

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN INDIANA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE 1

ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

The name of this organization, herein after referred to as the "Club", shall be "The Southern Indiana Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.". It shall be organized under the laws of the State of Indiana as a non-profit corporation for social purposes and to promote the proper use of firearms. The object of this organization is further defined to be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States; with a view towards better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall also be our object and purpose to forward 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 patriotism.

ARTICLE 2

MEMBERSHIP

CLASSIFICATIONS

Members of the Club are classed as Annual (aka Full members), Junior, Family and Complimentary Members.

ANNUAL members (aka Full members) are eligible to vote and to hold office. They have full range privileges (i.e. have a key or other appropriate means of access to the outdoor range) are covered by the group insurance policy or policies carried by the Club, receive all Club bulletins and other mailings, and are eligible to participate in all Club shootings and social events and to invite guests when appropriate.

FAMILY membership includes the annual member, spouse, and children under the age of fifteen. In case the annual member is a grandparent, the family membership includes grandchildren under the age of fifteen. The initiating member only will receive a membership card. The initiating member has full privileges. The spouse, children and grandchildren under the age of fifteen have range privileges only when accompanied by the subscribing member.

JUNIOR members are aged fifteen to twenty-one. They are not eligible to vote or hold office. They have full range privileges only when accompanied by a full member. They are covered by the Club insurance, may participate in Club shooting and social events. They are eligible for full membership in the Club on December 31st of the calendar year in which his or her 21st birthday occurs. They must apply for full membership at that time to retain their membership.

COMPLIMENTARY members are members who have been granted membership in exchange for a service to the club. This membership is yearly. They are not eligible to vote or hold office.

At the annual meeting on January 13th, 2024, the membership voted to delete the Senior and Senior Family membership options starting with calendar year 2025.

REQUIREMENTS

All classes of members are required to be of good character and reputation. They must have no felony criminal record and also have no reason except age to be barred from handgun ownership by State or Federal Law. No one may be accepted as a member who is a member of any organization which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States or any of its several States by force, or violence. Membership in the National Rifle Association is required to join and maintain membership. Proof of NRA membership will be submitted in the form of the mailing label from his/her NRA publication, a copy of their current membership card or present their card for inspection. In the case of a family membership only the primary member is required to be a NRA member. An attitude indicating a desire to handle firearms in a safe and responsible manner and the reasonable care of facilities is a continuing requirement of membership. Membership in the S.I.R.P.C. implies a willingness to serve in office for one year.

1. Full members must be at least 21 years of age.
2. Junior members must be between the ages of 15 and 21 in the calendar year of the membership. They are eligible for full membership the next calendar year after their twenty-first birthday. They must purchase a full membership at that time to retain their membership.

INITIATION OF MEMBERSHIP

All applicants are required to belong to the National Rifle Association. Proof of NRA membership will be submitted in the form of the mailing label from his/her NRA publication, a copy of their current membership card or present their card for inspection. All applications for membership are to be submitted to the Secretary, who is responsible for processing the application. This application must be submitted in person at a monthly meeting along with appropriate fees, dues, and proof of NRA membership. Application for membership will be read at the next two business meetings after its receipt. The applicant must be present at the meetings when the application is read. If the applicant is not present at the second meeting, reading of the application will be postponed until he/she is in attendance. After the second reading, membership approval will be voted on by the members present. Unanimous approval is needed for a membership to be issued. If the applicant is disapproved, the applicant's fee and dues will be returned.

APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary will be responsible for conducting such checks of the applicant's background and references as deemed advisable by the membership and for presenting the application and the results of said checks to the membership present at the business meetings.

APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

The sponsoring full member assumes responsibility for the conduct of the sponsored junior member and must endorse the application indicating that he understands this. The junior's parent and/or guardian must also approve the application.

EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

All annual memberships expire on December 31st of each year. Present membership in the National Rifle Association is compulsory for renewal and proof is required. Proof of NRA membership will be submitted in the form of the mailing label from his/her NRA publication, a copy of their current membership card or present their card for inspection. Members must renew their memberships before the annual meeting in order to vote. There will be a three-month range usage grace period ending at midnight on the last day of March. After this date they lose all privileges and must reapply for membership.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to waive this penalty if it can be shown that failure to renew within the required time limit was not the fault of the member in question.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR MISCONDUCT

Any member whose conduct shall be decided by a majority vote of the membership, present at a business meeting, to have been injurious to the interest or welfare of the Club shall forfeit his membership and rights, but such vote shall not be taken without giving the offender 14 days notice of the charges against him, by certified mail and affording him an opportunity to be heard in his defense. Dues and fees shall not be refunded unless the Executive Committee so directs.

