

BY-LAWS OF THE

BELTON GUN CLUB, INC.

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AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

These new by-laws supersede all previous approved by-laws and amendments of the

Belton Gun Club, Inc.

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be the Belton Gun Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States resident in the community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. To encourage and foster interest in the ownership and collecting of fine firearms of good workmanship and quality, and to revere the traditions of our nation and the part in which fine firearms have played in its history. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those 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.

ARTICLE III (a)

Any citizen of the United States, twenty-one (21) years of age or older may become a member of this organization. A prospective member must attend at least one regular meeting prior to application for membership. Such prospective member must have their application for membership sponsored and endorsed by two (2) members in good standing and not on probation at that time. The application will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval or rejection. A unanimous vote in favor of acceptance must be obtained by the Executive Committee in order for new member to be accepted. All prospective members shall be on a one (1) year probationary period from the time of application. After the probation, the application will be reviewed again, and a vote of unanimous acceptance must be given by the Executive Committee. The probationary member will then be accepted upon their subscribing to the NRA pledge below, and upon payment of the required fees and dues.

The NRA Pledge:

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

ARTICLE III (b)

All members of this club are encouraged to maintain membership in the National Rifle Association.

ARTICLES III (c)

In the event that the club should disband and cease operation as a club, for any reason, any financial assets after payment of all bills and outstanding obligations shall be donated to the Institution of Legislative Action of the National Rifle Association of America.

ARTICLE IV (a)

The member's annual dues and one (1) time initiation fee shall be payable at the time of admission to membership, pro-rated for the remaining months of the fiscal year and annually due thereafter on the 1st of July of the current year. It shall be within the power and authority of the Executive Committee to amend the annual dues and initiation fee subject to the vote of a majority of the organization.

ARTICLE IV (b)

All members in good standing shall be eligible to vote on any issue concerning the club. No member in arrears in their dues shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by the club. For clarification, the term "IN ARREARS" shall be taken to mean that the annual dues have not been paid.

ARTICLE V (a)

The regular meeting of the club shall be held on either the third (3rd) or fourth (4th) Thursday of each month. The regular meeting of the month of May of each year shall be designated as the election meeting, at which time the election of new officers for the following year shall be held.

ARTICLE V (b)

A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the meeting and signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be furnished to the officers and members by mail not less than seven (7) days prior to the selected date of the meeting.

ARTICLE V (c)

One third (1/3) of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLE VI (a)

The officers of this club shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Officer. These officers, with the addition of four (4) members elected by the club, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing. They shall hold office for two (2) years or until their successors are elected, except President-Elect and President.

Officers will be elected on two cycles. Cycle A and Cycle B. This is to ensure the Executive Committee has at least 4 members that have served a year to promote consistency on the board.

Cycle A – 2 Members At Large, Secretary, President Elect

Cycle B – 2 Members At Large, Treasurer, Executive Range Officer, President Elect

The President Elect will serve 1 year as President Elect and 1 year as President.

ARTICLE VI (b)

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the club.

ARTICLE VI (c)

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the committee may determine. Special meeting may be held at any time on the call of the President, or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by three (3) members of the committee.

ARTICLE VI (d)

Six (6) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI (e)

Resignation of any officer may be accepted by majority of the vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI (f)

A vacancy on the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the committee. However, if more than one (1) vacancy exist, a special meeting of the club shall be called and new members elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next election meeting as outlined in paragraph (a) of this article.

ARTICLE VI (g)

The officers in this club shall maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association.

ARTICLE VII (a)

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and Executive Committee. He/She shall be a member ex-officer of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his/her office. The President will appoint all committees, to maintain all activities of the club.

ARTICLE VII (b)

The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at his/her request.

ARTICLE VII (c)

The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required by the club by the NRA and the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. He/She shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings, and shall notify all members of regular and special meeting as required in Article V. He/She shall keep true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club, and have custody of the books and papers of the club, except the Treasurers book of accounts. All applications for membership shall be made to the Secretary. He/She shall be responsible for reaffiliating the club annually with the NRA. All record compiled by the several committees which pertain to the operation of the club shall be turned over to the Secretary for filing. All records pertaining to the shooting activities of the members of the club shall be turned into the Secretary for filing and inclusion in the annual report to the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. Correspondence between the club and the National Rifle Association or Director of Civilian Marksmanship shall be handled by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VII (d)

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and shall place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all his/her transactions, and shall render a detailed report with all his/her vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested and a annual report to the club a the regular meeting in the month of July each year. In an emergency, such as the immediate payment of collect-on-delivery freight charges, the Treasurer is authorized to issue a check in payment without the prior approval of the Executive Committee and a report made of the action at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII (e)

Deleted (Amendment No. 8)

ARTICLE VII (f)

The Executive Office shall have charge of all the ranges of the club, the preparation of scorecards, the arranging of all shooting competitions, etc. He/She shall supervise the planning and conduct all tournaments and qualifying shoots held by the club, maintaining proper records of such for transfer to the secretary for filing and processing.

ARTICLE VIII (a)

Any office may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote for suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given the officer of the reasons for his/her removal and the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his/her removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

ARTICLE VIII (b)

In any case in which a member of this club is in arrears for a period longer than three (3) months in the payment of his/her dues, such member shall automatically be dropped from the membership rolls of the club upon approval by the Executive Committee. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the committee present at any regular or special meeting. A notice in writing shall be given to a member of the charges preferred and of the time and place, at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting at which the vote on the charges will be taken, and at that meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

ARTICLE VIII (c)

Charges against any officer may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and 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 Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

ARTICLE VIII (d)

Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing, the date, time and place, and reason for such meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the full charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote will be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII (e)

Any official or member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of the club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.

ARTICLE VIII (f)

The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and action taken.

ARTICLE IX (a)

All rifle and revolver or pistol competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association, approved by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and the Secretary of the Army. Provided however, that in the interest of making the shooting activities of the club more interesting to those members of the club who are not primarily interested in earning awards for shooting in strict accordance with the specifications of the National Rifle Association, the Executive Officer is empowered to design and carry out variations in the shooting with regard to targets used, distances, course of fire, etc.

ARTICLE IX (b)

In the event that the club should establish and carry out a program of skeet or trap shooting with shotguns, such shooting will be carried out and directed by a special committee named by the President and under the supervision of the Executive Officer. All revenues derived from skeet or trap shall be handed over to the Treasurer to be placed in the general fund. Any expenses incurred in the operation of a skeet or trap range will likewise be paid for by the Treasurer in the manner of other ordinary expenses of the club.

ARTICLE X

In the event that the club should promote a gun show, it shall be for the purpose of providing the public with an opportunity to view fine collections of guns on display, and to provide those dealers who may desire to rent exhibit space at the show, the opportunity to make sales of their products. Separate accounts of the revenues derived and expenses paid shall be rendered to the Treasurer by the Chairman of the Gun Show Committee, which shall be appointed by the President. Obligations incurred in connection with the operation of a gun show will be paid by the Treasurer in a manner outlined in Article VII (c) and (d).

ARTICLE XI

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose. Amendments pertaining to purely local or internal operation of the club may be acted on and a copy of the amendment forwarded to the National Rifle Association. However, any amendment which pertains in any way to the principles and standards set forth by the National Rifle Association for the operation of affiliated clubs shall be forwarded to the National Rifle Association for approval before being acted upon by the club as a whole. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be furnished to each club member one (1) week prior to the regular or special meeting at which action will be taken. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present will be necessary for passage in accordance with Article V (c). After any amendment has been voted on and rejected by the membership, such amendment or amendments shall not be re-introduced for a period of less than four years.