

Constitution

ARTICLE 1:

The name of this organization shall be **THE SASKATOON MUZZLE LOADING CLUB INC.**

ARTICLE 2: MISSION STATEMENT

This organization has been formed for the purpose of encouraging the collection, preservation and study of black powder firearms of all types. Our further purpose is to encourage the safe and proper handling and use of firearms and to provide facilities for such use.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Any reputable citizen of eighteen (18) years of age or over is eligible for membership in this organization upon meeting the requirements and payment of the dues. The organization reserves the right to refuse membership to any individual.

A resolution made at a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Officers is required to admit new members. Honorary members may be inducted by a majority vote at a general meeting.

A membership interest of a member of the organization is not transferable and is terminated when:

- (a) They die or resign;
- (b) They are expelled or their membership is otherwise terminated in accordance with the articles or bylaws of the club;
- (c) Their term of membership expires after two (2) years of Nonpayment of membership dues; Exceptions can be made on an individual basis.
- (d) The organization is liquidated and dissolved.

ARTICLE 4: BENEFITS AND DUTIES

All members in good standing shall have the privilege of using the facilities of the club under the regulations and directions issued by the proper authorities.

Each member in good standing shall have the privileges of a voice and of the ballot in all matters pertaining to the activities and welfare of the club, except in such matters of administration as delegated by these articles or subsequently, by proper action of the membership, to the Board of Directors, special committees or club officers.

It shall be the duty of all members to conduct themselves at all times in a manner becoming to true sportsmen; to observe the rules and regulations of the club, and to assist the officers in maintaining proper order, discipline, safe conduct and fair play. No member shall conduct himself in such a manner as is likely to bring into disrepute the ownership and use of firearms for lawful purposes.

No member shall be considered to be in good standing who is more than ninety (90) days in arrears in the payment of dues, or who has been suspended from the privileges of membership by proper action of the officers of the club.

ARTICLE 5: DUES AND VOTING

- (a) Annual dues shall be payable not later than twenty-first (21) of March of each year to remain a member in good standing.
- (b) The amount of the membership dues will be set forth for the year at the annual meeting.
- (c) All voting shall be by a show of hands or secret ballot if requested by a minimum of three (3) members in good standing present at the meetings. There will be no voting by proxy, mail, phone or representative.

ARTICLE 6: CLUB MEETINGS

- (a) The annual meeting of the club shall be held in the month of January of each year. The fiscal year end shall be December Thirty-first (31) of each year.
- (b) Notice of the annual or special meetings shall be given to the membership no more than forty (40) days or less than 15 days in advance of such a meeting. Notice will be given by email or phone or regular mail.
- (c) Special meetings may be held upon the call of the **CHAIRMAN, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, or upon a demand in writing signed by not fewer than ten (10) members in good standing.
- (d) Eight (8) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any general membership meeting.

ARTICLE 7: CLUB OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of the club shall consist of two groups, the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS and the OFFICERS**. All officers shall be members of the club.
- (b) The **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** shall consist of seven (7) members. One shall be a permanent member elected by a majority of the membership attending the annual general meeting. This term expires only upon death, resignation or if membership in club ceases. The remaining six (6) shall have terms of three (3) years, two (2) directors being elected in each calendar year. They shall appoint one chairman. Any vacancies are to be filled by majority vote at the annual general meeting or by special meeting of the members.
- (c) Qualifications for office on the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** shall be a minimum of five(5) year's membership in the club (exceptions to be allowed if necessary and acceptable to regular members) and a minimum of one(1) former term of office on the former executive of the club **OFFICERS** (NO exceptions).
- (d) The **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** shall have general supervision of all activities of the club.

- (e) Meetings of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** shall be held at such times and places and upon such notice as the Board members determine. Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the chairman or on the demand of any two members of the board. In the case of a tie vote, the chairman shall cast a second.
- (f) Four (4) members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
- (g) The **OFFICERS** of the club shall include one (1) **PRESIDENT**, one (1) **VICE-PRESIDENT**, one (1) **RECORDING SECRETARY**, one (1) **TREASURER** and additional assistants or committees deemed necessary to manage the club efficiently.

