

Texican Rangers, Inc

"A Cowboy Action Shooting Club"

THIRD AMENDED BY-LAWS EFFECTIVE 2020

Article 1: CLUB NAME AND OFFICE

- I. The name of the club shall be Texican Rangers, Inc. The organization shall also be known and may operate as the Texican Rangers.
- II. The Texican Rangers shall function as a non-profit organization under applicable laws and as a Cowboy Action Shooting™ (CAS™) club under rules and guidelines of the Single Action Shooting Society* (SASS*).
- III. The office of the Texican Rangers shall be located in the city and state where the bank account is maintained but can be changed by the majority vote of the Officers.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES

- I. To perpetuate the traditions, heritage, and spirit exemplified by the dress, firearms and accoutrements used in the 'Old West' during the 1800s, the essence of the Texas frontier.
- II. To function as a Cowboy Action Shooting Club™ which uses firearms of the 'Old West', primarily single action pistols, lever action rifles in pistol calibers and side by side shotguns as well as other firearms of the 1860 to 1900 era.
- III. To promote and encourage knowledge of:
 - a. History of Texas - events, firearms and people
 - b. Firearm safety
 - c. Shooting techniques for proficiency and accuracy
 - d. Sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™
- IV. To promote the Cowboy Code, the Spirit of the Game and the characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism and good citizenship.
- V. To engage in other activities consistent with the purposes of a CAS™ club.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

- I. Eligibility. Any resident of the United States who is of good character and can legally purchase and possess a firearm in their state of residence is eligible for membership. Any membership application may be rejected for any reason by a majority vote of the Officers.
- II. Membership Categories:
 - a. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: Any eligible adult age 21 and above.
 - b. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:
 1. Any number of individual family members which includes husband, wife, children and grandchildren, and
 2. Family members (under age 21) sponsored by an eligible adult (over age 21).

3. All Family members must reside under the same roof.
- c. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Only available as an award to an active member of the club.
 1. To qualify the member must have:
 - a) Demonstrated exceptional commitment to the purposes of the club,
 - b) Made an exceptional contribution to the operation of the club over time,
 - c) Been deemed by the Officers to demonstrate the "cowboy spirit" expressed as a foundation of the game of Cowboy Action Shooting™, and
 - d) Has received the unanimous vote of the Officers of the club.
 2. A Life Member is exempt from paying annual dues for individual membership, but is not exempt from fees or other charges associated with monthly or special matches such as registration and camping.
- III. Good Standing: Member is otherwise eligible and current in payment of all dues and fees.
- IV. Waiver of Liability. Everyone must execute a Waiver of Liability, on the form provided by the Officers, prior to participating in any activities including shooting matches.
- V. Guests. Anyone meeting the membership eligibility requirements who executes a Waiver of Liability and pays the applicable fees may participate as a non-member guest.
- VI. Suspension or Expulsion. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Texican Rangers by a unanimous vote of the Officers.
 - a. At least 10 days prior to suspension/expulsion a written notice describing the basis for the potential action shall be provided.
 - b. Member may respond in writing or in person to a special meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - c. Dismissal from a match by the Range Master or an Officer does not constitute suspension or expulsion from the Texican Rangers.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

- I. The Officers of the Texican Rangers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Range Master.
 - a. For their term of office, all Officers shall serve as members of the Executive Committee.
 - b. The President shall serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.
- II. Qualifications to serve as an Officer:
 - a. Must be a member in good standing for at least one year prior to the election.
 - b. Must be at least 21 years of age.
- III. Terms of office:
 - a. The President, Vice President and Range Master shall serve one (1) year terms from January 1 to December 31.
 - b. The Secretary shall serve a two (2) year term beginning January 1 of each odd-numbered year.
 - c. The Treasurer shall serve a two (2) year term beginning January 1 of each even-numbered year.
 - d. There shall be no term limits on any office.

