

BY-LAWS OF THE MICHIGAN STATE MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION

Article I Name – The name of this association shall be the Michigan State Muzzleloading Association, Inc.

Article II Objective – The object of this association (Corporation) shall be to encourage and advance shooting of muzzle loading firearms and to promote higher standards of safety, sportsmanship, and good fellowship among those who participate in such sport.

Article III Membership:

Section I – Admission to membership – Any registered shooter at the Michigan State Association’s annual championship shoot will be considered a voting member at the General Membership Meeting.

Section II – Certificates of Membership – The association (Corporation) may issue cards or certificates evidencing membership in the association (Corporation) to each member.

Section III – All motions passed at the association’s General Membership Meeting will be considered a mandate by that assembly for said issue to be further discussed and voted upon at the association business meeting.

Section IV – At the association’s business meeting, every muzzleloading club in Michigan will be authorized one representative with the power of one vote. The directors and officers will also have one vote each.

Section V – Termination of membership – Any club displaying conduct detrimental to the cause of muzzleloading may be barred from membership in the Corporation and shall lose its vote. Such action shall be transacted by the Board of Directors. Any person displaying conduct detrimental to the cause of muzzleloading may be barred from participation in any Corporation sponsored activities. Such action shall be transacted by the Board of Directors.

Article IV Meetings

Section I – Annual Meeting – An annual meeting of the members shall be held at the Michigan State Muzzleloading Association Rifle Championship Matches for the transaction of such business as may rightly come before the membership. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be published in the official publication of the

association at least 15 days prior to holding of such meeting. Other notification may be approved by the Board of Directors as necessary.

Section II – Special Meetings – Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the President or the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings, time and place shall be given at least 15 days prior to holding of such meeting. Other notification may be approved by the Board of Directors as necessary.

Section III – Order of Business – the order of business at all meetings of the membership, Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- A. Roll Call of Officers
- B. Reading of minutes of last preceding meeting
- C. Filling of vacancies – Elections
- D. Report of Officers and Committees
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
- G. Adjournment

Section IV – Rules of Order – Roberts Rules of Order revised shall govern the meetings of this corporation where they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

Article V Special Committees

Section I – Shotgun Committee

The Shotgun Committee will consist of 10 members plus a chairman. The shotgun Committee will have full control of the State Shotgun Program keeping consistent with Michigan State Muzzleloading Association Policies.

Section II – Shotgun Committee – The Shotgun Committee shall elect a member of that committee to serve a minimum of a 1 year term on the Board of Directors. This officer will be elected at the State Shotgun Championship Matches in August. This officer will be the 10th member of the Michigan State Muzzleloading Association Board of Directors.

Article VI Board of Directors

Section I – Number, Tenure and Qualifications – The Business, Property, and Affairs of the association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall be members of the NMLRA. The Board of Directors shall consist of 10 persons unless the member selected

by the Shotgun Committee is already serving on the Board of Directors. If the person selected by the shotgun committee is already serving on the Board of Directors, the Board will consist of 9 members. The board of directors will be elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Terms of office of the Board of Directors shall be 1 year, 2 years and 3 years. Three new directors shall be elected each year.

Section III – Special Meetings – Special meetings of the Board may be called by any member of the Board. Written notice shall be mailed to each Board member 15 days prior to the date of the holding of such meetings. Such written notice may be waived if all members concur.

Article VII Officers – Election – Removal

Section I – Officers – The Officers of the association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other Officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article.

Section II – Election and Tenure – The Officers of this Corporation shall be elected annually at the annual meeting. Officers need not be Board of Director members and shall not have a vote on the Board of Directors unless they are a member of the board. All Officers may attend regular meetings of the Board of Directors. New Officers may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. The President of the Association shall not serve more than three (3) years consecutively.

Section III – Removal – Any Officer elected, or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed for any cause deemed necessary by the Board by a three fourths vote of the members of the Board; provided that such Officer and all Directors shall have been served with written notice. Such notice shall be served at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting.

Article VIII Termination – Dissolution

Section I – The Board of Directors by a majority of the Board members present at a duly called meeting, shall have the power to dissolve the Corporation (Michigan State Muzzleloading Association, Inc.) and that should the Corporation be dissolved, all assets will revert to the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association.

Article IX

Regarding selecting a new location for the next Michigan State rifle matches and shotgun matches.

The Michigan State Muzzle Loading Association will make a tentative three year commitment to any club interested in having the State Rifle or Shotgun matches at their range.

Each club or range that is selected by the membership as a host club may terminate the three year commitment early if they should choose to do so.

At the expiration of the three year commitment or the termination of the commitment by the host club: applications from other clubs will be submitted to the Michigan State Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and be voted on by the membership.

At the expiration of the three year commitment or the termination of the commitment by the host club, the state matches must move to a new location as long as there are petitions from other clubs that will meet the state rifle and or shotgun match requirements.

The shotgun membership will have full control on where the MSMLA shotgun championships will move to after their three year commitment and will be approved by the shotgun committee at their fall meeting. The shotgun chairman will work with other clubs thru out the state to move the championships every three years. The shotgun chairman is responsible for reporting any decisions made by the shotgun committee to the MSMLA board

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