

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this organization shall be the encouragement of sport shooting among the citizens of the UNITED STATES who are resident in our community. With a view toward a better knowledge on the part of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further mission and purpose to encourage 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 - TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four types of membership: Charter Membership, Life Membership, Active Membership and Corporate Membership. Charter membership will be limited to one hundred members. Assets of the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association, Inc. will be vested in the Charter Memberships. Should this organization dissolve for any reason, assets will be sold and the proceeds divided equally among the Charter Memberships in good standing.

A charter membership will make the initial fee payment as set by the Board of Directors and remain an active member in good standing. Failure to maintain annual dues will result in forfeiture of the Charter Membership fee and rights. Charter membership ends with the death of the holder.

Life Membership will qualify by payment of a one time fee set by the Board of Directors and will not be subject to further yearly dues payments. Life memberships terminate with the death of the member.

Active Membership will qualify by paying the initiation fee and / or yearly dues as set by the Board of Directors. Active Membership is for one year from 1/1/xx to 12/31/xx and can be prorated for the initial year of membership. Active membership includes members of the immediate family, but only the registered member may vote.

A Corporate Membership allows a corporation, for a fee to be determined by the Board of Directors, to have up to five employees become active shooters at the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association, Inc. (Additional employees may be added for a one-time fee to be determined by the Board of Directors) These employees will enjoy the same privileges as other members of the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association, Inc. with the Exception of Voting at the association membership meetings. One vote will be allowed to a corporate designated employee. One designated employee will be allowed to purchase a non-transferable Charter Membership in his or her name at the time the Corporate Membership is granted. Those employees listed on a Corporate Membership can be changed by the corporation by notifying the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association, Inc. of desired changes. An employee once removed from the membership may not be re-designated a shooter for a period of six months. Each member will be furnished a gate key and membership card. The cost of all memberships in the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association, Inc. will be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - ELIGIBILITY

Any citizen of the United States who is legally entitled to own a firearm and, while this person remains of good repute, who subscribes to the objectives and purposes of the Association shall be eligible to be a member of the Association. The minimum age of eligibility is eighteen years of age. All those seeking membership must complete an application and be approved for membership by affirmative vote of the Board of Directors. All prospective members must subscribe to the following oath and submit payment of current initiation fee and / or dues, plus, each member must be an ongoing member of the National Rifle Association.

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Any member, in the estimation of the Board of Directors, who ceases to remain in a state of good repute and / or is convicted of a felony, may have his MVSA Membership terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also decide, by majority vote, whether or not to return all or part of said member's MVSA dues that have been paid.

All members will be required to participate in work activities for a Board specified number of hours per year or pay a Board specified fee in lieu of the hours.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. I certify that I am not a member of any organization or group pledged to, or working for, a program aimed at the destruction of our present system of government established by the Constitution of the United States.

No individual who is a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes to overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or its political subdivisions shall be eligible for membership.

An appropriate card shall be issued to each member as evidence of membership. An applicant for any class of membership or affiliation may be refused admission or affiliation by the Board of Directors for any reason deemed by it to be sufficient.

ARTICLE V - BENEFITS AND DUES

Section 1. All members in good standing shall have the privilege of using the facilities of the club under the regulations and directives issued by the proper authorities.

Section 2. Active members in good standing shall have the privilege of a voice and a ballot in all matters pertaining to the activities and welfare of the club except such matters of administration as are delegated by these Bylaws or subsequently by proper action of the membership to the Executive committee, Board of Directors, special committee, or officers of the club.

Section 3. No member shall be considered to be in good standing who is 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 or of any affiliated national shooting association.

Section 4. The duties of all members shall be to conduct themselves at all times in a manner becoming to true sportsmen and good citizens, to observe the rules and regulations of the club pertaining to competition and safety, to assist the officers of the club in maintaining proper order, discipline safe conduct, and fair play, and to report promptly to the club officers any infractions of rules by club members or visitors that may result in danger to the person, property, or good repute of members of the club.

ARTICLE VI - DUES

Section 1. The annual dues shall be payable no later than January first each year, and shall be considered in arrears the following March first.

