



Charter Member - Associated Gun Clubs Of Baltimore Civilian Marksmanship Program – Junior Division National Rifle Association – Senior Club

# Official Stemmers Run Rifle And Pistol Club, Inc. Bylaws Revised November 17th, 2019







Charter Member - Associated Gun Clubs Of Baltimore Civilian Marksmanship Program – Junior Division National Rifle Association – Senior Club BYLAWS OF THE STEMMERS RUN RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC. Revised 11/17/2019 ARTICLE I --- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Stemmers Run Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II --- PURPOSE

The history of the United States of America is intertwined with the individual use of firearms, from the American Revolution through the taming of the West and continuing through the individual acts of heroism in today's armed forces and militia. The individual use of firearms has played an instrumental part in the organization of modern hunters and has led to the increase in knowledge concerning the conservation of wildlife.

Stemmers Run strongly believes in the preservation of such an important part of the American heritage. Therefore, we seek to educate others about firearms. We do not limit ourselves to teaching marksmanship and safe handling, however. Rather, as we teach such basic skills, we shall also teach by example things which we believe to be the foundation of patriotism, honesty, self-reliance, self-discipline and selfless individual effort towards a common cause.

#### ARTICLE III --- MEMBERSHIP

Any citizen of the United States, qualified to own and possess firearms by law, eighteen years of age or older, is eligible to make application for membership in this organization. All applicants must be a member in good standing of the National Rifle Association or make application for membership in the National Rifle Association, or other recognized national organization dedicated to shooting sports and approved by the Executive Committee within seven days of his application for membership.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

All applicants shall be sponsored by a member of the organization. The sponsoring member shall be a member in good standing and have been active in the organization for at least one year. It shall be the duty of the sponsoring member to familiarize the applicant with all aspects of the organization, including the Patapsco (Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore) Range.

An applicant may request a sponsor for membership from the organization by submitting an application for membership to the Secretary of the organization. The Secretary shall then notify the applicant of a meeting he may attend with a member in good standing at the Patapsco Range for the purpose of familiarizing the applicant with all aspects of the organization including the Patapsco Range and its rules. The member with whom the applicant has met shall then fulfill the role of sponsor for the applicant.

At any regular meeting of the organization the sponsor or Membership Chairperson may bring the applicant and submit the applicant's application for membership to the Executive Committee. The application shall be accompanied by the Membership Chairperson's recommendation on the admittance and tender of the annual dues. At such time, any member of the organization or the Executive Committee, may query the applicant on matters pertaining to the organization, the shooting sports, or sportsmanship and safety. At this time the applicant shall either furnish proof that he is a member of the National Rifle Association or other recognized national organization dedicated to shooting sports and approved by the Executive Committee, or certify to the Executive Committee that he shall make application for membership in the National Rifle Association or other recognized national organization dedicated to shooting sports and approved by the Executive Committee within seven days.

The Executive Committee shall then consider, at its earliest convenience, the application for membership. A vote shall be taken and all members of the Executive Committee must affirm the applicant for membership, or membership will be denied. The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant of its action. If the Executive Committee voted in favor of membership, notification shall include notice of the next meeting of the organization. If the Executive Committee voted against membership, the notification shall include the return of the tendered dues of the applicant's membership, as well as notification of the applicant's right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee.





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If an application for membership is denied by the Executive Committee, the applicant shall have the right to appeal the decision before the general membership of the organization. The denied applicant shall notify the Secretary of his intent to appeal in writing within thirty days of notice of the denied application by the Executive Committee. The appeal shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the membership of the organization that occurs more than ten days after receipt of the notice of intent to appeal. Upon receipt of the notice of intent to appeal, the Secretary shall notify in writing the applicant and all members of the organization that such appeal is being taken and the place and time of the meeting in which the appeal shall be heard. The applicant shall be given a full hearing at such meeting and a vote by ballot of the membership shall be taken at the conclusion of the hearing. A two thirds majority of those members present and in good standing shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

#### MAINTANING MEMBERSHIP

Each member of the organization is required to be current in the payment of annual dues. The annual dues of the organization shall be set by the Executive Committee, subject to the review of the general membership. Such dues shall be paid unto the organization not later than March 31st of each year.