ARTICLE 5: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS

- I. President
 - a. Shall preside at all meetings and oversee the Monthly Match.
 - b. Shall coordinate preparations for Match events, to include the placement of sets, props, and targets and the writing of the scenarios.
 - c. Shall be authorized to sign checks, make payments and to make purchases up to \$1000 for the Texican Rangers. Purchases over \$1000 must have approval of the majority of the Executive Committee or have been specifically identified in a budget approved by the Executive Committee.
 - d. Shall serve as the tie-breaking vote for the Executive Committee on any issue. e. Shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- II. Vice President
 - a. Shall assist the President with match preparations as needed.
 - b. Shall perform all duties of the President in his/her absence or on request.
 - c. Shall receive complaints and/or grievances from members.
 - d. Shall maintain an inventory of equipment owned by the Texican Rangers.
 - e. Shall develop and maintain an Operations Manual and Rule Book.
 - f. Shall perform other duties as the Executive Committee or the President may direct.
- III. Secretary
 - a. Shall record minutes of all meetings.
 - b. Shall maintain all official records of the Texican Rangers organization.
 - c. Shall handle all official correspondence and communications as directed by the President to include:
 1. Publication of the monthly newsletter, and
 2. Posting and distribution of match scores, and
 3. Providing web master functions for website.
 - d. Shall issue all official notices to Officers, Executive Committee, and/or membership.
 - e. Shall process all applications for membership coordinating with Officers as necessary.
 - f. Shall maintain a current list of membership with contact information.
 - g. Shall perform other duties as the Executive Committee or the President may direct.
- IV. Treasurer
 - a. Shall collect all monies due the Texican Rangers such as dues, match fees and other charges.
 - b. Shall make deposits, transact and maintain accounts with a bank approved by the Executive Committee.
 - c. Shall maintain the records of financial accounts for the Texican Rangers.
 - d. Shall provide a written Treasurer's Report at each Executive Committee meeting.
 - e. Shall track all receipts and expenditures against the annual budget approved by the Executive Committee.
 - f. Shall be authorized to sign checks and/or make payments owed by the Texican Rangers for up to \$500 with no prior approval. Expenditures over \$500 must have the approval of the President, Vice President or the Executive Committee.

- g. Shall identify an accounting person to audit the financial records every two years, during the last quarter of the Treasurer's term.
 - 1. With the concurrence of the other Officers the President shall contract the services of the accounting person.
 - 2. The audit report shall be submitted by the contractor to the Executive Committee.
 - 3. The Treasurer shall distribute financial audit results to the membership upon written request of 10 members.
 - h. Shall perform other duties as the Executive Committee or the President may direct.
- V. Range Master
- a. Shall develop and maintain a master plan for future long-term operation of the range.
 - b. Shall ensure range is provided with adequate protection and safeguards.
 - c. Shall be responsible for ensuring that the range is set up and ready for match operations prior to the Shooter's Meeting.
 - d. Shall be responsible for overseeing design, construction, maintenance and repair or replacement of the range stages, facilities, equipment and materials.
 - e. Shall be responsible for soliciting and organizing membership work parties.
 - f. Shall be responsible for the procurement of supplies in support of range activities including match supplies and construction and repair materials.
 - g. Shall assist the Vice President to develop and publish an Operations Manual and Rule Book.
 - h. Shall perform other duties as the Executive Committee or the President may direct.

ARTICLE 6: CONDUCT OF THE CLUB OPERATIONS

- I. Conduct of the business of the Texican Rangers shall be managed by the Executive Committee.
- II. Executive Committee:
 - a. Shall consist of the Officers of the Texican Rangers as identified in Article 4 of these by-laws.
 - b. Shall meet when called by the President or any two Executive Committee members with five days' notice.
 - c. Shall maintain a quorum of at least three members.
 - d. Shall make temporary appointments to fill the unexpired term of any Officer who is unable to continue service.
 - e. Shall select a Territorial Governor (TG) who:
 - f. Qualifications to serve as a Territorial Governor:
 - 1. Shall not be an Officer, and
 - 2. Shall serve as the liaison between the Texican Rangers and SASS*¹
 - 3. Shall serve until a replacement is selected by the Executive Committee.
 - 4. Shall meet the following qualifications:
 - a) A member of the Texican Rangers in good standing, and
 - b) A Life member in SASS*, and
 - c) Range Officer (RO) II certified, and
 - d) Any additional SASS* requirements, and
 - e) Is or has been an active CAS™ competitor.

