

BYLAWS

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THE SCIOTO
TERRITORY
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SCIOTO TERRITORY DESPERADO'S, INC.

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Article I

Purpose

The purposes 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, law observance, 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

Memberships

There shall be three classes of memberships:

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. Endowment (Life) Members: Those individuals who qualify as sponsored members and pay a one-time fee for lifetime membership. Life Memberships are not available effective 1/31/05. Reinstatement of Lifetime Memberships may be recommended by the Executive Board at a later time.
3. Honorary Members: Those individuals whom the Association, from time to time, may wish to honor for some special service or contribution to the shooting sports.
4. 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. Special assessments can be levied by a majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting, provided notice of such proposed assessment is mailed to all members in good standing ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
5. Every member of this Association shall be encouraged to become a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA).
6. Every member of this Association shall be encouraged to become a member of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS).

Article IV

Meetings

1. **Regular Business Meeting:** The regular business meeting of the Association shall be held no less than four (4) times yearly. During the regular meeting, those members in good standing that are present shall constitute a quorum. This meeting may be held at, or during a shooting event. 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. All business matters that affect this Association shall be open for discussion.

The Executive Board may make exception to the scheduled business meeting, provided a ten (10) day notice is given to all members.

2. **Executive Board Meeting:** Executive Board meetings shall be held at such time and locations as designated by the Executive Board.
3. **Shooting Events:** Shooting events shall not be classified as meetings. Announcements may be made, and business may be conducted as a separate function.
4. It is the member's responsibility to be present to vote.

Article V

Officers and Committees

1. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Territorial Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and three (3) Trustees. 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 of this Association to fill the vacancies for the remainder of the un-expired terms. Should the offices of the President and Vice President become vacant simultaneously, the remainder of the Executive Board may select from its members in good standing a President, Pro Tem, to reside over the meeting of this Association in order to elect a new President and Vice President.
5. Nominating Committee: A Committee of five (5) members in good standing, not currently serving on the Executive Board, shall be selected by the Executive Board to seek out nominees and prepare a list of qualified candidates for election. This committee shall be appointed at an Executive Board meeting prior to the November business meeting, for presentation to the membership at the November business meeting.
6. Range Operations Committee: A committee of a minimum of three (3) members who shall be selected by the President to prepare the range for all matches. They will lead any work parties, provide routine range maintenance, stage scenarios, and target placement, as well as any other needed or required range operations. A chairman shall be elected from among the Committee who will act as Chief Range Master for any selected match. Members of the Range Operations Committee shall not be considered members of the Executive Board, but may be made up from Executive Board members.

Article VI

Election and Term

1. The election of new officers shall be held every two (2) years at the November meeting; 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 two (2) years.
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 shall be elected; a one (1) year Trustee, a two (2) year Trustee and a three (3) year Trustee. Subsequent annual elections shall be at the annual November business meeting for the replacement for the outgoing Trustee. Nominations shall come from the floor for that position.
4. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of good standing members present at the November meeting of this Association.
5. Nominations shall be presented by the nominating committee at the November business meeting and additional nominations, if any, will be accepted from the floor at that time. Should there be more than one person per office, there will be a vote at that time, by office. Should there be a complete slate of officers presented by the nominating committee, the members in good standing will vote to accept / reject the slate of officers by majority vote.

Article VII

Duties of Officers

1. President: The President shall preside at all meeting of the Association and of the Executive Board. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all other duties as usually pertains to the office.
2. Vice President: The 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 club participation at the Pro Gun Shows and also perform other duties as requested by the President.

Article VII, Duties of Officers, (continued)

3. Territorial Governor: The Territorial Governor shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to SASS rules and SASS amendment to rules to the Association. Will act as liaison between SASS and club for interpretation of rules and all other SASS rulings.
4. 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.
5. 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 November meeting of the Association.
6. 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 the Range Master as required in enforcement of all rules, regulations and be responsible for site concerns.
7. 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.
8. It shall be the duty of the officers to attend all regular, Executive Board, and special meetings of the Association.
9. Any office shall be considered vacant when the office holder is absent from two (2) meetings in a six (6) month period.

Article VIII

Removal of Officer

1. Any officer who is unable or unwilling to perform the duties of the office to which elected, shall notify the President for replacement.
2. Any officer who is unwilling 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 IX

Suspension and/or Expulsion

1. Any member may be suspended or expelled by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board and majority of good standing members present at a business meeting.

Charges against any member may be presented to the Executive Board by any member in good standing. Such charges shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts, accompanied by all affidavits or 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 present the charges at the next regular Executive Board meeting.

The accused may have representation at such meeting.

A unanimous vote of the Executive Board shall be required for expulsion.

Article X

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.

Article X, Finance, (continued)

2. Annual Match funds may be donated to an approved charity. Funds may come from:
 - 1) Sale of Raffle Tickets for the Annual Match
 - 2) 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 the property owners in the amount agreed to by the Executive Board and the property owners 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 XI

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 this Association.

All policy statements shall be recorded and 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.

3. Interpretation of these by-laws shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board.

Article XII

Governing Rules and Regulations

1. All monthly business meetings and Executive Board meeting 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. The Association shall not be used for the firing or detonation of such weapons as described in Title II, Machine Guns, Destructive Devices, and certain other Firearms; Sub chapter B, Section 5845. Definitions of Public Law 90-816, known as the Gun Control Act of 1968, Paragraph B, Machine Guns, and Paragraph F, Destructive Devices; or any weapons or device that violates the spirit of the Scioto Territory Desperado's. The above restrictions shall not be construed to pertain to those weapons described in Paragraph G, Antique Firearms.
5. The above paragraph shall not prevent the Executive Board from granting permission for the demonstration of such weapons when deemed beneficial to the Association membership as a whole.
6. No shooting or gun handling shall be permitted during any meeting of this Association.
7. It shall be the duty of all members to acquaint themselves with all restrictions.
8. Because safety and public image are of paramount importance to the Association, any violation of these restrictions shall be sufficient cause to initiate expulsion or suspension proceedings as outlined in Article IX of the Scioto Territory Desperado's, Inc. by-laws.

Article XIII

Dissolution

1. Upon dissolution of this Association, any moneys remaining in the Association treasury shall be donated to a non-profit organization of charity after all expenses of this Association are satisfied. The organization to receive these moneys shall be nominated and voted upon at a monthly meeting held just prior to dissolution.