

By-Laws... Revised January 1999

# Slope Area Rifle & Pistol Club

## Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be: The Slope Area Rifle & Pistol Club.

## Article II – Object

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle & pistol shooting with a view toward a better knowledge of safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as marksmanship. Members of this club are strongly encouraged to be members of the National Rifle Association. It should be the duty of the members of this club to non-coercively inform and educate non-members of the many advantages that may be gained by membership.

## Article III – Membership

Any individual may become a member of this organization by vote of the executive committee. Applicants must submit a completed membership application and the appropriate membership fee at a regular club meeting. The application may be made in person or through a sponsor who is a club member in good standing.

- a) **Rights of Membership.** Each paid-up member will receive the combination to the lock on the range gate. Members may use the range at any time that a scheduled club activity is not in progress. Guests are allowed to use the range one time in the company of a member. They are required to join the club before using the range again. Anyone found on range property who is not a member or guest may be prosecuted for trespassing.
- b) **Obligations of Membership.** Members are expected and strongly encouraged to attend the monthly meetings and assist with club activities during the year. Members and their invited guests must adhere to all range rules.
- c) **Types of membership.** There shall be three types of membership. They are defined as:
  - 1) Individual
  - 2) Family (to include children under the age of 18)
  - 3) Junior (under age 18)

Members under the age of 18 have no voting privileges and must be accompanied by an adult to use the shooting range.

## Article IV – Dues

The amount of dues for each type of membership shall be established by a vote of the executive committee. The committee shall meet from time to time to review membership dues as it sees fit.

- a) **Arrears.** No member of the club in arrears after March 1<sup>st</sup> shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any of the privileges or benefits of the club.
- b) **Regular Meetings.** The regular business meetings of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held the first Thursday of each month, at such time as place as may be fixed by the executive committee.
- c) **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or upon the call of the executive committee, or upon the demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than 20% 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 by United States mail not less than seven (7) days prior to the date affixed for the holding of the meeting.

## Article VI – Officers

- a) The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary & Treasurer. There shall also be at least three directors who, acting together with the officers and the appointed committee chairpersons shall constitute the executive committee. The officers and directors shall be elected by a majority vote by secret ballot of the active members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the club. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. (The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined).

The directors shall be elected by a majority vote by secret ballot of the active members and will hold office for three years or until their successors are elected. One Director shall be elected per year.

- b) The executive committee shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the club.
- c) Meetings of the executive committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on call of the President or upon demand, in writing to the Secretary, by one-third of the members of the executive committee.
- d) Two-thirds of the members of the committee present, but not fewer than four shall constitute a quorum.
- e) Resignation of any officer may accepted by the majority vote of the remaining members of the committee.
- f) A vacancy in the executive committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the committee.
- g) The officers of the club, all Directors and all committee chairpersons shall maintain individual memberships in the National Rifle Association for their tenure in office.
- h) Committees pertinent to the operation of the club shall be established by the executive committee.

#### Article VII – Duties of Officers

- a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and the executive committee. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all other duties as usually pertain to this office.
- b) **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the Presidents absence or at the Presidents request.
- c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the President or the executive committee. The Secretary

shall notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required by Article V. The Secretary shall keep true record of the books and papers of account. The Secretary shall be responsible for re-affiliating the club annually with the National Rifle Association.

- d) **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 as authorized by the executive committee. *The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the executive committee and at regular monthly meetings, and shall present a complete report detailing expenditures, to the organization at the annual meeting.* Major expenditures shall be approved by a majority of active members present at any monthly meeting, or shall be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, if such should arise between monthly meetings.
- d, 1) The Treasurers records must be examined by an audit committee before being turned over to the newly elected Treasurer.

#### Article VIII - Suspension & Expulsion

- a) Any officer may be removed by two-thirds vote of the voting members in good standing at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least 15 days prior notice in writing shall have been given to the office of the reasons for his removal and the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the office 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 (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and 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 preferred by any member in good standing. Charges shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits of 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 of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice to each member of the Executive Committee and 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 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 shall call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal.

The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all active members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place and reasons for such special meetings. At the meeting of the full club the Secretary will read the full charges, 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 the action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by secret ballot of the active members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

#### **Article IX - Match Rules**

All competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the Match Director.

#### **Article X - Amendments**

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meetings called for this purpose. They must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for this purpose provided a copy of the proposed amendments have been sent to each member by the United States mail at least ten (10) days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the active members present will be necessary to pass or reject it.

*Revisions recommended by Membership, Dues & By-laws Committee: Jerry Obrigewitsch (chairman), Larry Thompson, Lee Rebsom, Larry Thuner, Melvin Pirkl & Cathy Logosz, committee members.*

***This document supersedes all previous by-laws. Revisions passed by vote at the January 1999 monthly meeting.***