

BYLAWS
OF
THE
BLACKHAND
RAIDERS

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ARTICLE I

Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be as follows:

1. To encourage organized shooting activities among citizens of the United States with a view towards a better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship.
2. To establish a public development of the essentials of good sportsmanship, honesty, observance of the law and self-reliance.
3. To establish and support junior sportsmen for the purpose of carrying out the objective of this Association with adults and youth of our state and nation.
4. To promote and communicate the living history of the west, of early American history including the post civil war era and cowboy history in general.

ARTICLE II

Membership

1. Sponsored Members: Any citizen of the United States is eligible for membership in this Association if he or she is recommended by a member in good standing, and agrees to abide by the Bylaws of this Association and makes timely payment of dues.
2. The annual dues of each member shall be due on November 30th of each year.

**ARTICLE III
Dues and Assessments**

1. Annual dues shall be \$20.00 per year.
2. Lifetime memberships are not available at this time.
3. A member of this association who is in arrears in dues by thirty (30) days or more shall not be eligible to vote or enjoy any of the other privileges or benefits of this association.
4. Every member of this association shall be encouraged to become a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA)
5. Every member of this association shall be encouraged to become a member of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS)
6. Match Fees:
 - Member \$10.00
 - Non Member \$15.00
 - Buckaroos 13 years and under **FREE**
 - Young Guns 14-16 years **FREE**

**ARTICLE IV
Meetings**

1. Regular Business Meeting: The regular meeting of the Association shall be held no less than Two (2) times yearly. During the regular meeting, those members in good standing that are present **Shall Constitute A Quorum.**
2. This meeting may be held at or during a shooting event.
3. In the event that neither the president nor the Vice President can be present to chair the meeting, the President shall designate a member in good standing as Chairman. This meeting shall be open to all club members in good standing and all business matters that affect this Association shall be open for discussion.
4. The Executive board may make exception to a scheduled business meeting, provided a ten (10) day notice is given to all members.
5. Executive Board Meeting shall be held at such time and location as designated by the Executive Board.
6. Shooting Events shall not be classified as meetings. Announcements may be made, and business may be conducted as a separate function.
7. **It is a member's responsibility to VOTE.**

ARTICLE V
Officers and Committees

1. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Three (3) Trustees, and the Territorial Governor. A tie vote by the Executive Board will be decided by a majority vote of the members at the next scheduled meeting.
2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision, control and management of all activities of the Association. Any decision of the Executive Board may be reversed by a majority vote by members in good standing present at a regular business meeting.
3. The resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of members in good standing at a regular business meeting.
4. A vacancy in the Executive Board shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to the approval of the members in good standing, and the appointee shall serve until the next general election for that position. However, if more than two vacancies exist, new officers shall be elected at a regular business meeting to fill the vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired term. Should the offices of President and Vice President become vacant simultaneously, the remainder of the Executive Board may select from it's members in good standing a President Pro Tem to reside over an election to select a new President and Vice President.
5. Range Operations Committee of at least three (3) members shall be selected by the President to prepare the range for all matches. They will lead any work parties, stage scenarios and target placement. All members are requested to assist this committee with setup and cleanup of the range.
6. Medical / Safety Officer, shall be selected by the President to assist any injured shooter or spectator in the event an emergency should occur.

Contact information for Medical Services should be POSTED in an area available to all personnel (ex. Trailer door, job boxes).

Posting should include EMS Phone Numbers and the location of the Medical Emergency also a reminder to position someone at the Main Access to guide Emergency Personnel where they are needed, an accurate address must be posted to assure Emergency Personnel can respond in a timely fashion.

The Medical / Safety Officer will also be responsible for establishment of a line of demarcation for Non-shooters and areas of required eye and ear protection. Eye and Ear protection shall be available on the Range (either free or for a very nominal fee).

**ARTICLE VI
Election and Term**

1. The election of new officers shall be held yearly at the October meeting after our shoot, with the term beginning in December, with the exception of the Trustees, who shall be elected in accordance with Article VI, Section 3.
2. All officers (except Trustees) shall be elected to serve for a period of ONE (1) year.
3. Trustees shall be elected every year to a three (3) year term with the exception of the first year. The first year three Trustees will be elected, a One (1) year, Two (2) year and a Three (3) Trustee. Subsequent annual elections shall be at the October meeting to replace the outgoing Trustee. Nominations shall come from the floor for the open position.
4. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of good standing members present at the October meeting.