The Officers of the club shall be elected by majority vote of members in good standing in attendance at the annual general meeting.

They should hold office for one (1) year. They shall meet at times and places and upon such notice as they shall determine.

- (h) Neither the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** nor the **OFFICERS** shall be salaried or receive remuneration for services to the club.

ARTICLE 8: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- (a) **CHAIRMAN** - The **CHAIRMAN** shall oversee the function of the Board of Directors and all club activities in general.
- (b) **DIRECTORS** - The **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** shall determine and maintain the purposes and direction of the club. They shall establish and maintain the security of the clubs' properties and holdings. They shall oversee the clubs finances, having VETO power on all money matters, maintain the traditions of the club and chart the course of the clubs' activities.

The **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** may not, without authorization of the members i) Borrow money upon the credit of the organization, ii) issue, reissue, sell or pledge debt obligations of the organization, iii) give guarantee on behalf of the organization to secure performance of an obligation of any person; mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the organization, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure an obligation of the organization.

- (c) **OFFICERS OF THE CLUB** - The **OFFICERS** shall carry out the day to day business of the club, implement the plans of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, and organize the general membership as necessary to set up the various activities of the club such as shoots, promotions, work parties, etc.
- (d) **PRESIDENT** - The **PRESIDENT** shall preside at all meetings and call special meetings, shall not vote on any issue unless to break a tie vote.
- (e) **VICE PRESIDENT** - The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall perform the duties of the **PRESIDENT** in the latter's absence, at Presidents request and keep a records of new applicants for review.
- (f) **RECORDING SECRETARY** - The **RECORDING SECRETARY** shall keep all club records and attend to all clerical duties, including a record of all members and constitution information.
- (g) **TREASURER** - The **TREASURER** shall take charge of all club funds and be responsible for their safekeeping. Treasurer's duties include looking after all payments of club bills and expenses.

ARTICLE 9: SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- (a) Any **OFFICER** may be removed (from their office only) by a majority vote of the members in good standing at any special meeting called for this purpose. At such special meetings the officer shall be given a full hearing on the written charge. This shall also apply to directors.
- (b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, by a majority vote of the Board present at any regular or special meeting. At such meetings the member under charges will be given a full hearing on the written charges.
- (c) Any member suspended or expelled by the Board may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made to the Secretary in writing, who will in turn notify the Chairman who in turn will call a special meeting where a full hearing will be given the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two thirds majority shall be required to reverse the action of the Board.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS

The aforementioned **ARTICLES** may be amended by a majority vote of the members in good standing attending the annual general meeting, provided the proposed change shall have been given to the Secretary in writing, forty five (45) days preceding the meeting. A notice of the change shall be forwarded by the Secretary to all members forty (40) days or a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

Club bylaws may be changed by a quorum of members in good standing at any meeting.

ARTICLE 11:

Upon liquidation of this organization the assets of this organization shall go to one or more nonprofit organizations or charities as decided upon by the members at the time of liquidation.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

- (a) Pay an Eighty (80) dollar non-refundable application fee
- (b) Their application is to be deemed active for a maximum of two (2) years during which time they may attend and are encouraged to participate in all club events/functions.
- (c) Probationary members must demonstrate an interest in our club and shooting or collecting antique or reproduction black powder type firearms.
- (d) Should have a valid Canadian PAL to join.
- (e) Probationary members are not granted a range key.
- (f) Probation periods shall be a minimum of six (6) months. Final acceptance as a full member will include consideration of attitude to gun safety, gun laws, personality, and participation in club events, such as meetings, shoots, work parties or other club events.
- (g) Probationary applications will be reviewed twice a year for eligibility for membership once in January and again in June by the Club Officers and Board of Directors.

- (h) Full SMLC membership may be granted after the six (6) month probationary period.
- (i) Upon receiving full SMLC membership, annual club dues are to be paid and a range key will be issued. Club dues may be prorated to fifty (50) per cent of annual dues, if the new member is accepted in June of that year.