



# National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation

## NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS AND LIVING HISTORY FOUNDATION, INC.

### BY LAWS

## ARTICLE I

### **Name**

The name of this corporation shall be the National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Foundation").

## ARTICLE II

### **Purpose and Powers**

Section 1 Purposes: The Foundation is being formed for the following purposes:

- (a) To promote education about early American history through living history re-enactments, rendezvous and related events.
- (b) To promote education and safety with early American firearms through match competition and instruction.
- (c) To promote education and safety on frontier skills through competitive events such as shooting, throwing knives and tomahawks, starting fire with flint and steel and other such events.
- (d) To promote and preserve the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States as an individual right.
- (e) To promote and preserve our nation's rich historical heritage, early American crafts and skills such as gun making, weaving, bead work etc. through educational programs, exhibits, museums, re-enactments, rendezvous and other related events.

(f) To transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Act, provided such business is not inconsistent with the Corporation being organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes.

## ARTICLE III

### **Membership**

#### Section 1 Members:

The Members of the Foundation shall be those members of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (hereinafter NMLRA) who register for and attend an official Foundation sanctioned event and agree to support the purposes, bylaws and rules and regulations of the Foundation.

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#### Section 2 Voting Rights of Members:

Each adult Member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, exercisable in person, by showing their numbered medallion, on each matter submitted to the Camp meeting for a vote at each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous.

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Voting Rights of Members: Section 2 Voting Rights of Members: Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, exercisable in person on each matter submitted to the membership for a vote at each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous.

Section 3 Meetings: Each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous shall hold at least one camp meeting at which candidates for booshway and delegates will be introduced and voting procedures explained.

Section 4 Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at any camp meeting shall be twenty (20) members.

Section 5 Rules of Order: The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, in its most recent revision, shall govern all official meetings of the foundation.

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Section 5 Rules of Order: The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, in its most recent revision, shall govern camp meetings.

## ARTICLE IV

### **Discipline**

Section 1 Offenses: Any Member may be penalized for committing any one or more of the following offenses:

(a) Violation of any provision of these By-laws or any of the event rules and regulations governing camp or range operation and safety.

(b) Conduct disruptive of the orderly operation of the Foundation in the pursuit of its goals.

Section 2 Action: Disciplinary action shall be taken by the board of directors against any Member provided that such member and all directors shall have been served with written notice of the accusations against him or her and of the time and place of the meeting at which such disciplinary action is to be considered. Such notice shall be served at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time of such meeting. Such member shall be given opportunity to testify and produce witnesses in his or her support at any such meeting.

Section 3 Penalties: Penalties for violating the above rules may include a letter of reprimand, barring from participation in Foundation sanctioned events for a specified period of time, termination of the right to attend Foundation sanctioned events for life, and recommending expulsion from membership in the NMLRA.

## ARTICLE V

### **Participation**

Section 1 Eligibility: Foundation events are open to all NRLHF non-member participants and NMLRA members and their immediate families. Immediate family includes spouse and legal dependents. Any person expelled from or denied membership in the NMLRA is excluded from the above provision regarding family members.

(a) Families attending an official Foundation sanctioned event must show a current NMLRA membership card of a member of that family and pay proper fees to be allowed to enter the event and participate in any or all competitive events.

(b) NRLHF non-member members may attend foundation events and participate in all activities and competitions fully and on an even basis with NMLRA members. In order to attend and participate in a Foundation event, non-members must pay an event participation fee that can be applied towards a full NMLRA membership at any time during or within thirty days from the conclusion of the Foundation event in question.

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Section 2 Voting Rights of Non-Members: Each adult Non-Member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, exercisable in person, by showing their numbered medallion, on each matter submitted to the Camp meeting for a vote at each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous.

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## **Participation**

Section 1 Eligibility: Foundation events are open to NMLRA members and their immediate families. Immediate family includes spouse and legal dependents. Any person expelled from or denied membership in the NMLRA is excluded from the above provision regarding family members.

(a) Families attending an official Foundation sanctioned event must show a current NMLRA membership card of a member of that family and pay proper fees to be allowed to enter the event and participate in any or all competitive events.

(b) Non-NMLRA members may attend foundation events and participate in all activities and competitions fully and on an even basis with NMLRA members; however, non-members have no voting rights. In order to attend and participate in a Foundation event, non-members must pay an, event participation fee, that can be upgraded to full NMLRA membership at any time during or within thirty days from the conclusion of the Foundation event in question.

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## **Participation**

Section 1 Eligibility: Foundation events are open to NMLRA members and their immediate families. An NMLRA member may have no more than two guests (not immediate family members) in their camp. Immediate family includes spouse and children under 18. Family members (excluding spouse) over age 18 must have an individual or associate membership. Any person expelled from or denied membership in the NMLRA is excluded from the above provision regarding families or guests.

(a) Families attending an official Foundation sanctioned event must show a current NMLRA membership card of a member of that family and pay proper fees to be allowed to enter the event and participate in any or all competitive events.

(b) Guests will camp with the NMLRA member who is hosting them, pay proper fees and abide by the rules and regulations of the Foundation and of the event they are attending as guests. Guests will be eligible to participate, but not compete in any competitive event.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Council of Delegates**

Section 1 Composition: There shall be a Council of Delegates consisting of Members elected according to the following formula:

(a) Two (2) Members of the Foundation from each of the Foundation sanctioned rendezvous with a total attendance of 1000 individuals or less, elected by the Members attending that rendezvous at an open camp meeting. The election shall be by secret ballot.

