

# THE BLUE RIVER RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Blue River Rifle and Pistol Club.

## ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The purpose of the club shall be the encouragement of organized shooting sports, safe gun handling, care of firearms and improved marksmanship among the citizens and commissioned law enforcement officers of our community and the United States. The club shall promote the shooting sports with youth and women through specialized events and activities designed to promote youth and women's shooting. The club's further purpose is to promote the development of those characteristics of honesty, fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of patriotism. This club is not and shall not be affiliated with any paramilitary group or "militia".

## ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Any citizen wishing to become a regular member or renew a current regular membership in the club must:

- a. have attended one regular club meeting or other accepted activity,
- b. have successfully completed a club approved range orientation course,
- c. have submitted a club membership application to the Secretary, and
- d. have submitted payment of dues to the Secretary or Treasurer.

## ARTICLE IV—DUES

Members' annual dues shall be paid no later than the adjournment of the August general club meeting, and no refunds shall be made of the dues paid.

## ARTICLE V—MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- a. quorum—Five regular members plus any two officers shall constitute a quorum.
- b. regular meetings—Regular business meetings of the club, for the transaction of ordinary business, shall be held at such times and places as may be fixed by the Club Officers.
- c. annual meetings—The annual meeting of the club shall be the monthly meeting in August. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the club's officers shall hold over until their successors have been elected. The time and place for annual meetings shall be fixed by the Club Officers.
- d. special meetings—A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President. The time and place for special meetings shall be fixed by the Club Officers.

## ARTICLE VI—OFFICERS (ELECTED)

- a. The officers of this club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer who acting together shall constitute the club's Executive Committee.
- b. The officers shall be elected by a majority affirmative vote of the regular members present at the club's annual meeting.
- c. The officers shall hold office for one year, until their successors are elected, until they are removed for just cause, or they resign.

## ARTICLE VII—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a. President—The President of the club shall preside over all meetings of the club. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all other duties as usually pertain to the office of the President.
- b. Vice-President—The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the absence of the President or at the request of the President.
- c. Secretary—The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports. Applications for membership shall be made to the Secretary as per Article III, or a delegated

representative, and the Secretary will keep all membership applications on file.

- d. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall be in charge of all funds of the club and place such funds in club bank accounts approved by the Club Officers. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting all fees and dues. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all club financial transactions.

#### ARTICLE VIII—SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- a. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting called for this purpose.
- b. At a meeting for suspension or expulsion, the officer or member charged shall be accorded a full hearing.
- c. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any regular member.
- d. Charges against any officer or member shall be in writing, accurately state the facts, and include all affidavits and exhibits that will be used to support the charges preferred.

#### ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS

a. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose of amending the By-Laws when proper notice has been given to the club's membership by the club's Secretary per Article V.

b. A two-thirds vote of the membership present at such regular or special meetings shall be required to pass any proposed By-Law or Policies and Procedures amendments.

c. The Secretary shall publish the approved By-Law changes to the club's membership within sixty days of such approval.

#### ARTICLE X—ELECTIONS

Nomination for elected club offices shall commence at the August general meeting and shall cease at the end of the September general meeting, or until all positions are filled.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

The Blue River Rifle and Pistol Club may be dissolved only with authorization by its Club Officers given at a special meeting called for that purpose and with subsequent approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Voting Members.

Upon dissolution of the Blue River Rifle and Pistol Club, all remaining assets of this organization, after payment in full of all its debts, obligations, and necessary final expenses, or after the making of adequate provision, therefore, shall be distributed to the Blue River Fire Department/Rescue Squad.

I hereby certify that these By-Laws have been adopted by the club at the December meeting, held on 12/8/12.

President's Signature: Steven P. Fawcett Date: 12/8/12

Vice-President's Signature: Gary W. Nelson Date: 12/8/12

Secretary/Treasurer's Signature: Sally J. Book Date: 12/8/12