

BY-LAWS

OF

THE SANTA MARIA GUN CLUB

A Non Profit Corporation Organized in 1928

Incorporated March 20, 1937

As Amended: March 7, 1968; June 1, 1975; November 12, 1978; December 6, 1992, and; May 21, 2019

ARTICLE I: OBJECT

The object of the Santa Maria Gun Club, Inc. shall be the encouragement of organized archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun and other related activities as directed by the membership among persons of the U.S. residing in our community. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty and good fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Any person of good repute, 18 years of age and over may become a member of the Santa Maria Gun Club, Inc., on the vote of the Board of Directors, and on payment of the dues as fixed in these by-laws. A members immediate family (wife, spouse, children) may participate in the club affairs (not voting) until the child reaches 18th birthday and at that time must apply for membership in order to participate.

Section B: Membership in this club shall be divided into two classes, namely, Life Members and Members.

Section C: A life member is any person who is approved by the Board of Directors for such membership and who pays the fees set under ARTICLE III, Section C at the time of his approval by the Board of Directors, which sum shall be in lieu of future dues. A member must have been an active member for five (5) years before consideration of life membership.

Section D: A member is any person who has been approved by the Board of Directors as such and who pays such yearly dues as are set by the Board of Directors under ARTICLE III, Section A.

Section E: Only members and life members of this club shall have the power to vote and hold any elective office; but no member, or life member, of this club shall be elected to the office of President or to the office of Secretary-Treasurer, unless he has served one year as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section F: Life members and members shall have no interest, beneficial or otherwise, in any real or personal property of the club nor in any distribution of any real or personal property of the club.

ARTICLE III: DUES

Section A: Annual dues of members shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be changed from time to time as the Board of Directors sees fit due to changes in economic conditions and comparison to dues of other gun clubs in the area.

Section B: Dues shall be based upon a calendar year. On or before the 1st day of January of each new calendar year, the Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer in the event said offices are combined, shall send notification to each member advising him that dues are now due and payable. All unpaid dues shall become delinquent on the last day of March following commencement of the particular calendar year, and if not paid by the said time, members whose dues are delinquent shall be subject to suspension from the club on order of the Board of Directors.

Section C: The cost of life membership shall be set by the Board of Directors and may be changed from time to time as economic conditions and other factors may warrant. Life memberships may be made payable in installments under such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may approve. However, all rules and regulations governing the installment payment of life membership dues shall be contained in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors. In no event may installment payment of life membership dues exceed one year.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section A: There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the club during the first week of December of each calendar year for the election of officers and members of the Board of Directors; and the receiving of annual reports of the officers; and the transaction of all other business. Notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary and shall be called at least one week prior to the date of the holding of the meeting.

Section B: Regular meetings of the membership shall be held at least once a month and notice thereof shall be given by the secretary by mail at least 5 days prior thereto.

Section C: Special meetings may be called by the President, the Vice-President, or by the call of at least 5 members of the Board of Directors, or upon written request of at least one-half the members of the club directed to the Board of Directors, or the President, or Vice-President, requesting calling of such a meeting.

Section D: 5% of the voting members of record of the club shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A: The officers of the club shall be a President, a Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and five members of the Board of Directors.

Section B: At all times, the Board of Directors will consist of nine members including the officers. The Secretary and Treasurer may be vested in one person, and if such occurs, the number of directors to be elected shall be increased to six.

Section C: The term of office for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be one year. Membership on the Board of Directors of members elected as directors shall be for two years.

Section D: In the event of a vacancy of any office, such vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual election.

Section E: At the regular monthly meeting of the membership in November of each year, nomination of officers will be made for the following year. A member of the club may be nominated for more than one office.

Section F: Nomination of officers and directors shall be made as follows:

(1) A nominating committee of five members shall be appointed by the President. Such nominating committee shall choose one of their members to act as chairman.

