

# **BYLAWS of the PENINSULA RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB**

## **Port Angeles, Washington**

### **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be: Peninsula Rifle and Pistol Club, which will function as and adopt these bylaws for a shooting club.

### **ARTICLE II - Purposes and Objectives**

The purposes and objectives of this shooting club shall be:

- (a) The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are those set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, as from time to time amended. Specifically, the purposes are to carry out the objectives as outlined in this Article II. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation is distributable to or inures to the benefit of its Directors or Officers. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements with respect to) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- (b) To encourage organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States residing in our community, with a view toward better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship, all for the purpose of enhancing public safety.
- (c) To promote, organize and sponsor educational programs for Young People, to teach firearms safety, encourage responsible gun handling, and to sponsor marksmanship competitions for youth participation.
- (d) To promote, organize, and sponsor amateur athletic competition in the shooting sports, including participation at the National level.
- (e) To foster the development of 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.

### **ARTICLE III - Membership**

Any citizen of the United States may become a member of this organization on vote of the Executive Committee after subscribing to the following pledge and on payment of the usual initiation fees and dues:

"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."

Junior members, under the age of 18, may be enrolled and participate in club activities under the supervision of adult members. Junior members reaching the age of 18 shall become Regular Members and shall be accorded the full privileges, including the voting rights of Regular Members.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Dues**

- (a) The amount of annual dues to the club shall be set by the Executive Committee and presented for approval at any regular or special meeting called for this purpose. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary for approval.
- (b) Dues cover the period from January 1st to December 31st and shall be paid not later than February 15th of each year. No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other privileges or benefits offered by this club.
- (c) An applicant for membership joining any time after June 30th will be allowed to pay, for the remainder of that calendar year, a pro-rata share of the amount of annual dues then in effect.

#### **ARTICLE V - Meetings**

- (a) Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the month of December at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee. Members will be notified by U.S. Mail at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. If the Annual Meeting does not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors have been elected.
- (b) Regular Meetings. The regular meeting of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held once each month, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Special Meeting. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee or upon demand of the members, in writing, stating the purpose of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and purpose of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by e-mail or United States mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- (d) Quorum. One-fourth of the members of the club entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
- (e) All meetings held, and all votes taken, shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

## **ARTICLE VI - Officers**

- (a) The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Officer who, acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee (the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined).
- (b) Members willing to be considered for elective office shall declare their candidacy no later than the regular membership meeting in November, where nominations from the floor will be entertained. A Nominating Committee may nominate candidates at the November meeting. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the club. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control all the activities of the club, subject to the approval of the membership. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article V(d), one-half of the membership entitled to vote, present at any regularly scheduled meeting, shall constitute a quorum for such matters. The Executive Committee may make agreements and form contracts with other organizations and individuals in order to carry out purposes and objectives of the club, subject to the limitations of Article II(a) of these bylaws.
- (d) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Committee may determine. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be announced as to time and place, and shall be open to visitation by all members in good standing. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by three members of the Committee.
- (e) Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any regularly scheduled meeting, or special meeting, provided that all committee members receive notice of the meeting.
- (f) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- (g) A vacancy in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next Annual Meeting, as provided in paragraph (a) above.
- (h) The officers of this club must be 21 years of age or older.

## **ARTICLE VII - Duties of Officers**

- (a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.
- (b) **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct official correspondence and forward reports as may be required to those National and regional organizations with which the club is affiliated. He shall notify the members of the Executive Committee and the general membership of the time and place of meetings, including Executive Committee meetings, and shall notify the members of the special and Annual Meetings, as required in Article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have the custody of the books and papers of the club, except for the Treasurer's book of accounts. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt therefore. He shall be responsible for maintaining the club's membership in such National and regional organizations as the Executive Committee determines are beneficial to the club.

(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and 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, or in his absence the President, for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The accounting of funds shall be accomplished by the establishment of a General Fund and such segregated Special Funds as may be required. Special Funds shall contain those moneys dedicated to a specific activity. All other moneys shall be kept in the general fund. Expenditures from Special Funds shall be made strictly in accordance with the purposes for which the fund was established. The Executive Committee may authorize from the General Fund, or from Special Funds, a continuing authorization for recurring expenses. The Treasurer shall keep accurate account of all transactions and shall be prepared to render a Treasurer's report at any meeting when requested.

(e) Executive Officer. The Executive Officer shall have charge of property belonging to the club, the ranges of the club, the printing of scoreboards, the arranging of competitions, etc. He shall also function as Chief Instructor and have charge of all small arms instruction with authority to appoint his assistants.

(f) Limitation. No officer of the club shall contract any bills, or enter into any contractual agreements on behalf of the club, with any individuals or other organizations, without the prior authorization of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII - Suspension or Expulsion**

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

(b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by an affirmative majority vote, without proxy, of all the members of the Committee at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that no vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges proffered and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At

such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(c) Charges against any officer or member may be proffered by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits that are to be used in support of the charges. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. Where appropriate, any misconduct on the part of an officer or member will be the subject of first spoken and then written warnings issued by an officer of the club, before any action to discharge the officer, or suspend or expel the member. If suspension or expulsion of a member is to be considered, the President will call a meeting for the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, 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.

(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 days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE IX - Match Rules**

All rifle and revolver or pistol competitions held by the club for which scores will be reported to any sanctioning organization, will be governed by rules promulgated by said organization.

#### **ARTICLE X - Amendments**

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for this purpose. All members must be notified of the proposed amendments by e-mail or U.S. Mail at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting and a written copy of the proposed amendments must be sent to each club member as part of the meeting notice. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present will be necessary to adopt any amendments to these bylaws.

I hereby certify that these bylaws have been adopted by this club.

*A. L. Welch*

*6-29-04*

President's Signature

Date

*M. B. Steger*  
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Secretary's Signature

*6/29/04*  
Date