- III. The Texican Rangers shall carry Liability Insurance.
- IV. The Texican Rangers shall be operated according to reasonable, prudent, and accepted business practices.
- V. The operational and fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year.
- VI. Reimbursement of expenses to Officers or members for purchases or expenses related to club operations and activities shall be made only upon presentation of a receipt
- VII. All Matches for Cowboy Action Shooting™ shall be conducted in accordance with current club rules and current SASS* rules as published by the Single Action Shooting Society*.
- VIII. Special Matches shall be conducted in accordance with club rules or rules that are reasonable and customary on similar gun ranges.
- IX. An Officer must be present during any activity on the range.
- X. Officers shall be at the match one hour prior to the Shooter's Meeting to assist with the setup of the Match.
- XI. During a match at least one Officer in attendance shall be certified to Range Officer (RO) II.
- XII. The senior Officer present shall be the Match Director unless otherwise delegated. The order of precedence is President, Vice President, Range Master, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- XIII. The President may appoint someone to serve as the Match Director of any match.
- XIV. All persons entering the range for club activities and operations must execute a Waiver of Liability.
- XV. Any competitor under the age of 21 shall be accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 21.
- XVI. The range shall be ready for match operations prior to the Shooter's Meeting and the match shall begin after the meeting.
- XVII. Any Officer may remove a member, guest, vendor, or contractor from the range or Ranch property for violation of the club rules or safety issues.

ARTICLE 7: DUES AND FEES

- I. Dues and fees may be changed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee with notification to the membership by the newsletter, e-mails and the website.
- II. Approved changes to the dues or fees will be activated by an amendment to these by-laws.
- III. Annual dues are as follows:
 - a. \$36 per Individual Member payable by February 1 of each year.
 - b. \$48 per Family Membership payable by February 1 of each year.
- IV. Dues shall be prorated (based on a 12-month year) for new members joining after February 1, with a minimum of \$5.
- V. The property owner requires the club to pay a fee for any person shooting, including practice.
- VI. The following fees shall be collected immediately before each shooting event, except special matches such as Comancheria Days:
 - a. \$15.00 for an adult Individual or Family Member in good standing.
 - b. \$20.00 for an adult Guest (or Member not in good standing).
 - c. \$10 for a Junior (ages 14 through 16) Family Member or Guest.
 - d. \$7 for a Buckaroo (age 14 or less) Family Member or Guest.
- VII. Active duty military shall be exempt from match fees.

VIII. Other discounts may be authorized by the Executive Committee on a case-by-case basis

ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS

- I. The President or other most senior Officer present shall be the presiding Officer for any meeting. Order of precedence shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer then Range Master.
- II. Executive Committee Meetings, Special Meetings of the Executive Committee, and Special Meetings of the membership shall require that a quorum be present.
 - a. Three of the five Executive Committee members constitutes an Executive Committee quorum.
 - b. All members present constitutes a membership quorum.
- III. Shooters Meetings:
 - a. Shall be conducted before each main match to provide timely information and a safety briefing.
 - b. Business conducted may include requests for membership approvals of expenses, match activities, etc.
- IV. Annual Meeting:
 - a. Shall be conducted at Shindig, the monthly match held on the second Saturday every September.
 - b. Shall include elections of Officers for the following calendar year.
 - c. Simple majority vote of the members present is required for approvals.
- V. Executive Committee Meetings:
 - a. Shall be conducted on match days as scheduled by the President with a quorum of Officers present.
 - b. Minutes of the meeting shall be provided to the Executive Committee for review prior to the next meeting.
- VI. Special Meetings:
 - a. Executive Committee:
 1. Officers must be notified at least 5 days in advance of the time, date, place, and subject matter.
 2. Can be held in person or by conference call.
 3. A quorum must be present.
 - b. Membership:
 1. May be called by the Executive Committee when deemed appropriate and communicated to all members at least 15 days in advance with notification of the time, date, place, and subject matter.
 2. May be requested by a member upon a two-thirds majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE 9: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VOTING