(2) A written ballot shall be cast by all members present for their nominations of officers and directors. All ballots cast are to be kept confidential, and are to be given to the custody of the chairman of the nominating committee to be used by said committee as a guide in selecting nominees to be presented to the members at the regular meeting of the membership in December.

(3) Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the regular December membership meeting.

(4) Prior to the third Friday in November the Chairman of the nominating committee shall submit to the Secretary the names of the nominees recommended by the nominating committee.

Section G: Included within the contents of the notice of the annual meeting to be given by the Secretary as provided in ARTICLE IV; Section A, shall be a list of officers to be elected and members who have been nominated for such offices.

Section H: At the first annual meeting of the membership to be held in December of each calendar year, there shall be elected at said meeting the officers of the organization for the ensuing calendar year. Election to office shall be held in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors. In the event that a member is nominated for more than one office, he shall be deemed elected to the first office for which he has received a sufficient number of votes to obtain election and his nomination for any other office shall be deemed withdrawn. In the event that a quorum cannot be assembled, the Board of Directors will select new officers in any manner they deem necessary.

Section I: The Candidates for the office of President and Secretary shall have served one year on the Board of Directors. However the Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, suspend this provision when it is deemed necessary to fill a vacancy in either of those positions.

Section J: In compliance with NRA Executive Committee Resolution passed January 1, 1965, all club officers and directors shall be individual members of the NRA.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section A: The Board of Directors shall have control and Management of the affairs of the Club with the Authority to do everything necessary and desirable in the conduct of the business of the club and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their service.

Section B: There shall be a Directors meeting before or after each regular meeting and before the annual meeting. Special meetings may be called when the President deems necessary and a six hour notice shall be required for such special meetings. Notice may be given in writing, orally, or by telephone.

Section C: A majority of all members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President may preside, otherwise the members of the Board present may choose a

Chairman for the meeting.

Section D: Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as may be designated by the President from time to time.

Section E: ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE OVER-RULED BY TWO THIRDS OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.

Section F: President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. He shall be an ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

Section G: Vice-President - The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President or at his request.

Section H: Secretary - The secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the National Headquarters of the National Rifle Association. And by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. He shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings as required in Article IV. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the club and have custody of the books and papers of the club. 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 same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt therefor. He shall forward to National Headquarters of the National Rifle Association annually by January 1st an up to date Club roster and the annual dues in payment of Club re-affiliation.

Section I: Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors may approve. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the President or by the Treasurer, and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Board of Directors when requested, and an annual report to the club at its annual meeting. The Treasurer shall post a bond in such amount as the Board of Directors may approve, and the cost of said bond shall be paid out of the general fund of the Santa Maria Gun Club, Inc.

Section J: Board members who miss three consecutive Board meetings may be replaced by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Section A: Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the voting members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose provided that there is a quorum of the voting members of the club present. A quorum for a special meeting called for the purpose of removing an officer from office shall consist of twenty five (25) percent of the voting members in good standing. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) 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 on which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Section B: Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting called for this purpose will be required. No vote on suspension or expulsion will be taken unless a quorum is present and at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

Section C: Charges against any officer or member 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 President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors 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.

Section D: Any member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors 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 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 special meeting of the Board of Directors 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 voting members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors. A quorum for a special meeting called for the purpose of reversing the action of the Board of Directors on an appeal on suspension or expulsion of a member shall consist of twenty five (25) percent of the voting members of the club in good standing.

Section 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 or expelled from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of this club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association of America.

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

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section A: These by-laws may be amended or repealed or new by-laws may be adopted at the annual meeting, or at any other meeting of the members called for that purpose by the Board of Directors. The change in by-laws shall require a two thirds affirmative vote of the members present and entitled to vote, provided that a quorum is present and the following procedures have been followed. In the event that a quorum cannot be assembled, a majority vote of the Board of Directors will constitute the authority to change these by-laws.

