

Constitution and By-Laws
of the
Carson Rifle and Pistol Club

Article I.
Name and Location

Section 1.

The name of this corporation shall be the "Carson Rifle and Pistol Club." It will be referred to hereafter in these by-laws as the "Club."

Section 2.

The principal office of the Club will be located in Carson City, Nevada.

Article II.
Affiliation

Section 1.

The Club will be affiliated with the Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association and with the National Rifle Association. The Club will also sponsor a junior club.

Article III.
Purpose

Section 1.

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote social welfare and public safety, to educate and train citizens of good repute in the safe and efficient handling of small arms, to encourage organized small arms shooting programs for sporting purposes, to encourage lawful ownership and proper use of small arms.

Section 2.

It will further be the objectives of the Club to promote the ideals of honesty, good fellowship, self discipline, self-reliance, team play, and conservation which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Section 3.

The Club shall be a non-profit organization supported by membership fees, contributions from public-spirited citizens or organizations, and funds raised through club activities.

Article IV.
Membership

Section 1.

Any citizen of the United States of good repute shall be eligible for membership in the Club. A citizen or subject of good repute of a friendly foreign nation may be eligible for membership by unanimous concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Membership shall consist of the following types:

- A. Benefactor--A person who contributes \$500.00 or more to the Club.
- B. Life Member--A person who contributes \$150.00 or more to the Club.
- C. Annual Member--A person who pays established annual dues.
- D. Honorary Member--Honorary membership shall be conferred by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors subject to the approval by a unanimous vote of the general membership present at any regular meeting. Honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of the Club except the power to vote or hold office. They shall not be liable for the payment of dues and such membership shall be for life. Any Club member may submit a candidate for honorary membership.

*ASSOCIATE MEMBER
NOT DEFINED
OR JUNIOR*

Section 3.

All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Board of Directors on blanks provided for that purpose. A majority vote by the Board of Directors shall constitute acceptance. All applications shall be accompanied by at least one year's dues. Any rejected applicant shall have his dues returned and be notified of the Board's action.

Section 4.

Upon acceptance, the Secretary/Treasurer shall provide the new member with a membership card showing the date to which his membership has been paid.

Article V.
Dues

Section 1.

The annual dues shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Resignation of any member from the Club shall not entitle them to any refund of dues.

Section 3.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify each member thirty days in advance of the billing date for his dues. Negligence or refusal to make payment within thirty days after the time for payment of dues shall place the member in inactive status.

Section 4.

Members on inactive status shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the Club, and must be reinstated to active membership within one year.

Article VI.
Annum Provisions

Section 1.

Financial operations of the Club shall be on a calendar year basis for accounting purposes.

Section 2.

The term of office for all elected officers of the Club shall be from the first meeting after their election through the annual meeting at which officers are elected.

Section 3.

The annual meeting shall be the first meeting of each calendar year. Elections of Club officers shall be conducted at the annual meeting. Annual reports from each officer and each committee chairman will also be given at the annual meeting.

Article VIII.
Board of Directors

Section 1.

The control and management of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall consist of the following members: the President, the Vice-President, the Executive Officer, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Past President, and three Directors at Large elected to staggered three-year terms.

Section 2.

The President of the corporation shall be the executive director of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.

Action of the Board of Directors shall be considered approved if no motion to the contrary is made and sustained at the first general membership meeting at which such action has been reported.

Section 4.

At such times when the Board of Directors is called in an emergency, their action shall be deemed a true consensus of the Club's opinion.

Section 5.

To rescind or revoke an action by the Board of Directors shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting.

Section 6.

A summary of the proceedings of each Board of Directors meeting shall be reported at the following general membership meeting.

Section 7.

The Board of Directors shall hold no less than one meeting each quarter. These meetings shall be held at such time and place as the President may designate.

Section 8.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Vice President with the concurrence of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Executive Officer.

Section 9.

A quorum shall be considered present at any Board of Directors meeting when at least five members are present.

Section 10.

A member of the Board of Directors shall be removed from his office when he has been absent from two board meetings or three regular meetings in succession without sufficient excuse. If such excuse is not termed valid by the Board of Directors at the last meeting missed, the board shall declare the office vacant and proceed to fill such vacancy by special election.

Article VIII.
Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The President shall direct and supervise the affairs of the Club. He shall preside at all Club meetings; shall represent or designate a representative of the Club for official functions; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2.

The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President shall have charge of public relations, and shall appoint a Parliamentarian.

Section 3.

The Executive Officer shall have charge of shooting programs; shall oversee preparation of resulting bulletins for all shooting events.

Section 4.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be custodian of all Club records, charter, constitution and by-laws, articles of incorporation, and any other official documents; shall take minutes at all Club meetings; shall handle all official correspondence; shall make written quarterly reports of the Club's financial condition, shall handle all financial transactions.

Article IX.
Meetings

Section 1.

General membership meetings shall be held once a month.

Section 2.

