

TEXAS HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER'S BYLAWS

Preamble

The subject of the Association shall be the encouragement of mounted shooting in the western south-central region of Texas and to provide an _outlet for those persons wishing to compete by the rules as specified by the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA). It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and a foundation of true patriotism. The further intention of the organization is to provide an atmosphere and social climate conducive to riding, camping and other similar events where the member stresses and conducts himself in a fashion that promotes our western heritage. The board of directors following the guidelines set forth in the following articles shall administer the affairs of the association.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the organization shall be Texas High Plains Drifter's (THPD)

ARTICLE 2-BUSINESS ADDRESS

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ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in THPD shall consist of the board of directors, and members who have paid the yearly annual dues as set forth by the board of directors.
2. DUES shall be determined by the board of directors at the yearend board meeting.
3. Eligibility in THPD shall be extended to all persons of good character who would like to become members of an organization dedicated to the preservation of a cowboy lifestyle.
4. Each new applicant will have his/her application submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Membership can be denied by a majority vote of the board.
5. Resignation - a member in good standing may resign at any time to any member or members of the board of directors. The member resigning will not be offered a refund of membership dues.
6. Suspension - any member who, through his actions, has caused a personal injury to themselves or others, damage to another's property or livestock, or has projected themselves to be of undesirable character may be put on suspension by the board of directors until such time that the board has had the opportunity to review the matter.
7. Expulsion - a member will be expelled from THPD with a 2/3 majority vote by the board of directors. Expulsion would result from the members total disregard for the welfare of the organization through their actions or any blatant and continued violations. In either case the decision will be based on specific incidents or actions.
8. Reinstatement - any member suspended or expelled from the THPD club may, after a period of 90 days, appear before the board of directors to seek a reversal of the board of directors' decision concerning their membership status.

ARTICLE 4 – CLOTHING

1. All members of the THPD will be required to wear clothing in compliance with current CMSA rules and regulations.
2. Any member not complying with section 1 of this article will be prohibited from participation in a match or exhibition at the discretion of the match director or Board of Directors.
3. Any member or prospective member so wishing may have a seasoned member assigned to help them accumulate the necessary clothing and equipment to comply with section 1.

ARTICLE 5 - ARMS AND AMMUNITION

1. All firearms shall comply with current CMSA rules and regulations.
2. All ammunition shall be provided by THPD. No live ammunition will be permitted at a THPD sanctioned match or practice.
3. Contestants are to have no live ammunition on their person or in their cartridge belt or saddlebags. Dummy ammunition with inert or fire primers may be used in cartridge belts. Failure to follow this will result in disqualification or suspension.

ARTICLE 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THPD board members consist of a president, VP, secretary, treasurer and six additional officers. Board members are expected to fulfill their duties on a volunteer basis as follows:

President

Oversee all aspects of the club; represent the club's best interest to its members and to CMSA; preside over meetings and ensure they are regularly scheduled; ensure information is being adequately communicated to club membership; resolve club questions and issues as they arise

Vice President

Assist president in any club duties as necessary. The vice president presides and performs the duties of the president in the absence of the president

Secretary

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors.

Maintain a current list of all members with their contact information.

Secretary will upload to CMSA and keep track of club points.

Treasurer

Maintain THPD's financial records: provide reports to the officers at the club: manage THPD's bank accounts and tax information. The treasurer shall record all gifts, donations, and financial transactions of the board in an accepted bookkeeping method. The treasurer shall also be responsible for the collection of all dues and entry fees. The treasurer shall deposit funds of the association in such bank or banks as designated by the board.

Officers at large (6)

Officers at large shall be responsible for various tasks as agreed-upon by the board of directors at the annual meeting, always represent the club's best interest; attend board meetings and be an active participant in decision making. OFFICERS AT LARGE WILL BE MATCH DIRECTOR for at least one THPD shoot per year and should serve on committees as needed.

EXPECTATIONS OF MATCH DIRECTORS

The match director is the single representative of a hosting club or association, responsible for all facets of a CMSA match.

Match director responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Determining payout structures including gender split or not, divisional, class, payouts, etc. for all aspects of the match. These details will be reviewed with the THPD board prior to posting on the CMSA website with a specific and reasonable deadline provided for any input.

Determine any non-cash awards or added money (sponsors, Buckles etc.)

Accepting \$50 cash for any protest prior to having any call be reviewed

Form an appeals committee prior to the start of the match with three experienced CMSA competitors and one alternate - only to be used when one of the members is involved in the protest or a conflict of interest could occur

Grant re-rides in the case of a timer malfunction

Assess a 60 second penalty on a stage when a discharge outside of the course of fire occurs

Ensure all aspects of the match are properly set up (USE CLUB COMMITTEES) Including but not limited to:

ARTICLE 7 - ELECTION AND TENURE

1. Time of elections - the election of officers shall take place during the annual meeting of the board of directors which will be scheduled each year between November 1 and December 31. The election of directors at large positions shall take place annually at the same meeting.
2. Method of elections - board members may submit nominations for the officers who are up for election/reelection and directors' positions. Each vying member must receive a majority vote by the board for confirmation. Current incumbents will automatically be on the ballot if they so desire.
3. Term of office - the term of office for all officers shall be two years and shall begin on the day following the election and each officer may be reelected to the same position or another board position as often as the board allows them. Director at large positions term of office shall be one year.
4. Vacancies - the nominating committee shall place before the board the name of an individual or individuals to be considered to complete the vacated term of office. The replacement shall be decided by a majority vote of the board.