ARTICLE 3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Club shall be under the management of the Executive Committee. This committee shall have general supervision of the activities of the Club and shall be empowered to make and enforce such range regulations and other rules as may be necessary for safety and the maintenance of good order. It shall have authority to approve/disapprove expenditures for the normal operations of the Club and for the maintenance and improvement of the property and facilities in excess of one thousand dollars, but shall not have authority to transfer real estate without specific approval of three-fourths of the entire membership. The committee shall consist of the elected officers. They will have the authority to temporarily suspend a motion or decision made at any regular or annual meeting until the entire membership is informed of the content of the motion or decision, the time and place at which another vote will be taken. This will be accomplished in a timely manner. The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Officer. Each of whom shall have been elected by a majority vote, by ballot, at the annual meeting.

The board of directors shall consist of the Executive Committee plus the immediate past President, unless he is already a member of the Executive Committee in another capacity.

The Resident Agent or Statutory Agent is the representative of the corporation required by the laws of the state of Indiana, and shall be appointed by the President with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee.

The term of office for the officers shall begin immediately upon election at the annual meeting. If the annual meeting cannot take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected. The term of the Resident Agent or Statutory Agent shall continue until he vacates the office by death or resignation, or until his removal by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Club, and of the Executive Committee and shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings of that Committee. He shall appoint directors for all active disciplines. He shall appoint the members of all regular and special committees (other than Executive Committee) shall be a member ex-officio of all such appointed committees, and shall perform all other duties as usually pertain to his office.

VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties and shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. He will also have the responsibilities of "Property Director" and has the duty of keeping abreast of needed maintenance and improvements to the indoor and outdoor ranges. He can also make work assignments to club members.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence. He shall notify all members of special and annual meetings. He shall keep a record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Club meetings. He shall keep the membership lists and issue all membership cards. He shall conduct checks to verify that club member's NRA membership is kept current. He shall have custody of the correspondence of the Club. He shall keep records and scores pertaining to the winning of annual trophies. He shall compose and distribute a monthly newsletter. He shall perform other duties as recorded in this Constitution and By-Laws of this Club.

TREASURER

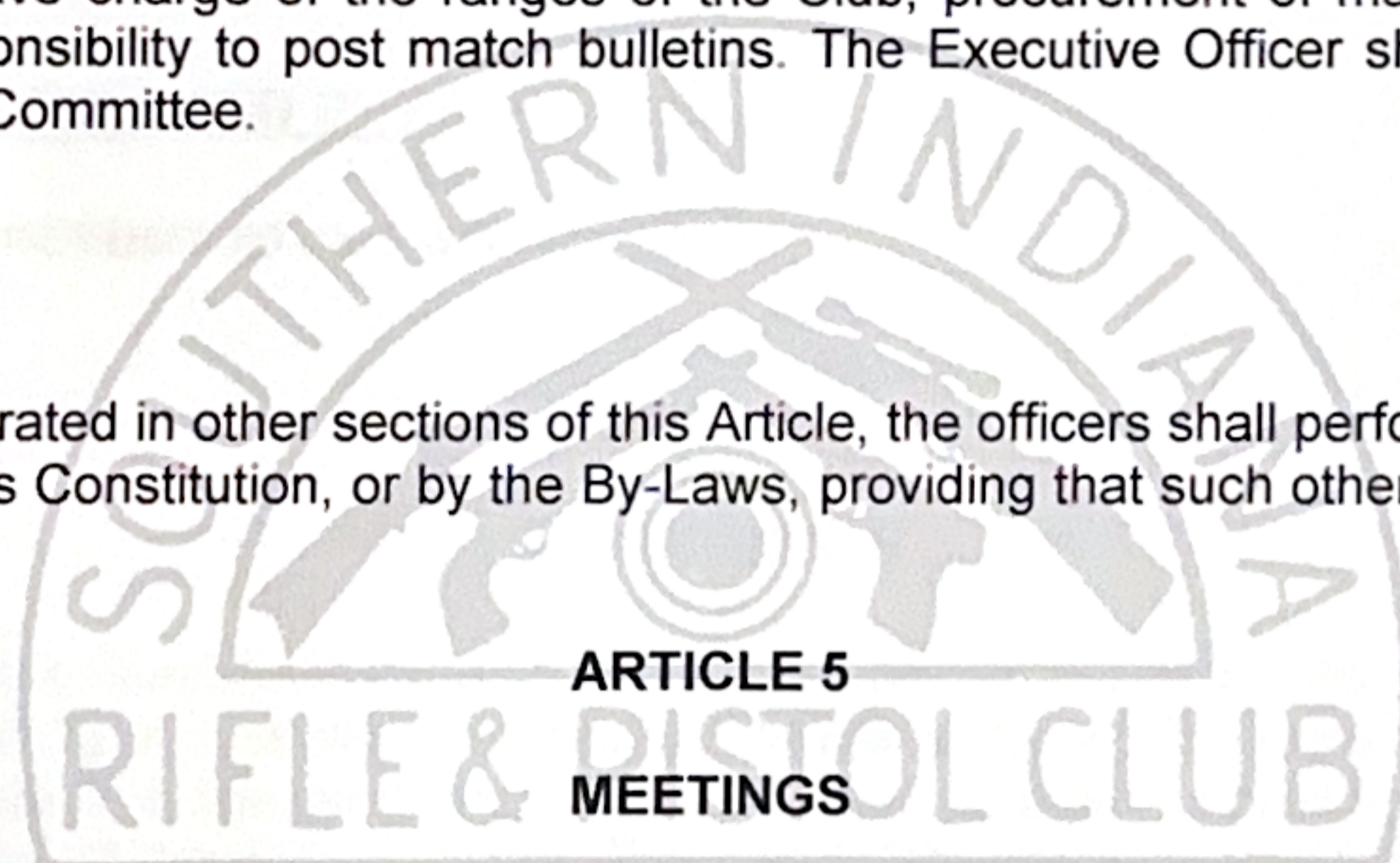
The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Club and place them in such bank as may be approved by the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to tax obligations of the club. He shall also be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues, although billing for the collection of all fees and dues shall be the responsibility of the Secretary. The funds of the Club may be withdrawn only by check signed by the Treasurer and for the payment of such bills as have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and shall render a detailed report at monthly meetings of the Club and to the Executive Committee. An audit report shall be given to the Club at its annual meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Executive Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the Club, procurement of match supplies, approval of range officers for competitions, responsibility to post match bulletins. The Executive Officer shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

