

**BYLAWS OF THE  
EAST END ROD AND GUN CLUB  
Milton-Freewater, OR 97862  
As Amended: December 2019**

**Approved:**

AFFILIATED With the  
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
11250 Waples Mill Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030, USA

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this organization shall be:

**EAST END ROD AND GUN CLUB (EERGC)**

EERGC shall function as a shooting club under these Bylaws and the accompanying Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this organization shall be the promotion of our natural resource stewardship, firearms training, hunter education and the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among individuals of the United States residing 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. It shall be our further objective 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 true patriotism.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Any individual of the United States, old enough to legally own and operate firearms, who is not prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm, may become a member of this organization after paying the initiation fee and dues specified in the Standard Operating Procedures.

The EERGC and its members and employees shall not discriminate by segregation, refusing membership, curtailing participation, or otherwise, against any person on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or sexual preference.

All club members must be current, individual NRA members, subscribing to the NRA pledge. This is a family privilege use membership which applies to immediate family members living in the household. This is a single voting membership. All memberships must be consistent with EERGC SOP.

## The NRA Pledge:

*CERTIFY that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group which has any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will faithfully fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.*

## ARTICLE IV

### DUES & INITIATION FEES

- A. The initiation fees and dues shall be specified in the Standard Operating Procedures.
- B. No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits by this club.
- C. A member is in arrears if dues are not paid within 30 days of the member's anniversary date.
- D. Membership dues are not refundable.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETINGS

- A. **Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the first Thursday of January in each year, at which time new officers will be elected and inaugurated. If the annual meeting shall fall on January 1st, it will be held on the 2nd Thursday or as posted on the website. Members will be notified electronically or in writing for those that have paid for mailings. The officers shall hold over until their successors have been elected and inaugurated.
- B. **Regular Meetings:** The regular business meeting of the club for the transaction or ordinary business shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, at which time and place as may be specified in the SOP. If the Regular meeting should fall on a Holiday, it shall be held on the 2nd Thursday or as posted on the website.
- C. **Special Meeting:** A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon request in writing by club members. Notice of the time, place, and subject of any special meeting shall be given to the Executive Committee and all members in good standing as posted on the website or electronically not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for holding the meeting. The place of special meetings shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the SOP.
- D. **Quorum:** All club members in good standing with a 2/3 vote by those present at a regular meeting, or Executive Committee meeting, shall constitute a quorum under Article XI.
- E. **Written Statutory Notices:** by mail shall be waived, unless member elects to pay additional member fee.

## ARTICLE VI

## SHOOTING DISCIPLINES

A. Definition and Purpose. A group of club members, united for the purpose of fostering a particular style or type of rifle, pistol or shotgun competition, may petition the general membership to establish a club recognized Shooting Discipline.

B. Directors. Each Shooting Discipline may select a club member as Director to represent their interests in club affairs.

C. A list of the active Shooting Disciplines will be maintained as part of the SOP. Changes to this list must be made in accordance with Amendments under Article XIII.

## ARTICLE VII

### OFFICERS

The elected Officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Media / Public Relations Manager.

A. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the club. The election shall be held in January each year.

a. All candidates for office must have been members of the club for at least one year at the time of their election and have attended at least four (4) regular club meetings in the calendar year. Any candidates for office must inform the Executive Committee no later than the December club meeting.

b. The term of office for all officers shall be two years.

c. A member cannot stand for election for more than two consecutive terms in any one office, or not more than four consecutive terms as any elected officer.

d. If there are no candidates for an elected office, the Executive Committee may allow the current past officer to remain in office until the next election, or the Executive Committee may appoint a member of their choice to fill that office until the next election.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. **President:** The President should be an individual who has prestige in the community, holds the respect of club members, and can properly conduct club meetings. He or She presides over all club meetings, including meetings of the Executive Committee and other governing bodies. The president is an ex-officio member of all committees, and performs such duties as formulating and carrying out programs, organizing support for programs that offer the best potential for increasing the strength and vitality of the club, and other duties as usually pertain to this office.

B. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall be qualified to succeed to the presidency, and performs the duties of the President in case of his or her absence or at his or her request.

C. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be a member who takes a keen interest in getting things done and keeps records in an orderly manner. The secretary is custodian of the club charter, articles of incorporation, bylaws,

and documents that pertain to the original organizing activity. The secretary will conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the National Rifle Association and other associations. The Secretary shall be responsible for making all arrangements required for preparing and counting ballots in club elections. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club, and have the custody of the books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's book of account. The Secretary shall be responsible for re-affiliating the club annually with the National Rifle Association and other associations.

D. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

a. Expenditures: Monies in amounts less than a limit specified in the SOP may be withdrawn by check or checks signed by two Officers, and used only for payment of normal daily operating expenses. Monies in excess of the amount specified in the SOP, shall have been pre-approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all their transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested, and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.