**ARTICLE VII
Removal of an Officer**

1. Any officer who is unable to perform the duties of the office to which elected, shall notify the President for replacement.
2. Any officer who is unwilling or unable to perform the duties of the office to which elected shall be removed from office In the event of non-performance by a member of the Executive Board, upon unanimous vote of the balance on the Executive Board, recommendation for removal from office of the non-performing officer shall be submitted to the membership at the next Association business meeting. A majority vote of the good standing members present at the Association business meeting shall be required to remove the officer.

ARTICLE VIII
Duties of Officers

1. President: The President shall preside over all Association and Executive Board meetings. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.
2. Vice President: Shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence or at the President's request. The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating promotion of the club and perform other duties as requested by the President.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to proper presentation and forwarding of all required reports. The Secretary shall notify all members of regular and special meetings, and shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Board and the Association, and have custody of the books and papers of the Association.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be in charge of all funds of the Association and place same in such banks as may be approved by the Executive Board. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer, for the payment of such bills as shall be approved by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report at any meetings of the Association when requested. The Treasurer shall submit a complete summary, which shall constitute an annual report, of all expenditures and income at the regular October meeting of the Association.
5. Sergeant at Arms : The Sergeant at arms shall be responsible for enforcing Robert's Rules of order at all Executive Board and Association meetings. The Sergeant at Arms is further responsible for maintaining order as necessary at all meetings and events. He shall assist as required in enforcement of all rules, regulations and be responsible for site concerns.
6. Trustees: The Trustees shall assist the balance of the Executive Board in any way possible. They will be considered voting members of the Executive Board.
7. Territorial Governor: The Territorial Governor shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to SASS rules and SASS amendments to the rules, to the Association. He will act as liaison between SASS and the club for interpretation of rules and all other SASS rulings.
8. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE OFFICERS TO ATTEND ALL REGULAR, EXECUTIVE BOARD , AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE IX
Finance**

1. The capitol of this Association shall consist of such property as acquired, including any real property, by leasehold, or fee title, which it may acquire and hold in accordance with the lay, such money as may be paid into the treasury of the Association by the members thereof as dues, fees, and assessments, or received by the Association from other sources.
2. Annual Match funds may be donated to an approved charity. Funds may come from:
 - A. Sale of Raffle Tickets
 - B. Other collected funds from Annual Match Range Fees
as determined by the Executive Board, i.e.: match fees
and/or side match fees.
3. Range Fee payments will be made to the Range in the amount agreed to by the Executive Board and the Range and approved by the members. This payment may be made monthly or annually per the agreement. An annual agreement between the parties shall be written and included with the Executive Board minutes.

ARTICLE X

Amendments and Policy Statements

1. Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member in good standing of the Association at any regular business meeting.
2. Interpretation of these by-laws may be recorded by a Policy Statement. Policy Statements may be executed by the Executive Board and approved by a majority of members in good standing at any regular business meeting on any concern to the Association.
3. All Policy Statements shall be considered as part of the by-laws of the Association. The Executive Board may rescind any Policy Statement. Such rescission must be approved by a majority of members in good standing present at a regular business meeting.
4. Interpretation of these by-laws shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI

Governing Rules and Regulations

1. All business meetings and Executive Board meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
2. All stages of all events shall be conducted according to SASS rules, unless specifically stated otherwise in the written stage procedures.
3. Activities of the Association shall be restricted to areas designed for that specific purpose.
4. No shooting or gun handling shall be permitted during any meeting of the Association.
5. It shall be the duty of all members to acquaint themselves with all restrictions.
6. Because safety and public image are of paramount importance to the Association, any violation of these restrictions shall be sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion from the association.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution

1. Upon dissolution of this Association, any money remaining in the treasury shall be donated to a Non-Profit organization of charity after all expenses are satisfied.
2. The organization to receive these monies shall be voted upon at a business meeting just prior to dissolution.

ARTICLE XIII

Addendum

1. *added 2/25/2018*: The match held in June every year will be in honor of our deceased members.
2. *added 2/25/2018*: If The BlackHand Raiders, LLC ever builds permanent stage designs, the following stage designs will be created:
 - a. Jail: named after to honor Dennis "Shotgun Slade" Wood
 - b. Bank: named after to honor William "Old Mill Bill" Nesbitt
3. *added 3/13/2018*: updated Match Fees for members from \$12 to \$10.