Members of the organization are not required to be a current holder of a range badge for the Patapsco Range of the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc.

Each member of the organization holding an Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc. (AGC) range badge is entitled to full use of all facilities of the Patapsco Range of the AGC, provided that such use is consistent with all regulations regarding use of the facilities. The assessments for a range badge shall be in such amount as determined by the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc.

After membership in this organization has been accepted each member shall continue to maintain membership in the National Rifle Association or other national organization dedicated to shooting sports and approved by the Executive Committee.

Each member shall attend not less than one of the regularly scheduled meetings of the organization in each calendar year. Failure to meet this requirement may render the offending member subject to suspension.

The foregoing requirement will be waived for all active duty members of the armed services during their period of service.

Each member of the organization in good standing who attends 10 meetings per calendar year, shall be granted, no dues renewal payment for the following year.

Each member of the organization in good standing for an uninterrupted period of 25 years, shall be granted, lifetime membership and no yearly dues renewal payments.

#### ARTICLE IV --- SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the organization for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a majority affirmative vote by members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. Written notice shall be given to the charged member at least fifteen days prior to such meeting of the Executive Committee, stating the place and time of such meeting and the charges to be heard. The member so charged shall be accorded a fair hearing at such time and have the right to make such a defense as proper.

Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee in accordance with the aforementioned procedure shall have the right to appeal such decision to the full membership. Such appeal shall consist of a new full hearing to the membership. Following such hearing, a vote by ballot of the membership present shall be taken and the action of the Executive Committee shall be upheld unless the vote for reversal exceeds two thirds of the members present.

Any member of the organization who fails to maintain membership in the National Rifle Association or other recognized national organization dedicated to shooting sports and approved by the Executive Committee may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the organization.





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#### ARTICLE V --- MEETINGS

The regular business meeting of this organization shall be held on the third Sunday of each month or at such time and place as set by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to vary such time and place subject to reasonable notice to the membership.

A special meeting of this organization may be held at any time upon the call of the President, the Executive Committee, or a request signed by not less than twenty percent of the members in good standing of the organization. Such call or request shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the organization, stating the object of the proposed meeting. Upon receipt of such notice, the Secretary shall mail notice to all members not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the proposed meeting, stating the place, date, time and purpose of the meeting.

A quorum for any meeting of the membership shall consist of ten percent of the general members of the organization, excluding the Executive Committee. A quorum shall be assumed absent the express call by any member in good standing for a quorum count.

#### ARTICLE --- OFFICERS

The Officers of this Club Shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, AGC Trustee and Alternate and any such other Officer or Officers that the membership of the club shall deem from time to time to be desirable or necessary. All Officers of the Club shall be Directors and no person shall be a Director of this Club except an Officer thereof. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of all Officers of this Club, meeting in their capacity as Directors. However, any meeting of the Officers shall be deemed to be a meeting of the Executive Committee, with notice thereof to have been waived by all present except to the extent that there is no objection thereto. The term of all Officers shall be for a period of one year and elections shall be held at such time as deemed desirable by the membership during the month of December for terms beginning on January 1st of the next year.

#### **DUTIES**

The duties of the President shall be: 1) to preside at all meetings of the membership and Officers of the Club; 2) to represent the club at meetings of the AGC; 3) to be an ex-officio member of all committees that may be formed from time to time.

The duties of the Vice President shall be to assume the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. The duties of the Secretary shall be to record the minutes of the meetings of the membership and Officers of the Club, to publish the news letter, (The Straight Shooter) and to notify the members of events and meetings of the Club.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to maintain the financial records of the Club, to administer the receipt and disbursement of the funds of the Club and to collect the membership dues and to ensure that renewing members are members of the NRA or other recognized national organization dedicated to shooting sports and approved by the Executive Committee.

The duties of the AGC Trustee and Alternate shall be to represent the Stemmers Run Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. at all Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc. meetings and report to the Club on AGC activity.

Nothing in the subsection above shall limit any Officer from expanding the nature of his duties, subject to the approval of the membership.

The duties of the Membership Chairman shall be as contained herein and as otherwise assigned by the Executive Committee.

The duties of the Legislative Chairman shall be to inform the membership of current local and national issues of general interest to the membership and to inform the membership of current AGC political and/or legislative activity.