E. **Media and Public Relations Manager:** The Media and Public Relations Manager will help create content and posts for the clubs website, newsletter, social media and email marketing platforms. Keep social media platforms updated per the SOP. Manage the club's email marketing list. Help create and distribute an annual newsletter to be released by the end of January of each year.

F. Officers are obligated to attend all meetings. Officers missing more than three (unexcused) monthly meetings in one calendar year may be grounds for removal from any office.

## ARTICLE IX

### DIRECTORS

The principal role of the Directors is stewardship. The directors of the corporation are ultimately responsible for the management of the affairs of the organization. This requires active participation. One of the most important functions of the Board of Directors, is keeping the resources and efforts focused on the EERGC mission.

Active participation: A director must actively participate in the management of the club organization including attending monthly meetings, periodic meetings of the Executive Committee, evaluating reports, reading minutes, and reviewing the performance of the club organization.

- A. Six to Eight Directors shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing who are present at the annual meeting of the club. They shall hold the position for two years or until their successor is elected. Three Directors shall be elected on alternate years and the Board may make adjustments to term length or hold a special election (with proper notification to the membership) to allow such.
- B. Directors missing more than four (unexcused) monthly business meetings a year may be removed from their position for lack of participation. Directors must attend special meetings.
- C. The Directors shall oversee the actions and duties of the Officers and will represent the membership of the club at all monthly and special meetings.

- D. Resignation of any Director may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.
- E. A vacancy of a Director position may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. However, if more than one vacancy exists a special meeting of the club shall be called and new Directors shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (a) above.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- A. The Elected Officers, acting together with the (Shooting Discipline) Board of Directors, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the club. The Executive Committee may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out objectives of the club.
  - a. The Secretary and and/or Treasurer may be replaced by a paid employee or may be contracted out as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
  - b. A paid Treasurer shall remain a member of the Executive Committee and shall be authorized to sign on the Club Checking / Savings accounts and Credit Cards.
- B. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such time and place as the President or Committee may determine.
  - a. Two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- C. The Executive Committee may conduct Club business thru electronic means, such as email, except for matters pertaining to suspension or expulsion of club members under Article XI.
  - a. Any Executive Committee member may present a motion via email to the other members for consideration and discussion. After discussion and the motion having been second, the motion will be formally presented by the Secretary to the Committee members for voting. The Secretary may present the motion by email.
  - b. Voting by email must be completed by a reply to the Secretary within 5 business days; and the email must contain the motion before the committee and the vote of the committee member.
  - c. Two-thirds of the Committee must respond to the motion by email vote to satisfy the quorum requirements. The Secretary shall, by email, inform all the committee members of the results of the voting.
  - d. The Secretary shall maintain copies of all emails pertaining to motions handled thru electronic means.
- D. Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- E. A vacancy in the Elected Officers positions of the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special

meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual election.

## ARTICLE XI

### SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

A. Any Elected Officer or Director may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing has been given to the officer of the reasons for their removal; and, the time and place of the special meeting at which time such ballot on their removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

B. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall be/and has been given to the member of the charges preferred, and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which time such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member will be accorded a full hearing.

C. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, and to the accuser and the accused. The notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

D. Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who notifies the President. The President will add the Appeal, and the purpose of acting on the Appeal, to the Agenda of the next monthly Club meeting. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days notice to all members of the club in good standing, stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. This Notice shall be given electronically to all Members, or in writing to those Members that have paid for mailings. At the meeting of the full club the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and the action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing that are present, and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

E. Any member who has been removed or resigned from the Board for dereliction of duty, abuse of power, or failure to perform the duties of office as set forth within these bylaws shall be denied the right to ever hold a position on the board.

F. Any officer or member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of this club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association of America.

G. The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and actions taken.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **MATCH RULES**

All firearm competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America. Other governing bodies of the Shooting Disciplines involved, if appropriate, shall be consistent with the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) rules of East End Rod and Gun Club.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

A. Bylaws. Any proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meeting. If approved by a majority, a ballot including a copy of the proposed amendments will be forwarded to each club member electronically or in writing for those that have paid for mailings. Amendments approved by a two-thirds vote of the returned ballots will be forwarded to the NRA for approval. Upon approval by the NRA, the amendment will become retroactive as of the date it was ratified by the membership.

B. SOP. Any proposed amendments to the SOP may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular or special meeting. If approved by a majority, a ballot including a copy of the proposed amendments will be forwarded to each club member electronically or in writing for those that have paid for mailings at least ten days prior to the next regular or special meeting called for the purpose. If approved by a two-thirds vote, the amendment will be adopted immediately.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **CLUB INDEMNITY**

The East End Rod and Gun Club will indemnify its Officers and Directors to the fullest extent allowed by Oregon Law.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern EERGC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

"I hereby certify that these Bylaws have been adopted by this club."

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President's Signature

Date

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Secretary's Signature

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Director Signature

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