

**BY-LAWS**  
**Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.**  
**Adopted January 2013**

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

**Section 1 Name**

The name of this Corporation shall be the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc. The Corporation is also commonly known as the WSMLA.

**ARTICLE II**  
**OBJECT**

**Section 1 Object**

The object of this corporation shall be to encourage and advance organized shooting of muzzle loading firearms and to promote higher standards of sportsmanship, safety, and good fellowship among those who participate in such sport.

**ARTICLE III**  
**MEMBERS**

**Section 1 Admission to Membership**

Any individual and/or his/her family residing in a common household may acquire a Membership of their own upon payment of dues established by the Members, unless he or she is disapproved by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2 Certificates of Membership**

The Corporation shall issue cards evidencing Membership in the Corporation to each Member.

**Section 3 Membership Dues**

Membership dues shall be due and payable on/before the annual meeting of the Members. Annual Membership dues shall be \$25 if the Member chooses to receive his/her newsletter via electronic delivery and \$35 if the Member chooses to receive his/her newsletter via mail delivery (hard copy). Members who are in arrears at the time of the annual meeting of the Members shall have voting rights suspended and be barred from further rights and privileges of Membership. Members who are still in arrears 30 days after the annual meeting of the General Membership shall be automatically dropped from Membership in the Corporation until such time that all dues owed to the Corporation are paid current.

**Section 4 Membership Classes**

Membership Classes in the Corporation are as follows:

A) Regular Membership

Any paid Member who does not fall under a different Membership Class shall be considered a Regular Member of the Corporation.

B) Charter Membership

Original Charter Members of the Corporation shall receive a free Life Membership which shall include their annual Membership dues and subscription to the Corporation's newsletter. (January 2012)

C) Membership for Military

Any active Military Service person will be allowed a free electronic membership. This shall be applied for yearly, with the presentation of an active military card. (January 2010)

D) 65 and Over

Members over 65 years of age at the time of renewal shall receive a 20% discount on their annual membership. (January 1996)

E) Junior and Sub-Junior Membership

Juniors and Sub-Juniors shall receive a free electronic membership. This shall be applied for yearly. (January 2012)

F) Life Membership (no longer available for purchase as of January 1996)

A Life Membership may be presented to a Member of the Corporation with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

### Section 1 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Members shall be held in January in Casper, Wyoming with the exact time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to elect Directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be posted in the Corporation's newsletter no less than 90 days prior to the meeting.

### Section 2 Voting

Each member in good standing shall have one vote to be cast in person and not by proxy. All Members shall have the right to attend and be heard.

### Section 3 Quorum

Presence of twenty (20) Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Membership.

### Section 4 Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call of Directors
- C) Reading and Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
- D) Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
- E) Reports of Special Committees
- F) Filling of Vacancies
- G) Guest Speakers
- H) Election of Directors or Officers (Board of Directors meeting only)
- I) Unfinished Business
- J) New Business
- K) Time/Place of Next Meeting (Board of Directors meeting only)
- L) Adjournment

## ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Section 1 Number, Tenure, and Qualification**

The business, property, and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by an elected Board of Directors composed of twelve (12) members of the Corporation who shall hold office for a term of three (3) years. Four (4) Directors will be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Members. The immediate Past President may continue to serve on the Board in an advisory capacity if his/her elected term as a Director ends with his/her term as President. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Director to succeed himself/herself. The election of Directors shall be by secret ballot. The term of each Director shall commence immediately upon his/her election.

### **Section 2 Regular Meetings**

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall last no longer than two (2) hours and shall be as follows:

- 1) The location of the Annual Convention
  - a) Friday at 7pm
  - b) Sunday at 8am
- 2) Riverton, WY; Memorial Day Shoot
  - a) Sunday at noon
- 3) The location of the annual competition
  - a) Saturday at noon

The exact location of the Meetings shall be determined by the President.

### **Section 3 Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Corporation's Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any seven (7) Directors. Notice of the time, place and purpose of such special meetings shall be communicated in writing to each Director at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such special meeting.

### **Section 4 Vacancies**

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

### **Section 5 Quorum**

Presence of fifty percent (50%) of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 6 Internal Affairs**

The internal affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

### **Section 1 Officers**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

## **Section 2 Election and Tenure**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by and from the Members of the Board of Directors at the Sunday morning meeting of the Board during the annual Convention. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. Each Officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. The President shall not serve more than two (2) years consecutively.

## **Section 3 Removal**

Any Officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed for any cause deemed sufficient 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 a written notice of the accusations against him/her and of the time and place of the meeting at which such Officer shall be given an opportunity to produce his/her witnesses, if any, and to be heard. Such notice shall be served at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time of the meeting.

## **Section 4 Vacancies**

A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

## **Section 5 President**

The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings.

## **Section 6 Vice-President**

In absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

## **Section 7 Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all the meetings and take care of correspondence as directed by the President or Board of Directors.

## **Section 8 Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have custody of all Corporation funds and shall be responsible for the collection of dues. He/she shall disperse funds of the Corporation only by checks signed by him/her. He/she shall report the financial status of the Corporation at each regular meeting and special meeting and shall keep, in books belonging to the Corporation, full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements.

# **ARTICLE VII**

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

### **Section 1 Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Members by a vote of a majority of the Members present. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws will be presented to the Members in writing in the Corporation's newsletter a minimum of 60 days prior to the annual meeting of the Members.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

## **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section 1 Parliamentary Authority to Govern Corporation**

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (current edition) shall govern the Corporation in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules the Corporation may adopt.

**ARTICLE IX  
CORPORATION SPONSORED EVENTS**

**Section 1 Events Sponsored by the Corporation**

Events sponsored by the Corporation such as, but not limited to, the Annual Convention and Corporation Sanctioned Shooting Matches, shall be governed by the WSMLA Policies and Procedures. These Policies and Procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.