

## **Canal Fulton Ramrod Club 1812**

### CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CANAL FULTON RAMROD CLUB. INC.

#### PREAMBLE

The members of the Canal Fulton Ramrod Club, Inc. A Charter Club of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, and not for profit organization, realizing the benefits to be derived from organized, rather than individual effort in Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun shooting, agree to advance and by our efforts to maintain higher standards of sportsmanship, safety, and good fellowship among those who participate in this activity.

#### CONSTITUTION

##### Article 1. Name:

The name of this organization shall be the CANAL FULTON RAMROD CLUB, INC.

##### Article 2. Object:

The core object of this club shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooting, as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

##### Article 3. Membership:

Section 1: Any citizen of the United States may become a member of this club upon approval of the membership as stated in Section 2 or Section 3 below and upon payment of the usual dues.

Section 2: Prospective members may be voted into the club by a minimum of 2/3 of those members present at any meeting or during any scheduled shoot. Prospective members shall have attended at least two regular shoots and have shown responsible shooting habits and safety with others and themselves with interest in membership to the club.

Section 3: Prospective members under eighteen years of age may become a Junior Shooting Member. This classification permits no voting rights, no right to hold office, no financial privileges, and no open unsupervised use of the range. Prospective junior members will be sponsored by a member in good standing, and shall be voted into the club the same as in Section 2. There shall be no financial cost to a junior member for membership. The cost of a junior to shoot a match is ½ price, rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Section 4: All members in good standing may use the range for practice anytime there is not a scheduled shoot. Shooting will be allowed from 10:00 am till dusk. A member is allowed to take non members shooting with them.

Section 5: All members are expected to help at scheduled work parties. Members who have health issues can be given light duty assignments or may be excused from work parties.

#### Article 4. Officers:

Section 1: The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and three Trustees, who will be the governing body of the club.

Section 2: The President and Vice President will be elected in odd numbered years and the Secretary/Treasurer will be elected in even numbered years by a majority of the members present at the annual meeting. One Trustee will be elected every year.

#### Section 3:

- The Trustees shall consist of three offices. The "initial trustees" will hold office as follows, one for a one year term, one for a two year term, and one for a three year term. There after one person shall be elected for a three year term each year. Each year the trustees shall choose a chairman.
- The Board of Trustees shall fill any vacant office by Appointment. Such appointment will be valid until the next annual meeting.

#### Article 5. Management:

Section 1: The affairs of this club shall be managed by the Executive Committee along with the Trustees, which shall have general supervision of all activities.

Section 2: Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the President and three shall constitute a quorum.

#### Article 6. Meetings:

Section 1: The club shall have semi annual meetings held on the first Sunday of the month after the scheduled shoot in May & October.

Section 2: Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the President providing that written notice shall be given to each member in good standing at the last address given by the member, at least one week prior to the date of the meeting, or notice of such posted in the club house for a period of no less than 30 days.

Section 3: The President shall be required to call a special meeting at any time upon the request of six or more members in good standing.

Section 4: The members present at any regular meeting with a minimum of 1/3 of the members present in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### Article 7. Dues:

The annual dues and initiation fees will be reviewed by the membership at the October end of year meeting and will be established at that time. Membership dues are currently \$75.00.

#### Article 8. Amendments:

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose providing that written notice of the meeting be sent by mail to all members to the last address furnished by the members, at least one week before said meeting, or posted in the club house for a period of no less than 30 days. The Constitution may be amended at such meeting by a majority of the members present constituting a quorum as specified in Article 6; Section 4.

#### Article 9. Provisions Not Otherwise Covered:

Club members may during sanctioned matches and practice, shoot single shot cartridge guns as shot at NMLRA ranges.

In all cases in which subjects are not covered by this Constitution, reference is to be made to Roberts Rules Of Order.

### BYLAWS

#### Article 1. Duties of Officers and Executive Committee:

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall constitute the governing body and shall have general control over all officers and committees and the management of the affairs and funds of the club.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee and perform such duties pertaining to the office. He shall submit at the annual meeting a written message covering his experience during his term of office and make such recommendations as he feels are for the good of the club.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence of the President, to preside at all meetings of the club and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertaining to this office or as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee. The chairman of the trustees shall preside at any meeting the President and Vice President are unable to attend.

Section 4: The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall send each member of the club notice of the annual meeting, or notice of such posted in the club house for a period of no less than 30 days. He shall keep a true record of the annual meeting. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and conduct all correspondence. He shall perform such other duties as pertain to this office.

Section 5: The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the organization and shall deposit the money in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. This money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Secretary/Treasurer for the payment of bills which shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. He must keep an account of all his transactions and make 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. All membership applications will be directed to the Secretary/Treasurer. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues.