- I. Nomination Process:
 - a. Members in good standing may self-nominate or nominate other members as candidates for offices.
 - b. Nominees must meet the requirements for the intended office.
 - c. Nominations must be submitted to the Executive Committee by the last day of June.

- d. Candidates shall be announced in the July and August newsletters and announced at Shooter's Meetings.
 - e. A candidate withdrawal must be submitted to the Executive Committee within two (2) weeks of first announcement.
 - f. f Candidates are encouraged to write an article for the July and/or August newsletter stating their qualifications and goals
- II. Election and Voting Procedures:
- a. Annual Elections:
 1. Official Notice of annual elections shall be published in the July and August newsletters and announced at the Shooter's Meetings in those months.
 2. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting held during Shindig on the second Saturday every September. Unexpected delays due to weather, declared emergency, or other Acts of God shall be handled on an individual basis as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
 3. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present voting in the election.
 4. All Individual Members in good standing and Life Members shall have full voting privileges. Family Members shall be limited to two (2) votes.
 5. An absent member may vote by email if the email is submitted to two (2) Officers, with the member's Name and Alias, and clear details of the voter's choice(s) no later than 8:00 a.m. the day before the Shindig Main Match day in September.
 6. The Secretary shall keep a record of members who have submitted email votes.
 7. Results of the election shall be announced at the Annual Meeting held at the end of the Shindig Match.
 8. If a candidate for office is unopposed, then an election for that office is not required and approval of the nomination by the members is sufficient for the candidate to assume office.
 9. All elected Officers at Shindig may attend Executive Committee meetings and will have voting rights on any decisions regarding Comancheria Days for the following club year.
 - b. Special Elections:
 1. Must be called for members to elect a mid-term replacement to fill a vacant office.
 2. May be called for any other reason deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 10: RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL

- I. An Officer unable or unwilling to perform the duties of the office to which elected shall notify the President of his/her resignation.
- II. An Officer may be recommended for removal for any cause deemed sufficient by a unanimous vote of the other members of the Executive Committee and:
 - a. Findings are presented to the membership at the next monthly Shooter's Meeting and
 - b. A majority vote of the members present shall be required to complete removal.
 - c. Should a position become vacant, a Special Election shall be conducted in accordance with Article 9.

ARTICLE 11: COMMUNICATIONS

- I. The Texican Rangers shall maintain a website.
- II. The Texican Rangers shall publish a newsletter, "The Texican Star".

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- I. Any Officer may introduce an amendment to these by-laws in a meeting consisting of at least four Officers.
- II. These by-laws may then be amended at any meeting of the Texican Rangers membership by a majority vote of those present, provided that notice of the amendment(s) has been given either at the previous meeting or sent to each member 30 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 13: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Officer, appointee, or member may commence negotiation of a personal interest or for special arrangements relating to any activities on the Ranch or range with the property owner(s) or with any supplier of goods, services, or equipment to the Texican Rangers without prior consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 14: DISSOLUTION

- I. Should the Board of Directors determine that the Club be dissolved, the decision shall be presented to the membership for a vote in a Special Election.
- II. IL A majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting shall be required for dissolution.
- III. Assets and equipment owned by the club shall be sold. Expenses relating to the operations and dissolution shall be paid, and the remainder of the proceeds shall be evenly divided among the members in good standing as of the date of dissolution.

ARTICLE 15: ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS

I certify that these by-laws and Amendment was duly adopted by the Texican Rangers on November 11, 2017.

Joe Neumann
President, Texican Rangers, Inc.

Attest:

Mary Neumann
Secretary, Texican Rangers, Inc.