

By-Laws

of

The Rio Grande Renegades

Revisions to be voted on at March 2011 AGM:
Article 2.6 Membership Dues (revised), and
Article 5.5 Use of club funds (added)

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Article 1: Club Name and Purpose

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be the Rio Grande Renegades of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hereafter known as the club.
- 1.2 The purpose of the club is to provide services and facilities for the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting (C.A.S) and to promote cowboy action shooting in Albuquerque and New Mexico.
- 1.3 The Rio Grande Renegades shall be affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society hereafter known as S.A.S.S.

Article 2: Membership

- 2.1 Anyone from the age of 14 years and up with an interest in C.A.S may join the club by completing the appropriate application form.
- 2.2 Anyone under the age of 14 years who wishes to apply for membership must submit the appropriate membership form to the Town Council together with a letter of Parental/Guardian endorsement. These membership requests will be considered on an individual basis. If approved, a 6 Month provisional membership will be granted where the individual will need to demonstrate their ability to safely compete in C.A.S. The Town Council reserves the right to terminate the provisional membership at any time. If the member completes the provisional membership to the satisfaction of the Town Council then full membership will be approved.
- 2.3 Members are classified as follows:
 - 2.3.1 Adult Member: Anyone 18 years and older.
 - 2.3.2 Young Gun: A junior from 12 to 17 years of age.
 - 2.3.3 Buckaroo: A junior under 12 years of age.
- 2.4 Junior members must be supervised by a parent or guardian during all club activities.
- 2.5 All members under 18 years of age must have parental or guardian consent to participate in club activities.
- 2.6 Membership Dues
 - 2.6.1 Adult: ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00 per year
 - 2.6.2 Family Rate: \$50.00 per year (2 or more members of household)
 - 2.6.3 Young Gun and Buckaroo: \$12.50
 - 2.6.4 Half Year Membership: \$15
 - 2.6.5 Monthly Membership: \$5
 - 2.6.6 Daily Membership: \$2

- 2.6.7 All annual dues for the club year are payable by the 25th of March.
- 2.6.8 Members joining during the membership year are to pay either full or half year membership fees according to the month they join.
- 2.6.9 Monthly membership is available to any S.A.S.S or C.A.S Club member 14 years and up whom wishes to compete in club sanctioned matches or practice days.
- 2.6.10 Daily membership is available to anyone whom wishes to experience C.A.S with the club.
- 2.7 If dues are not paid by 15 April, the member will be considered to be delinquent and removed from the rolls.
 - 2.7.1 A delinquent member may rejoin the club at any time.
- 2.8 A member may be removed from the club by a majority vote of the "Town Council". A member or guest may be removed from a match by a majority of the "Town Council" present.
 - 2.8.1 Removal from the club or club activities for either a member or guest may be temporary or permanent as decided by the "Town Council".
- 2.9 Reasons for the removal shall be:
 - 2.9.1 Safety Concerns
 - 2.9.2 Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances during a match or club activity.
 - 2.9.3 Unruly, rude, or disrespectful behavior calculated to bring the club into disrepute.
 - 2.9.4 Any such member will have no claim on the club for any subscriptions or match fees paid.
 - 2.9.5 Such members may have the right of appeal to a Special General Meeting provided intention of such is given to the Secretary within 14 days of termination of membership.
- 2.10 A member may resign from the club at any time upon verbal or written notice to the secretary.
- 2.11 Individual membership of S.A.S.S is not required but is highly recommended.
- 2.12 All members will adhere to all S.A.S.S rules governing dress and firearms.
- 2.13 All visiting members of other C.A.S clubs will adhere to all rules of the Rio Grande Renegades.

