

**Last update: December 7, 2008**  
**SIN CITY MOUNTED SHOOTERS**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be **Sin City Mounted Shooters (SCMS) and the amended bylaws below will become effective December 7, 2008.**

**ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE**

The main objective of this association will be to function *as a not for profit organization* and adopt the bylaws for a cowboy single action shooting club encompassing single action and mounted shooting et. al.

1. To encourage organized cowboy single action shooting among citizens of the United States and any foreign countries who reside or are visiting in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship.
2. To forward the development of these characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, good citizenship, self-discipline, team plan, and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.
3. To recreate in each members mind and the club as a whole the Victorian Era (1800's) atmosphere of the nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) century of the United States also known as the Wild West or Frontier times.
4. To promote and utilize the firearms or replicas of those firearms of that Victorian Era described above, in a continuous safe and sane manner.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Any citizen of the United States or other friendly country in good standing regardless of race, color, creed, gender, or sexual preference, may become a member of this organization upon vote of approval of the Board Members after subscribing to the following pledge:

**SIN CITY MOUNTED SHOOTERS (SCMS) PLEDGE: I CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF GOOD REPUTE AND GOOD STANDING IN THE NATION THAT I REPRESENT; THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AND AM NOT A FELON. IF ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP I WILL FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP; AND ENDEAVOR TO PARTICIPATE AND ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SIN CITY MOUNTED SHOOTERS (SCMS).**

**All other membership issues will be outlined in the SCMS Rules and Standards (Membership classification, yearly membership dues, contestant entry fees, etc.)**

**ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS**

Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) shall be elected annually by members in good standing by either voice or ballot.

1. Annual Board-member elections will be held during the end-of-year awards presentation and membership meeting (mid-Nov to mid-Dec of each calendar year).
2. New Officers will assume elected positions immediately following the elections – preferably early-- in order to allow them time to prepare for the new season while providing a two-week transition period.

3. No term limits exist. Nominees must be SCMS members at least 21 yrs of age (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>) in good standing for a minimum of one year in order to hold an elected position.
4. Members must be present to vote. Members must be present to accept a nomination for a position. No absentee ballots will be tallied.
5. Nominations will be verbal. Any SCMS member may nominate another eligible member for a board position. Any SCMS member may self-nominate for a board position.
6. All nominations must be verbally seconded by another member and must be verbally accepted by the nominee. Nominations will continue until no other nominations are proposed. There is no limit to the number of nominees for each position.
7. Secret ballot elections will be conducted for each position immediately following nominations for that position. A nominee with the most votes for a given position wins the vote.
8. All nominations, seconds, votes tallied, and results will be recorded by the secretary. The president will conduct the elections, assisted by the VP.
9. All voting results are final.

## **ARTICLE V. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

1. All members seeking office Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age prior to the general election of that year.
2. Candidates Must be a member in good standing with the SCMS with full dues paid for the current year.
3. Candidates Must have attended at least two (2) SCMS monthly shoots.
4. Candidates Must have attended two of SCMS monthly meetings prior to nomination.
5. Candidates for Territorial Governor must meet the same eligibility requirements as the club officer, plus meet the SASS requirements.

## **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

The Board Members shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the club. This same body has the authority to make agreements, sign contracts, and is the political entity for the SCMS concerning any transaction whatsoever with other organizations or individuals for carrying out the objectives of this club.

The elected body of members from the SCMS shall consist of the four (4) elected officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer who, acting together shall constitute the Board Members, and it shall be recognized and understood that all officers shall enjoy an unpaid, volunteer status. If any officer misses three (3) consecutive meetings, without good cause, he/she may be removed by the majority vote of the remaining Board Members. All Board Members will have an even vote and say in all matters pertaining to this club.

## **DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT:**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club. He/she shall perform all such other duties, specified in these bylaws and those that are expected of his office according to the rules expressed in Robert's Rules of Order. Authenticate by his signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the SCMS

declaring its will. The President may also appoint those ad hoc committees that he/she feels are necessary for the smooth operation and general well being of the club. He/She shall be one of two approvals or signatures required to open, close, change bank documents or make any purchases over the amount of \$200. He/she may only vote in the event of a tie.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

The Vice President shall perform the duties of President in his absence or upon his request. He/She shall be one of two approvals or signatures required to open, close, change bank documents or make any purchases over the amount of \$200.

**SECRETARY:**

The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence of the club to include the monthly newsletter (unless there are other arrangements made); prepare and forward all official reports required by the club to any agency or organization and other matters that require correspondence. He/she shall keep a true record (minutes) of all meetings held by this club except the treasurer's book of accounts. Applications for membership for the club shall be made to the Secretary and he/she will be responsible for the collection of all fees, dues or monies from any event and remit the same to the Treasurer taking proper receipt thereof. The Secretary shall notify all members of the annual meeting and/or any special meeting as required in **ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS**. During the election process the Secretary will receive those election results from the President and be responsible for posting the results in the official minutes and newsletter as well, within thirty (30) days of said election. The Secretary will also be responsible for conducting all special hearings involving the suspension or expulsion of any member, officer or board member. He/She may select or appoint a correspondence secretary who will assist in the day to day business of scoring targets and compiling other data for the posting of shooting scores at any and all SCMS activities. He/She will be responsible for correct scoring sheets, shooting scores and prompt posting of all scores from each match to the internet web site and submitting all scores to SCMS as required.

**TREASURER:**

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and be one of the signatures when required on all bank drafts. He/She shall place all monies collected by the Secretary or any other member, into such bank as directed. Such monies may only be withdrawn upon approval of the President or Vice President, for the payment of bills that have been approved by the Board Members. The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all financial transactions and render a detailed financial report with vouchers (when requested) at all general meetings including the Board Members and specifically the annual meeting. He/She shall immediately and without action by the Board Members draw checks for expenditures such as membership dues, affiliation fees, advertising, insurance, or other reoccurring expenditures previously approved by the Board Members such as telephone bills, printing, and the like.

**ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS**

**ANNUAL MEETING:**

The annual meeting of the club shall be held on a date as announced and scheduled a minimum of fourteen days prior to such meeting as approved by the club officers. If any annual meeting cannot take place at the time so designated it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, but not later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of the new calendar

year. The officers shall hold over until their successors have been duly elected.

**REGULAR MEETINGS:**

The regular business meeting of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held at the scheduling of the Board and shall be open to all members and visitors at a designated place and time.

a. No officer or member of this club may take it upon himself/herself to schedule any event, assembly, meeting, shootout, or other activity involving the SCMS without majority consent of the Board Members.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

1. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of any member upon demand in writing to the Secretary stating the object of the proposed meeting, time, place and object of any special meeting. This call shall be given in writing so that it will be received via U.S. Mail or our official newsletter by all officers and members in good standing not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Board Members.

2. A special meeting may be called at any time by any member of the club at any time in the event of an emergency situation in regard to matters of law or of serious nature such as injury, death, theft, or criminal activity of a member or participant.

**ARTICLE VIII. PROPERTY**

All property owned by the SCMS shall be inspected for serviceability and inventoried by the Board Members each year. The property inventory will be maintained by the club Secretary.

1. Each year the newly elected Vice President will inventory and sign for the equipment. All equipment will be under the direct control, distribution, and safe keeping of the Vice President.

2. In the event the Vice President is not available, the President or member designated by the President will have authority on his/her behalf to seize and take control, distribute, and keep safe that property.

3. No member or officer of this club may take it upon themselves to loan, give away, lease, trade, sell, appropriate, or in any manner allow anyone or any organization the use of such property owned by the SCMSA without the majority consent of the Board Members.

4. No member, including any of the Board Members, will loan SCMS money or funds, to any member, non-member, person, organization, entity, or thing for any reason whatsoever. The Board Members may not override this ARTICLE. Such activity will be deemed THEFT and it is the duty of every member to report such activity to the proper authorities for prosecution.

5. In the event a member has Board consent to purchase any property and the member is reimbursed from the club funds for said purchase, the property becomes the property of the SCMS.

6. No member including any individual member of the Board Members may commit the club or any of its resources to any event, function, or activity without the majority consent, in writing of the full Board Members.

7. No member or member of the Board, individually may purchase or make any expenditures for the purpose of reimbursement without prior consent of the majority of the Board Members.

**ARTICLE IX. REMOVING A BOARD MEMBER FROM OFFICE**

1. Any SCMS board member can be removed from office if the following conditions exist:

- The board member continuously fails to accomplish the duties of the office he or she holds
- OR
- The board member continuously directs abusive behavior (either verbally or physically) towards another board member, club member, or the family or friends of a club member.

OR

- The board member consistently conducts himself or herself in an unprofessional manner at club events or matches

AND

- All other board members unanimously agree that the officer-in-question has committed any of the above offenses and should therefore be removed from office.

2. The officer-in-question will immediately be notified of his termination from office.
3. In the case of a president's termination, the Vice President will serve as acting president for the remainder of the year.
4. The remaining board members have the option of calling a mid-term election to fill the empty position, or completing the year with the remaining board members.
5. The terminated officer has the option of remaining a member of the club as long as the board feels his or her actions and/or behaviors can be controlled. If the latter is not the case, the board may terminate his or her membership from the club; this decision must be unanimous.
6. Finally, any individual's SCMS membership may be terminated by a unanimous board decision for general and repeated club misconduct, repeated demonstrations of abuse towards others, or repeated demonstrations of animal abuse.

## **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

1. Proposed changes or amendments to the SCMS By Laws and Rules and Standards may be submitted by any member at any time.
2. Proposed changes or amendments to the current bylaws will be in written format, with justification for the proposed change, and given to the Secretary for review and staffing to the Board Members and general membership.
  - a. Upon receiving the proposed amendment change, the Secretary will generate copies of the proposed changes and submit to the Board Members and general membership for review.
  - b. Within fourteen (14) days after submission of the proposed change or amendment there will be discussion and voting on the changes at the next monthly meeting following the date of submission.
3. If the change(s) are approved (by at least 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership) it will take effect immediately and will be published in the newsletter and an official copy of the change will be sent to all members.

## **ARTICLE XI. STANDING PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS**

From time to time, for the good of the club, certain standing orders may be directed by the reigning President. These volunteer orders are simply a guide for good manners, fellowship, fun, and the chase of the game.

1. It is deemed proper and appropriate that a prayer, the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, or any other type of ceremonial recognition of the fundamental rights and values with which this great country was founded upon, be recited at the beginning of all assemblies or events held by the SCMS.

2. Furthermore, it is fully understood that participation in these ceremonial activities is a completely voluntary standard which need not be voted upon by anyone and most importantly if one does not wish to participate in the ceremony, they will not be required to do so nor will anyone be ridiculed, berated, or badgered in any way for their participation or non participation.

3. Anyone (member, guest, or bystander) who conducts themselves in any derogatory manner during any portion of the above ceremonies or activity, that may bring discredit upon SCMS, will be required to leave the premises of the event or activity being conducted.

**THESE BY LAWS ARE ACCEPTED INTO RECORD BY THE BOARD MEMBERS AS SIGNED BELOW**

	Printed Name	Signed	Date:
President:	_____	_____	_____
V. President:	_____	_____	_____
Secretary:	_____	_____	_____
Treasurer:	_____	_____	_____