ARTICLE 8 - QUALIFICATION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

1. President - must be a THPD member for two years and must have served on the board for one year. To be elected in even years.
2. Vice President - must be a THPD member for two years and must have served on the board for one year. To be elected in odd years.
3. Secretary - must be a THPD member for one year and must have served on the board for one year. To be elected in odd years.
4. Treasure - must be a THPD member for one year and must have served on the board for one year. To be elected in even years.
5. Officers at large must have been a member of the THPD for one year and must have served on a committee in the previous year. A 2 /3 majority vote by the entire board is required to become a director. To be elected each year

ARTICLE 9 -EMERGENCY CLAUSE

1. EMERGENCY CLAUSE -these bylaws may be suspended in full or in part when the board of directors decide an emergency exists and provided that the action is a temporary expedient to best serve the interests of all members of THPD.
2. RULES OF ORDER shall govern the conduct of any business of THPD which is not otherwise listed in these bylaws.

ARTICLE 10-MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will decide when and where meetings will be held and schedule them as needed. All members in good standing, new or prospective members are welcome to attend meetings of the board of directors, unless a closed meeting is called. Those members who wish to address the Board of Directors should request of the president in writing that they would like to have an item added to the agenda. Request to add business items to the agenda should be received by the president at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting date. The members will be notified of meeting time, date and location. If an emergency or closed meeting is called no notification will be forthcoming.

Only the members of the board of directors shall vote on issues at any board meeting. Their votes may be secret ballot, public ballot, or voice vote, which ever they determine is most appropriate.

2/3 of the total number of directors shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business at meetings of the board of directors. The act of most of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless law or these bylaws require a vote of a greater number.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and shall conduct the meeting according to his RULES OF ORDER. The President shall prepare an agenda to be discussed and limit conversation to the agenda, until NEW business is called for by the president

ARTICLE 11- CHANGING BYLAWS

These bylaws may be changed or amended as follows: Any board member in good standing may request a proposed change to these bylaws by submitting the recommended change in writing at a meeting of the board of directors. The board

will consider the change and vote on it at the next board meeting unless otherwise deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 12 - DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the organization is authorized if it is approved by a 2/3 majority of the members of the organization. The organization shall give notice to with members of the proposed meeting to vote on dissolution.

DIPOSAL OF ASSETS - Upon the dissolution of the organization the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, adopt a plan of dissolution indicating to whom the assets owned or held by the organization will be distributed.

ARTICLE 13 - COMMITTEES

Any member in good standing shall be eligible to serve on committees as formed at the direction of the president and board of directors to perform special projects for the betterment of THPD. Members are expected to participate on committees to be eligible for yearend awards.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The president shall appoint 3 members in good standing to serve on the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall be appointed at least two months before the election. The nominating committee shall serve until the conclusion of the annual election of directors. They shall present to the board of directors and the members a slate for the election of directors. No member of the nominating committee should be on the slate for election of officers. They shall also contact those members whose terms are expiring and ask whether those members would like to be considered for reelection. The nominating committee shall also obtain prior approval from candidates for election to office.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The awards committee shall coordinate and facilitate the yearly awards banquet and obtain awards for yearend prizes. This committee will also be contacted for awards for individual shoots. The committee works within a yearly budget approved by the Board of Directors. This committee will have a chairperson and 2 members at large.

Arena Committee

Drags

Balloon Setters

Set up courses

OFFICE COMMITTEE

Run sign up, announce, run computer and coordinate volunteers

RANGE MASTER COMMITTEE

This committee should have one chairperson and 4 members at large who are certified range masters.

Maintaining safe environment, assessing any penalties incurred when the shooter engages the course of fire, and keeping the match moving in a timely fashion. Along with the match director, the range master must ensure all patterns are safe to be run in the arena and an appeals board has been selected. The range master should never be involved in a debate with a competitor.

ARTICLE 14 – YEAR END AWARDS

All members will be eligible for yearend awards that are in good standing with the club and have competed in the preset number of shoots for that particular year.

Each year the board will vote on number of shoots that will be required for eligibility for yearend awards. If a shooter joins in the middle of a season and he or she has competed in a shoot earlier in the season points or number of minimum shoots will not be retroactive.

CMSA points will be separate from THPD points and club point value will be 2 x the number of shooters at THPD sponsored shoots only.