Article 3: Officers and Administration

- 3.1 The club shall be managed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five other members who will form the management committee hereafter known as the Town Council.
- 3.2 All officers must be proposed and seconded by full members of the club. Proposal forms will be forwarded to all members of the club with the calling notice for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). These proposal forms must be returned to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting
 - 3.2.1 The AGM will take place prior to the 3rd Saturday of March match meeting.
 - 3.2.2 All officers are to be elected for a time of one year to take effect from 1st of April.
 - 3.2.3 Each person elected shall hold only one office at a time.
 - 3.2.4 There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive times a person may hold office.
 - 3.2.5 All officers standing for contested posts shall be elected by ballot, which may be secret.
 - 3.2.6 All officers must be full members of the club.
- 3.3 If there is a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President will become President. At the next scheduled club match a meeting will be held prior to the match to elect a Vice President.
- 3.4 If there is a vacancy in any of the other office positions, the president may appoint an interim officer to fill that position until the next AGM.
- 3.5 Any officer can be removed from office with or without cause by a two thirds vote of members at a regular or special meeting where previous notice has been given.
- 3.6 A Territorial Governor will be elected at the same time as club officers, but will not be an officer of the club.

Article 4: Duties of Officers and Councilors.

- 4.1 President, a.k.a. Mayor

The president shall be responsible for conducting club meeting and general oversight for club operations and planning.
- 4.2 Vice President, a.k.a. Deputy Mayor.

The VP shall serve in the Presidents absence, and assume the responsibilities as delegated by the President.

- 4.3 Secretary, a.k.a. Town Clerk
The secretary shall be responsible for taking and keeping of all club meeting minutes and general administration of club affairs.
- 4.4 Treasurer, a.k.a. Banker
The treasurer shall be responsible for the administration of all the club's financial affairs.
- 4.5 Safety Officer, a.k.a. Town Sheriff.
The Sheriff will be responsible for all aspects of safety at Hayes City.
- 4.6 Building Construction and Maintenance. a.k.a. Town Blacksmith.
The Blacksmith will be responsible for the upkeep of buildings and shooting props at Hayes City.
- 4.7 Public Relations – Recruitment. a.k.a. Town Crier.
The Town Crier will be responsible for communications with the public at large and for recruitment.
- 4.8 Membership Clerk, a.k.a. Town Librarian.
The membership clerk will be responsible for the accurate upkeep of membership records and the processing of new members.
- 4.9 Scenario Writing-Match Directors, a.k.a. The Stage Coach Driver
The stage coach driver will be responsible for the appointment of match directors and the oversight of shooting scenarios.
- 4.10 All officers shall perform the duties assigned to them in a safe and efficient manner within the bylaws and appropriate state and federal legislation.
- 4.11 In addition the Council may co-opt up to two additional RGR members to temporary positions during a membership year. Should these positions be considered essential to the ongoing function of the club then they will be open for election by the membership along with all other council positions at the next AGM.

Article 5: Financial Management

- 5.1 The Town Council may pay accounts and incur any normal liabilities on behalf of the Club. The Town Council and officers are hereby indemnified by the Club, and it's total membership, against any claim or demand in respect of any liability properly and bona-fide incurred on behalf of the Club.
- 5.1.1 All asset of the Club shall be managed by the Town Council.
- 5.2 The Secretary or any other officer or member receiving money on behalf of the Club shall forthwith pass same to the Treasurer.

- 5.3 The auditor or auditors shall examine the accounts at least once annually with the invoices and vouchers prior to the AGM. The auditors shall append thereto a certificate to the effect that such are correct and represent fairly the expenditure and receipts of the Club, and its assets and liabilities, and that they may at any time inspect any book, document, or any other property of the Club, in the possession of any officer or member, and make a report thereon in writing to the Town Council.
- 5.4 The Council shall annually, appoint three full members of the club to act as auditors to the accounts. These members must be other than Town Councilors and are to be ratified by the membership at the AGM.
- 5.5 All club funds shall be used for the direct benefit of the club and its collective members only.
- 5.5.1 With the *prior* approval of the Town Council, members may request donations in support of charities or perceived good causes on scheduled match days.
- 5.5.2 With *prior* approval of the Town Council, a member may organize a CAS match in support of a charity or perceived good cause only on a non-scheduled RGR match day and only at no-cost to the club.