OTHER DUTIES

In addition to the duties enumerated in other sections of this Article, the officers shall perform such other duties as may be required by other Articles of this Constitution, or by the By-Laws, providing that such other requirements are not in conflict with Article 4.



ARTICLE 5

MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Annual meetings of the Club shall be held each year for the purpose of election of the officers and appointing directors and for such other business as may come before it. The exact date shall be decided by the Executive Committee, which will be the second Saturday in January if possible. The meeting will be no earlier than the first Saturday nor later than the last Saturday of January of each year. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be sent not less than 15 nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting to all members eligible to vote. Those members present, who are eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or by a member upon demand in writing stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than 25% of the members eligible to vote. The time and place of such special meetings shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be mailed not less than 10 nor more than 30 days prior to the meeting to all members who are eligible to vote.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the indoor range. Those members present, who are eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum provided a majority of the Executive Committee is also present.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any time upon the call of the President or at least three members of the Committee. Reasonable notice of the time and place of the meeting must be given to all members of the Committee.

PROXY VOTING

No proxy votes will be permitted at any of the meetings described in this Constitution.

ARTICLE 6

FEES AND DUES

AMOUNT

The amount of fees and dues for various classes of membership and the officers shall be specified in the By-Laws.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF FEES AND DUES

All fees must be paid before a membership card will be issued.

ARTICLE 7

AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws may be introduced by any member in good standing of the organization at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. They must then be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, provided the members that are eligible to vote are informed there is to be an amendment vote. The particulars of the amendment will be made available upon request. A two-thirds majority vote of those members present, who are eligible to vote, will be necessary to pass it.

Be it furthermore resolved; that the officers and membership of this organization believe that the peace and security of our country depends a great deal on our national defense ability, and although peacefully inclined we pledge ourselves to the proper training and instructions of as many of our young people as possible in the use of firearms, so that in times of peace they may enjoy the safe use of same as a national sport and at the same time better equip themselves for personal defense in time of war.

These revisions to the Constitution, pertaining to the Family membership, were adopted with the required two-thirds majority vote of those members present, who were eligible to vote, at the February business meeting of The Southern Indiana Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. held on the 5th day of February, 2025.

Signed:

President: Donnie Abbott.

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Vice-President: Andrew Rudd

Andrew Rudd

Secretary: Ron Bekebrede

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Treasurer: Tom Clark

Tom Clark

Executive Officer: Tom Graves

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