

Wild Rice Peacemakers Bylaws

ARTICLE I - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to participate in the sport of cowboy mounted shooting, to provide an outlet for those persons wishing to compete in this sport, encourage safe handling of firearms and to help educate all individuals in all aspects of this sport including good horsemanship. All members shall abide by the rules set forth in the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Rule book. The Club will promote family participation and the preservation of old west values and period clothing, good sportsmanship, and patriotism. The club officers and directors shall follow the guidelines set forth in the following articles and shall administer the affairs of this club.

ARTICLE II- NAME

The name of this club shall be Wild Rice Peacemakers. Also referred to as “the Club”.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

There will be two classes of membership in the Wild Rice Peacemakers:

A. Single memberships: Single membership is open to all persons 18 years of age and above. Single members will be eligible to vote and have one vote per membership.

B. Family memberships: Family membership will include husband, wife or significant other and immediate family members 17 years of age or younger. Family members 18 years of age and above will be eligible to vote and have one vote per person. Family members under 18 years of age will not be eligible to vote.

SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Club officers may put any member on suspension that has through his or her actions:

- 1) Caused or has the potential to cause personal injury to themselves, another person, property or livestock
- 2) Has projected their actions to appear to be of undesirable character.
- 3) Has conducted themselves in a manner unbecoming of a Club member.
- 4) Has been abusive or treated their horse in any otherwise inhumane fashion.
- 5) Has acted in an unsafe manner in the handling of firearms.

A member will be expelled from the Wild Rice Peacemakers for total disregard for the welfare of the club, members, and/or the public for his or her actions of blatant disregard of safety, or multiple suspensions, by majority vote of members that are in attendance at a meeting called by club officers. Such a meeting called by the officers shall be convenient to the majority of club membership, with a minimum of 14 days notice.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Membership dues for the Wild Rice Peacemakers are to be paid annually. Membership dues for all classes of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Resignation of a club member will not constitute the return of club dues.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A seven (7) person Board will govern the Wild Rice Peacemakers, and they will be known as the Board of Directors. The Board will consist of the club officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past-president and two Directors at large elected by the membership. The President shall chair the board. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to determine club policy and procedure. In the event of a vacancy in the Board, a membership meeting will be called to elect a new board member. If a conflict of interest where a board member may be a party or in the event that more than 1 board member is involved as party to a conflict of interest needing to be settled by a board vote, that member/members shall relinquish their voting rights to the remaining board members. There must be a quorum of board members to render a decision. A quorum of board members shall consist of 5 regular members. If a quorum of board members cannot be met, the dispute shall be voted on by a quorum of the general membership (10% of the members or more). The Wild Rice Peacemakers will have four officers consisting of:

President - The President will preside over and prepare agenda for all meetings. He/She will appoint committee chairs for all committees to carry out the programs of the Club. Committee chairs will select their own committee members and determine the correct number to conduct the task set forth. The President shall be the representative of the Club and have the authority to sign all papers required for ongoing business. The President shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. In the case of the President's inability to act, the Vice President shall be the immediate successor. The President shall be responsible for approving any and all club expenditures over \$50.

Vice President - The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence. Upon permanent absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President for the duration of the term, declare the Vice President's office vacant, and call for election to fill the Vice President's office.

Secretary - The Secretary shall record the minutes of all board meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping all membership records in order including the collection of all dues and entry fees. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence. The Secretary will also have authority, with board approval, to sign all papers required for ongoing business.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall record all gifts, donations, and financial transactions of the Board in an accepted bookkeeping method. The Treasurer shall provide current financial reports at each regularly scheduled meeting and a yearly financial statement. All financial records will be available to the Board upon request. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Club in such bank or banks as designated by the Board, will have

checking writing authority to conduct ongoing business and must have the written or electronic approval of the President prior to writing any checks over \$50.

Directors – The Directors will attend Board of Directors meetings when called and assist the officers in making decisions and setting club policies whenever asked by the President.

Officers and Board Members — No officer, board member, or members shall be compensated for his/her services, except the designated club scorekeeper.

ARTICLE VI- ELECTION AND TENURE

ELECTIONS -The election of officers/directors shall take place in November each year.

TERM OF OFFICE - The term of office shall begin at the November meeting and end at the following November meeting as follows: Officers/Directors will be on an alternating two (2) year Term of Office. Two (2) years for the President, Vice President and one Director and two (2) years for the Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director. The first term of office for President, Vice President and one Director will be for 2008 & 2009. The first term of office for Secretary, Treasurer and one Director will be for three (3) years, 2008-2010, to allow for alternating terms of officers.

METHOD OF ELECTIONS/VOTING - Nominations for officers will come from the general membership at the November meeting. Election of the Board of Directors and Officers shall be by the majority vote of the club membership.

QUORUM — A quorum of the membership is defined as a minimum of 10% of the members in good standing, physically in attendance at a meeting.

MAJORITY VOTE — A majority vote of the membership, at any club meeting, is considered to be the combined majority of the votes of members in attendance at an official meeting and the proxy ballot(s) of members unable to attend said meeting.

VACANCIES - Should the office of the President become vacant, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President and declare the office of Vice President vacant and call for election of a Vice President. Upon vacancy of any other office, the President shall declare the office vacant and call for an election for that office.

ARTICLE VII- QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

Club officers shall be elected from the general membership who are in good standing.

