the local media up to date regarding dates of matches, meetings, practices, as well as supply them with articles about the matches, ect. He/she shall also be responsible for keeping the webmaster current and up to date.
- D.) **TREASURER:** The treasurer shall record all gifts, donations, and financial transactions of the Board. The treasurer shall provide a current financial report at each regularly scheduled meeting and a yearly financial statement. The treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Association in such a bank as designated by the Board. He/she shall also collect fees at the MRMS events. He/she shall also collect and record all dues received by membership committee. The treasurer will prepare or cause to be prepared, all tax returns and reports required by taxing entities such as federal income taxes and sales tax.
- E.) **DIRECTORS:** Shall be assigned duties as deemed necessary by the President or the Board of Directors. All directors are required to accept and reliably execute the duties necessary for club activities as assigned.

#### **ARTICLE VII: ELECTION and TENURE**

- 1.) **ELECTIONS:** The election of Directors shall take place during January General Membership Meeting. Members will be notified in writing at least 30 days in advance.
- 2.) **METHOD of ELECTIONS:** the President shall appoint a nominating committee who shall submit nominations for the available positions. The slate of nominees will be presented at the January Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor and the general membership shall vote on all the nominees at that time. The use of signed absentee ballots is permissible.
- 3.) **TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office for all Directors/Officers shall be for approximately two 2 years and shall begin on the date of their election. A Director/Officer can be re-elected to the same position or another Board position as often as the membership re-elects them. The elections for President, Treasurer and at least one director will alternate every other year with the Vice President, Secretary and the remaining director positions.
- 4.) **VACANCIES:** A replacement shall be decided by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The elected individual shall then serve the remainder of the year of the vacated position.
- 5.) **DISMISSAL:** Any Officer or Board Member may be dismissed by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors on the following grounds.
  - A.) Unapproved absence from three board activities in a row (i.e. board meetings, events, etc.)
  - B.) Repeated failure to adequately and reliably perform their assignments.
  - C.) Any actions that is subject to suspension under the terms of Article III, 5B, #1-6 inclusive.
  - D.) Conduct which is detrimental to the mission of the Club.

**ARTICLE VIII: QUALIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS**

- 1.) **PRESIDENT:** Must be an active, adult member of MRMS in good standing, for 2 years, and must have served on the Board for at least 1 year.
- 2.) **OTHER OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Any Board member must have been an active, adult member of MRMS in good standing for at least one year prior to serving.

**ARTICLE IX: EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

- 1.) **EMERGENCY CLAUSE:** These by-laws may be temporarily altered in full or in part when expedient to best serve the interest of all the members of the MRMS.
- 2.) Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of any business of MRMS, which is not otherwise listed in these by-laws.