Special meetings may be called by the President when he decides they are necessary, or by any member of the Board of Directors at the written request of five or more members.

Section 3.

All meetings will require a three day advance notification except the annual meeting which shall require a ten day advance notification.

Section 4.

Fifteen percent (15%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

Section 5.

The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be the first general meeting of the calendar year at such place and date as designated by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to elect officers, make annual reports, and to consider such other business as may properly come before it. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed to each and every member in good standing at his last known address, giving the date, time, and place thereof and the nature of the business to be transacted. Such notice shall be mailed by the Secretary/Treasurer at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 6.

A simple majority vote shall carry any motion at any and all meetings unless otherwise specified in these by-laws in relation to specific instances or unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 7.

Parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (current revised edition).

Article X.
Elections

Section 1.

The election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2.

An Election Committee of not less than three members shall be appointed by the President to nominate candidates for each office and to conduct the election.

Section 3.

The President, Vice President, Executive Officer, Secretary/Treasurer and Directors shall be elected in this order at each and every annual meeting.

Section 4.

The term of office shall be from the meeting following the meeting at which they were elected to the Annual Meeting of the following year unless they resign or are removed from office by the Board of Directors, except in the case of directors who will serve until the annual meeting of the third year following.

Section 5.

Nominations shall be made by the Election Committee and then nominations will be accepted from the floor for each of the offices to be filled. When nominations are closed for each office, an immediate ballot shall be taken and the results tallied and announced. Each office shall be voted on separately by secret ballot except when there is a single nominee for that office, in which case he may be elected by acclamation. The nominee in each case receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Section 6.

A defeated nominee for any office shall be eligible for nomination to any subsequent office.

Section 7.

There shall be no voting by proxy. Second or subsequent ballots will be utilized to break tie votes.

Section 8.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President will automatically succeed the President. The vacancy of the office of Vice President, Executive Officer, Secretary/Treasurer or Director, shall be filled in the same manner as at the Annual Meeting. All members shall be given due notification, at least ten days, of any such vacancies. The term of office of a member elected to fill a vacancy in this manner shall be the unexpired portion of the term of the party whose vacancy he fills.

Section 9.

Any officer may be removed from office at a regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting provided, however, the officer to be removed has been given a written notice of the proposed motion for removal at least ten days prior to such meeting. Such action shall be taken only when requested in writing by at least five members of the Club.

Article XI.
Board of Auditors

Section 1.

The President shall appoint three members from the general membership to act as a Board of Auditors.

Section 2

The duties of the Auditors shall be to examine and audit all records and property belonging to the Club.

Section 3.

A written audit report shall be furnished to the Board of Directors by the Board of Auditors within thirty (30) days after completion of the audit. The audit report will be read to the general membership at the meeting.

Section 4.

An audit shall be performed at least once during each term of office.

Article XII.
Committees

Section 1.

Committees shall be formed as they are needed. It shall be the function of committees to organize themselves to carry out the directives of the Club as given to them by the appointing officer. The committee chairman shall report to the appointing officer, Board of Directors, or general membership, as provided in their appointments.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall retain the power to control the acts and expenditures of all committees. Committee members and other delegates shall have no authority by virtue of such position to bind or obligate the Club in any way or manner or to any extent by any action contrary to the Club's expressed policy.

Section 3.

The President shall have the authority to appoint or dismiss any committee that he deems necessary.

Section 4.

The Vice President shall have the authority to appoint a Public Relations Director or Publicity Committee, and Editor or Newsletter Committee and a Telephone or Notifications Committee.

Section 5.

The Executive Officer shall have the authority to appoint any committee necessary to carry out approved shooting programs including a Rifle Committee, a Pistol Committee, a Black Powder Committee, and a Hunter Safety Committee.

Article XIII.
Executive Committee

Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall consist of all committee chairmen and the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

A member of the Executive Committee shall be elected by that Committee to serve as liaison with State organization and National Rifle Association.

Article XIV.
Charges and Trial

Section 1.

Any charge made against a member of the Club must be in writing and signed by an active Club member. The written charge must be delivered to the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Members against whom charges are made shall be entitled to a fair hearing in their own defense. If a member refuses to appear or answer in writing to the charge made, the trial shall proceed as if he were present.

Section 3.

The Board of Directors, sitting as a trial court, shall examine all charges of misconduct, violations of Club obligations, or transgressions of Club laws. Should their investigation disclose the fact that a member has disgraced himself and that in their opinion his connection with the Club would be injurious to its good name and dignity, said member may be expelled from membership of the Club and prorated refund of dues made to the expelled member.

Section 4.

Reinstatement of any member expelled from the Club shall require unanimous approval by the Board of Directors.

Article XV.
Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Club may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any general or special meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 2.

All proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.

Section 3.

Members shall be notified of any proposed amendments at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendments are voted on.

Section 4.

All amendments shall become effective upon approval and henceforth shall be part of the Constitution and By-Laws; any articles in conflict shall cease to exist and be of no force and effect.