Article 6: Meetings

- 6.1 The AGM is to be held on the 3rd Saturday in March prior to the scheduled CAS Match. The AGM is for the appointment of club officials and Any Other Business (AOB) that requires member votes.
- 6.1.1 A quorum of the AGM or any special meeting shall be 25 members of the club.
- 6.2 All motions for debate must be proposed and seconded by full members of the club. Proposal forms will be forwarded to all members of the club with the calling notice for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). These proposal forms must be returned to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- 6.2.1 Motions may be amended before any vote, as a result of debate. In such cases, amended motions are voted upon first, and are either carried (in which case the matter is ended), or rejected (in which case, the original motion is then put to the vote).
- 6.2.2 If any member requests a secret ballot on any motion at a General Meeting, a secret ballot shall be taken on that motion. The Secretary is to ensure ballot forms are available if required for such a vote. Motions are carried by majority decisions by members present.
- 6.3 Regular meeting of the club can be convened prior to the 3rd Saturday Match of each month.

- 6.4 Special Meetings can be called by members upon written request to the Secretary. This requires at least 14 day notice and must be requested by at least 10 member of the club.
- 6.5 The rules contained within “Robert`s Rules of Order: Simplified and Applied” shall govern meetings where they are not in conflict with the bylaws, rules of order, or other rules of the club.

Article 7: Dissolution

- 7.1 Previous notice and a two-thirds vote of the membership at a Special General Meeting can dissolve the club. All outstanding debts and liabilities will be paid. The remaining money, and club assets if any, will be disposed of in a manner so directed at that time, by the decision of the Special General Meeting.

Article 8: Amendment of Bylaws

- 8.1 These bylaws can be amended at either a special meeting or an AGM. Any proposed changes should be forwarded to the secretary giving at least 14 days notice.
 - 8.1.1 Proposed amendments will be presented to the members at one of the above meetings and will require a simple majority vote by membership present, provided a quorum is achieved.

Article 9: Hayes City Dress Code

- 9.1 During official RGR matches all SASS dress codes for shooting categories will be adhered to. Any member falling short of this code will be asked to comply. Failure to do so will result in the member being asked to leave for that particular match.
- 9.2 During practice sessions the dress code may be more informal but members are asked to remember that the RGR is a CAS club and to reflect this in their attire.

Article 10: Hayes City Range Rules

- 10.1 All city range rules must be complied with in addition to the Hayes City range rules as listed below.**
- 10.2 All shooters MUST report to the City Range Office before entering Hayes City. Whether shooting or not. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to take part in RGR club matches or practice days.**
- 10.3 The Town Council may make and amend bylaws and regulations with regard to the use of ranges and may draw up conditions of all competitions as required.
- 10.4 Any bylaws and regulations made by the Town Council that change the range rules shall be published to the membership and shall thereafter have all the force and effects of these rules. These changes shall be submitted to the membership for confirmation at the next AGM or Special Meeting.
- 10.5 All shooting shall be governed by SASS rules.
- 10.6 City range officers have authority over all ranges. Any commands or directions given by them must be immediately obeyed.
- 10.7 Practice at Hayes City requires two adults Per Berm to be present. Only club members may shoot.
- 10.8 Two or more Renegades may go to Hayes City to shoot. Should the Renegades bring a non-club member with them they are welcome as a guest, but the guest cannot shoot in accordance with city range rules.
- 10.9 All firing on Hayes City ranges can only be done into North Berms. No cross firing or angle firing is allowed.
 - 10.9.1 Any participant injury must be reported immediately to City Range Office.
- 10.10 Any Renegade contemplating shooting at Hayes City outside of scheduled practice or match times should call the city range office in advance. Phone Number 505-836-8785
- 10.11 Tobacco products should be carefully extinguished or properly disposed of upon completion of use.
- 10.12 Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on all ranges
- 10.13 All Hayes City ranges are to be kept clean and tidy. Trash barrels are provided for each range and must be used.
- 10.14 Upon conclusion of all activities, members are to ensure that all targets, props, etc., are returned to their correct storage position/location and secured.
- 10.15 Timely attendance for club activities is requested. Occasional lateness will be accommodated. Continual lateness may lead to exclusion from individual club activities.

- 10.16 Rude, insensitive, vulgar, threatening, violent or interfering behavior will not be tolerated at any club activity. These types of behaviors could lead to expulsion from the club. All members are expected to assist any guests in enjoying a positive experience at club activities.
- 10.17 Any difficulties between club members during club activities are to be handled by the senior club officer in attendance or his/her designate only.
- 10.18 Do not harass, threaten, or exterminate any of the wildlife found at Hayes City, unless it is a threat to life.