Section 6: The Range Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the club.

Section 7: The Trustees shall see the club is operating according to the by-laws. They will be responsible for updating the required paper work and monies for renewal of the not for profit continuance with the state of Ohio.

Section 8: The trustees shall approve all outside contract work for the club.

## Article 2. Funds:

Section 1: All funds of this club shall be deposited by the Secretary/Treasurer in the name of the Canal Fulton Ramrod Club, Inc.

Section 2: The Secretary/Treasurer will be authorized to sign the club checks. However, designated trustee will do so only in the case of the incapacity of the Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 3: The Secretary/Treasurer of this club shall make a financial report to the President and the Executive Committee at any called meeting or at such other times as the President or the Executive Committee shall call for same.

Section 4: The fiscal year of the club shall begin on the first Sunday in October.

## Article 3. Nomination and Election:

The annual election of this club shall take place at the October meeting. In odd numbered years, a President and Vice President will be elected. While in even numbered years, a Secretary/Treasurer will be elected. All such elected officers shall serve until adjournment of the annual meeting. The retiring President shall preside at the annual meeting. Members assembled at the annual meeting shall be permitted to make nominations from the floor.

#### Article 4. Withdrawal and Removal:

\*Section 1: Any member whose connection with this club shall be severed shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to this club, with the exception that any funds loaned by that member to this club will be returned.

Section 2: Any member whose conduct shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at a special meeting to have been injurious to the club shall forfeit his membership and rights. However, before the vote is taken, the offender must be given two weeks notice of the charges against him and he must be given an opportunity to be heard in his defense.

#### Article 5. Sale of Property:

If at any time it shall be necessary to dispose of or sell the property upon which the Canal Fulton Ramrod Club, Inc. is located, the following conditions shall be compiled with: First – Disposal of Funds: Any member who has loaned funds to this club shall be reimbursed for the full amount, but the payment will in no case exceed the original loan. After all outstanding indebtedness has been paid, the remaining funds will be deposited in an interest-bearing bank account earmarked for the purchase or lease of range facilities. If after one year no range facilities have been found, a membership meeting will be called to decide on further action. If at that meeting it is decided by a vote of 2/3 of the members present constituting a quorum to sell the property and disband the club, all funds will be divided equally among all members who have been in good standing for the previous five consecutive years or longer.

#### Article 6. Investment of Funds by Members:

Any member wishing to loan money to this club may apply to the Executive Committee for permission to do so. All members who have loaned money to this club shall be issued a non-interest bearing note stating the amount invested. This note shall be payable on request after giving ninety days written notice to the Executive Committee.

#### Article 7. Death of Members:

Upon receiving notice of the death of any member who has loaned funds to this club, the club shall automatically remit to the estate of said member, the full amount owed within ninety days of the notice of death.

#### Article 8. Committees:

The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, any necessary committees. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

## Article 9. Match Rules:

Section 1: All rifle, pistol, revolver, or shotgun competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations as laid down by the National Muzzle-loading Rifle Association. However, the Match Committee appointed by the President to run the match may make exceptions. These exceptions must be published before the match and must be noted on the shoot programs.

Section 2: All club members are required to accept and maintain safety rules on the range as set forth by the Range Officer. The Range Officer shall see that a copy of said rules are present to each member of the club and that placards bearing these rules are posted in a conspicuous place on the range.

Section 3: During scheduled shoots using a specific range no shooting will be permitted on any of the other ranges.

Section 4: During scheduled shoots a member may shoot for practice, provided there is open target space available & they are not shooting a gun that will disturb the other shooters. Example: No shooting of a large bench gun during a offhand or pistol match. It will be up to the range officer to decide what is allowed.

Section 5: During scheduled shoots open to the public a non member must enter the match in order to shoot.

Section 6: No scheduled shoot or practice shooting will be allowed to begin before 10:00 am. The only exceptions to this rule is shoots may begin at 9:00 am. with prior approval from the executive committee.

## Article 10. Renewal of Membership:

Club dues are due on January 1 of each year. A grace period is given until the first Sunday in May. If dues are not paid by the first Sunday in May, the membership is dropped from the membership roles. However, the member has the right to present his case to the Executive Committee for a clemency ruling. In the event the Executive Committee rules against him, the member has the right to call for a special meeting to hear his case under the provision for special meetings covered in Article 6, Section 3 of the Constitution.

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This Constitution and Bylaws represents a true rendering of the decisions arrived at during the membership meeting held on Oct. 7, 2018 for the purpose of revising the Constitution and Bylaws. The meeting was conducted under parliamentary procedure by President Rick Kuhn, Vice President Bryan Gerber, Secretary/Treasurer Howard Heitger, and a quorum of members was present.