Section 2. The annual dues for members shall be established by the Board of Directors. Life Members shall not be assessed annual dues.

Section 3. Life Membership: Any member, in good standing may apply for Life Membership. Membership fee for Life Membership shall be established by action of the Board of Directors. Applications for Life Membership may not be approved any time the total number of life members exceeds a number established by the board of directors.

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ARTICLE VII - CLUB MEETINGS

Section 1. **ANNUAL MEETING** - The Annual Meeting of the organization will be held the 3rd Thursday of April of each year. Ballots are to be mailed out a minimum of fifteen days prior to the 3rd Thursday. Return ballots must be postmarked 7 days before the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. **REGULAR MEETINGS** - Regular meetings of the organization for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held each month at a date, time and place selected by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall present to the board each quarter a recommended date, time and place of meetings for the next quarter. On approval by the Board of Directors, notice shall be given to all members.

Section 3. **SPECIAL MEETINGS** - A special meeting of the organization may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the active members in good standing. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing not less than seven (7) days prior to the date fixed by the Executive Committee or by the President if the Executive Committee is unable or fails to act.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

Section 1. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - A Board of Directors shall consist of no less than eight (8) but no more than thirteen (13) members. The current serving President shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors. All members must be active members of the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association, Inc., and shall be elected by a majority vote of the members. The term of office of the Directors shall be three (3) years. The terms of office are staggered and one-third (1/3) of the members' terms expire each year. The Board shall meet in special session after the annual meeting, and select one member of the board to serve as Chairman. His term shall be one (1) year, or until a successor is named.

Section 2. The Board of Directors has general charge of the affairs and property of the Association. In annual or special meetings, the Board of Directors formulates and establishes the broad policies and programs under which the association operates.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held not less than once during each calendar year at such time and place as the Board may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on call of the Chairman or on demand of at least five (5) members of the board in advance stating the time, place and purpose of the special meeting.

Section 4. Sixty Percent of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board of Directors in a special called meeting.

Section 6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - The officers of the Executive Committee shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the active members in good standing. The officers shall take office on the first day of May and shall serve for one (1) year or until their successors are selected. The Executive Committee shall be part of the Board of Directors for a one (1) year term.

Section 7. The executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the organization not otherwise delegated to the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly not less than once each quarter of the calendar year at such time and place as the Committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on call of the president or on demand of two (2) members of the Committee provided written or verbal notice is given to all members of the committee in advance, stating time, place and purposes of the special meeting.

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Section 9. Three (3) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 10. A vacancy of an elected officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors in a special called meeting.

ARTICLE IX - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. **PRESIDENT** - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. He shall be member ex-officio of all regular and special committees except the nominating committee, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office. The President shall be part of the Board of Directors for a one year term.

Section 2. **VICE PRESIDENT** - The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or at the request of the President. The Vice President shall perform such tasks as directed by the President and Executive Committee. The Vice President shall be part of the Board of Directors for a one year term.

Section 3. **SECRETARY** - The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the office. The secretary shall notify the members of the Executive Committee and / or Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify all members of the organization of the regular, annual and special meetings as required in Article VII. The secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors except the Treasurer's book of account. All applications for membership in the Association shall be made to the secretary. The secretary shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, given his proper receipt therefor. The Secretary shall be part of the Board of Directors for a one year term.

Section 4. **TREASURER** - The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the organization and shall place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall be withdrawn only by the Treasurer, or in his absence by the President, and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee and / or the Board of Directors. The secretary shall deliver to the treasurer a receipt for all such checks including a list of the names of members for whom dues are being paid and dates covered by the membership fee. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and shall render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested and an annual report to the club at its annual meeting. The Treasurer shall be part of the Board of Directors for a one year term.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be introduced by any member of the Association at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose. After approval by the association membership at a regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) has been sent to each association member at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at such meeting shall be necessary to pass said amendment(s).

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Proceedings of this association shall be governed by and conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, revised, except as otherwise provided.

Section 2. The Association may, at its general meetings, adopt any order of business the meeting may desire.