



**NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS AND
LIVING HISTORY FOUNDATION**
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BY LAWS

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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 Membership:

Members of the Foundation shall be any adult who registers and attends an official Foundation sanctioned event and agrees to support the purposes, bylaws, rules, policies and regulations of the Foundation. Membership lasts for the duration of the event in which a Participant is registered. Member Participants that have been elected Delegate will have two (2) year membership.

Section 2 Voting Rights of Members:

Each adult Member in good standing shall be entitled to (1) vote, exercisable in person, or absentee ballot "according to the rules set by the foundation," by showing their numbered medallion, on each matter submitted to the Camp Meeting for a vote, at each Foundation sanctioned event.

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

Section 4 Quorum: A quorum for the nomination of Delegates and Booshway/Site at any camp meeting shall be (20) Camp Members and include at least one elected Foundation Delegate for that event.

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.

ARTICLE IV

Discipline

Section 1 Offenses: Any Member/Participant in a foundation sanctioned event 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.
- (c) Fighting, stealing, invasion of privacy, and/or dealing in a controlled substance or illegal drug.

Section 2 Action: Disciplinary action shall be taken by the Board of Directors against any Member provided that such Member and all directors have been served with written notice of the accusations against the Member 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. A Member subject to a disciplinary action shall be given an 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's expulsion from membership in the NMLRA.

ARTICLE V

Participation

Section 1 Eligibility: NRLHF sanctioned events are open to all participants and their immediate families. Any person expelled from or denied membership in the NMLRA is excluded. Any person banned from Foundation sanctioned events is excluded.

- (a) All Foundation sanctioned event Members/Participants must pay the proper fees to be allowed to enter the event and participate in any or all competitive events. This includes elected, non-elected Board Members, Booshway and Staff.
- (b) Event registration includes membership in the NRLHF for the duration of that event.
- (c) NMLRA (National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association) members may receive an event participant discount at the time of registration by providing their valid NMLRA membership number.

ARTICLE VI

Delegates

Section 1 Composition: There shall be delegates representing each Foundation sanctioned event and elected according to the following formula:

- (a) Two (2) Member/Participants of the Foundation sanctioned event elected as Delegates, with a total attendance of 1000 individuals or less, elected by the Participants attending that rendezvous at an open camp meeting. The election shall be by secret ballot.
- (b) Three (3) Member/Participants of the Foundation sanctioned event elected as Delegates, with a total attendance of 1001 to 2000 individuals or less, elected by the Participants attending that rendezvous at an open camp meeting. The election shall be by secret ballot.

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 at the end of the event in which the Delegate was elected and will be confirmed at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 Responsibilities: The Council of Delegates will make up the voting members of the NRLHF Board of Directors and shall be responsible for electing officers and appointed positions

Article VII

Board of Directors

Section 1 Board of Directors: The business and affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by a Board of Directors.

Section 2 Composition: The NRLHF Board of Directors shall consist of Members/participants elected as Delegates at an NRLHF sanction event, and those appointed positions by the Council of Delegates. NRLHF appointed positions are, but not limited to, Office Manager, Public Relations Officer, and Parliamentarian, and “may” include the position of Treasurer and/or Secretary.

Section 3 Term: The term of office will run concurrently with the term of Delegate and shall be two (2) years.

Section 4 Removal: Any board member elected to an office or appointed to a position by the Council of Delegates may be removed, with or without cause by three fourths vote of that body.

Section 5 Meetings

Board meetings are to be held monthly. The Annual meeting is to be held at such a place and time as shall be specified at the previous annual meeting as designated by the Board of Directors. The Annual meeting will require the physical presence of all Board members if possible. If unable to attend, members should make the effort using electronic, communication media if available at the meeting site. Special meetings shall be called for a pressing issue or an emergency with an advance notice of forty-eight (48) hours.

Section 6 Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular, called, or annual meeting of the board of directors shall be five (5) voting members present.

Section 7 Vacancies: Vacancies in elected positions on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Council of Delegates. Vacancies occurring in non-voting appointed positions shall be filled by qualified people by vote by Council of Delegates.

Section 8 Financial Control: All revenues of each individual event and donated items become 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 the chairman of the Board of Directors. 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, 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 Council of Delegates 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. An elected officer whose term as delegate has ended so shall his elected office, and his position shall be filled by the Council of Delegates. If no Delegate can be found for the position of Treasurer and/or Secretary, the Council of Delegates may appoint someone; however, this individual has no voting rights.

Section 2 Chair: The Chair shall be the principal executive officer of the Foundation and shall in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Foundation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The chair shall have signature rights on Foundation fiduciary funds and oversee financial transactions, working closely with the Treasurer. The Chair shall have at a minimum one (1) full year in the position as Delegate.

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 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 and shall, produce in writing a report at each Board of Directors Meeting. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

Section 6 Vacancies: Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Council of Delegates.

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 Council of Delegates may determine. The expenses of such bonds shall be paid by the Foundation.

Section 9 Public Relations Officer: With the approval of the National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation's Council of Delegates, the Public Relations Officer shall submit advertising materials for publication, and maintain the Foundation's website, Newsletter, and Facebook pages. The public relations officer shall also request and post on the Foundation's Website the financial health of the Foundation including current profit and loss statements from each Foundation Event.

Section 10 Parliamentarian: The parliamentarian will maintain the rule of order and assist the Board of Directors in following proper debate procedures, and Roberts Rule of Order.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that 60 days' notice is given in writing to the Council of Delegates to amend bylaws.

Amended by NRLHF Board of Directors on September 13, 2016
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Officer 08/10/2025.