

Bylaws

Slope Area Rifle & Pistol Club

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Article I – Name

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

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote organized rifle & pistol shooting, knowledge of safe gun handling, proper care of firearms and marksmanship.

Article III – Membership

Any individual may become a member of this organization by vote of the Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as the Board). 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. NRA membership is required.

- 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 you, your spouse or significant other and children living at home under the age of 18). Significant other means there is a shared primary residence. Limited to one vote per household. At least one family member must be an NRA member.
 - 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 Board. The Board 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 1st shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any of the privileges or benefits of the club.

Article V – Meetings

- A) **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting shall be held on the first Friday of February in each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter. At this time all materials pertaining to the functioning of the club shall be turned over to the newly elected officers of the club.
- b) **Regular Meetings.** The regular business meetings of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the board.
- c) **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, the board, 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 members in good standing by United States mail or email not less than seven (7) days prior to the date affixed for the holding of the meeting.

Article VI – Officers/Board of Directors

- a) The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and three Directors. This shall constitute the Board of Directors. They shall be elected by a majority vote. A secret ballot will be cast by the active members in good standing, present at the annual meeting, if there are more than one nominee for each Officer or Director. If only one nominee, a simple oral vote may take place.
- b) All members of the board shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.
- c) The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the club.

- d) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Board may determine. Any vote of the Board resulting in a tie will be decided by the President. Special meetings may be held at any time on call of the President by one-third of the members of the Board.
- e) No fewer than four board members shall constitute a quorum.
- f) A vacancy in the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.
- f) Committees pertinent to the operation of the club shall be established by the Board.

Article VII – Duties of Officers

- a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and the Board. 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 President's absence or at the President's 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. 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 Board. Such money shall only be withdrawn as authorized by the Board.
- d,1) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Board and at regular monthly meetings, and shall present a complete report detailing expenditures, to the organization at the annual meeting.
- d,2) 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 Board, if such should arise between monthly meetings.
- d,3) The Treasurer's 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 fifteen (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 Board 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 Board 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 Board to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice to each member of the Board 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 Board 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 Board 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 Board.

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

Proposed amendments of the Club’s Bylaws must be presented in writing. The proposal shall be read at a regular meeting, entered into the minutes and held over for vote at the next regular meeting. When presented to members for vote, two-thirds (2/3) of the members present must vote affirmatively for adoption.

2023 By-Laws Committee: Bob Ingold, Jim Berger & Jerry Obrigewitsch