(1) Before any amendment to the by-laws may be adopted; or any part of the by-laws be repealed; or new by-laws adopted, the same shall be proposed in writing at the regular monthly meeting of the membership preceding the regular monthly meeting when the same is to be presented for vote. The proposed change shall be in writing and shall be entered by the Secretary in the minutes of the meeting of the club and shall be read at the meeting. Thereafter, and prior to the meeting upon which the same is to be voted, the Secretary shall give at least ten days written notice to all members entitled to vote on the proposed changes in by-laws. The notice shall set forth the change to be voted upon.

(2) Whenever any amendment or new by-law is adopted, it must be copied in the book of by-laws with the original by-laws and immediately thereafter if any by-law is repealed the fact of repeal with the date of the meeting at which the repeal was enacted must be stated in said book.

ARTICLE IX: YEARLY AUDIT

The Board of Directors shall cause to be made annually, a general audit and examination of the books, records, and accounts of the Club, by an accountant, or by a committee appointed by the members at the first monthly meeting following the year for which said audit and examination was made.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the club, the assets remaining after the payment of all bills and liabilities will be given to either a non-profit corporation or government agency, to be used to further the purpose for which this corporation was organized, said non-profit corporation, or government agency, to be chosen by voting members of record at time of said dissolution.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SANTA MARIA GUN CLUB (Corp. No. 170650 - Filed Mar. 20, 1937)

The undersigned, ELWIN E. MUSSELL and J. M. JORDAN, President and Secretary respectively of the SANTA MARIA GUN CLUB, of Santa Maria, California, and unincorporated association, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation in conformity with the general non-profit corporation law of the State of California, and being first duly authorized to make the following representation and statement:

1. The name of the corporation is the SANTA MARIA GUN CLUB.
2. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is:
 - (a) To assist through its membership in the social, political, cultural, charitable, civic, recreational, educational improvement of the community, state and nation.
 - (b) To incorporate an existing unincorporated association of the same name as the corporate name above.
3. The corporation is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit through the members thereof.
4. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act as directors or executive officers until the selection of their successors are as follows:

President -Elwin E. Mussell, 411 S. Curryer, Santa Maria.
Vice-President -Wm. F. Howenon, Las Cruces Store, Gaviota.
Secretary -J. M. Jordan, 218 S. Elizabeth, Santa Maria.
Treasurer -A. E. Johnston, 411 S. Lincoln, Santa Maria.
Executive Officer -R G. Allinson, 219 E. Mill, Santa Maria.

Said number of directors or executive officers as aforesaid shall constitute the number of directors or executive officers until changed by by-law, authority expressly given to make such change in the number of executive officers by by-laws.

5. The principal office for the transaction of the business of the corporation is to be located in the City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara, State of California.
6. The name of the existing unincorporated association which is being incorporated is the SANTA MARIA GUN CLUB.
7. The authorized number and qualification of its members, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges, and the liability of members to dues or assessments, and the method of collection thereof shall be as set forth in the by-laws.

Dated the 8th day of March, 1937.
ELWIN E. MUSSELL, President
J. McLENDON JORDAN, Secretary
STATE OF CALIFORNIA) SS.
County of Santa Barbara)

ELWIN E. MUSSELL and J. M. JORDAN, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That they are President and Secretary, respectively of the Santa Maria Gun Club, an unincorporated association, that said association has duly authorized its incorporation, and they, as such officers, have executed the foregoing articles by authority of said association.

ELWIN E. MUSSELL
J. McLENDON JORDAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 8th day of March, 1937.
MORRIS J. STEPHAN, Notary Public
in and for the County of Santa Barbara,
State of California
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Santa Barbara) ss.

On this 8th day of March, 1937, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Barbara, State of California residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn: personally appeared ELWIN E. MUSSELL and J. M. JORDAN, known to me as the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in the County of Santa Barbara, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MORRIS J. STEPHAN, Notary Public in and for the County of Santa Barbara, State of California