(b) Three (3) Members of the Foundation from each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous with a total attendance of 1001 to 2000 individuals elected by the Members attending that rendezvous at an open camp meeting. The election shall be by secret ballot.

(c) Four (4) Members of the Foundation from each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous with a total attendance of 2001 to 3000 individuals elected by the Members attending that rendezvous at an open camp meeting. The election shall be by secret ballot.

(d) Five (5) Members of the Foundation from each Foundation sanctioned rendezvous with a total attendance of more than 3000 individuals elected by the Members attending that rendezvous at an open camp meeting. The election shall be by secret ballot.  
Attendance shall be based on the number of individuals registered at the time of meeting at which the delegates are elected.

Section 2 Term: The term of office for a delegate shall be two (2) years with elections staggered so that approximately one half of the delegates from each rendezvous will be elected each year. The term of office will start with the annual meeting of the Council of Delegates following the election of the delegate and end when his or her successor is duly elected and seated.

Section 3 Responsibilities: The Council of Delegates shall be responsible for electing six (6) members of the board of directors, advising the board of directors on issues that are important to the mission of the Foundation, and removing directors as necessary.

Section 4 Meetings: There shall be an annual meeting of the delegates, held at such place within or without the State of Indiana and at such time as shall be specified at the previous annual meeting.

Section 5 Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Council of Delegates shall be six (6) delegates present and voting.

Section 6 Vacancies: Vacancies within the Council of Delegates shall be filled by The Board of Directors. Term to extend until the next election meeting of the affected event.

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Section 6 Vacancies: no previous text

## ARTICLE VII

### **Directors**

Section 1 Board of Directors: The business, property and affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by an eight member Board of Directors.

Section 2 Composition: Six (6) members of the board of directors shall be elected by and from the Council of Delegates, provided that no more than two (2) directors may be delegates from any individual rendezvous. Two (2) members of the board of directors shall be members of the board of directors of the NMLRA, selected by that organization.

Section 3 Term: The term of office for directors shall be two years. The term of office begins at the regular annual meeting following the election of the director and will continue until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified. The initial board of director's terms shall be staggered so that approximately one half of the board of directors will be elected each year.

Section 4 Removal: Any director elected by the Council of Delegates may be removed, with or without cause, by a three fourths vote of that body. Any director selected by the NMLRA may be removed with or without cause by that organization.

Section 5 Meetings: There shall be four (4) regular meetings of the board of directors. At least one of these meetings shall be a regular annual meeting and shall require the physical presence of the directors. The other three may be by telephone conference call.

Section 6 Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or annual meeting of the board of directors shall be six (6) directors present and voting.

Section 7 Vacancies: Vacancies in the board of directors from member elected by the Council of Delegates shall be filled by the board of directors from the delegates of the Council of Delegates. Vacancies in the board of directors from the NMLRA board of directors shall be filled by the board of directors of NMLRA. In either case, vacancies shall be filled in a timely manner.

Section 8 Financial Control: All revenues of each individual events are the property of the Foundation and under the control of the Board of Directors. Such funds shall be used to pay the expenses for running the respective events and a specified portion of the operation of the Foundation. Any funds in excess of those needed to pay expenses of the individual event and the Foundation will be used to develop reserves and promote the mission of the Foundation.

Section 9 Leases & Property Agreements: Any lease or property use agreement will be made in the name of the Foundation and signed by an officer of the Foundation. Such leases will conform to such procedures as the board of directors may require.

Section 10 Committees: The board of directors shall appoint and dissolve committees as needed to carry out the affairs of the Foundation.

## ARTICLE VIII

### **Officers**

Section 1 Number, Tenure, Qualifications: The officers of the Foundation shall include a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may be created by the Council of Delegates and prescribed in the By-laws. The officers of the Foundation shall be elected annually by, and from the

membership of the board of directors at the regular annual meeting of the board. No officer shall serve more than five (5) consecutive terms. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 2 Chair: The Chair shall be the principal executive officer of the Foundation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Foundation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Council of Delegates, and the board of directors.

Section 3 Vice Chair: In the absence of the Chair, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair. The Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chair or by the board of directors.

Section 4 Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Council of Delegates, and the board of directors and shall preserve in the books of the Foundation true minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings. He or she will give all notices required by statute, bylaws or resolution, shall attend to the proper publication of all reports, conduct official correspondence, attest documents and in general perform all duties associated with the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chair or board of directors.

Section 5 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have responsibility for all Foundation funds and financial records. He or she shall ensure that all Foundation funds shall be deposited in a timely manner and that proper financial records are maintained and communicated to the directors in a timely manner. He or she shall ensure that funds are disbursed only for Foundation obligations in a manner consistent with policies developed by the board of directors.

Section 6 Vacancies: Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the board of directors.

Section 7 Removal: Any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by a three-fourths vote of the board of directors.

Section 8 Bonding: All officers, event staff and employees who handle money of the Foundation shall be required to be bonded for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the board of directors may determine. The expenses of such bonds shall be paid by the Foundation.

## ARTICLE IX

### **Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Council of Delegates, provided that 60 days notice is given in writing of the intent to amend these bylaws. Any changes in these bylaws require the concurrence of the NMLRA.