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ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

This organization will hereinafter be known as the Gulf Rifle & Pistol Club Inc., incorporated as a non-profit organization registered in the State of Florida.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Gulf Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. is:

(a) To promote and support the legitimate use of firearms for target shooting, hunting, self-defense and other lawful purposes.

(b) To educate and train citizens of good repute in the safe, proper and efficient handling of firearms, and

(c) To promote these purposes by maintaining ranges and other facilities for the instruction and recreational use of firearms.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Regular Membership - 1 and 2 year memberships (no discount for 2 year membership - $75/1yr, $150/2yrs)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP shall be available to anyone who:

(a) Is 18 years of age or older, and

(b) Is not a member of, or associated with, any organization, which has as any part of its program, the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States of America by force or violence, and

(c) Has never been convicted of a crime of violence, and

(d) Is not currently under adjudication to be insane, alcoholic, or an illegal user of drugs, narcotics, or controlled substances as defined by Florida Statutes, and

(e) Has paid the initiation fee and regular membership fee.

Section 2. Special Membership Categories

(a) **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**: Life membership shall be available to a member who:

- (1) Is a member in good standing, and
- (2) Has maintained membership for at least one year, and
- (3) Is approved for life membership by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, and
- (4) Has paid, in full, the required life membership fee (**$1500**).

(b) **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP**: Special membership is reserved for benefactor (by monetary or involvement) to the club that:

- (1) Has fulfilled all of the requirements as stated in Article II, Section 1 (a) through (e) for the Regular Membership.

(2) Has been approved by the Board of Directors.
(3) Special members have no voting privileges and cannot hold a Board Member position. Other restriction may apply at the determination of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Dues

(a) **Membership dues($75)**, **Initiation fees(one time - $100)**, guest fees and all match or Special Shooting Events shall be determined by the Board of Directors and ratified by a quorum of the membership.
(b) Annual Membership dues from August 1st through November 30th will be half the normal **Annual Membership Dues** rounded up to the nearest $ 5. For December 1st the fee is $75 and will include all of the next year.
(c) Active Duty Military Members that show proof of being TDY 6 months or more during the year will also have a Membership Dues at half the normal Annual Membership Dues rounded up to the nearest $ 5.
(d) **Life Membership Dues** shall be 20 times the amount of **Regular Membership Dues ($1500)**.

Section 4. Revocation of Membership

Membership in any category shall terminate upon any one of the following conditions:
(a) Voluntary withdrawal from club membership,
(b) Revocation of membership for cause as determined by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors.
(c) Members revoked for cause shall be notified by Registered mail.

Section 5: Membership Privileges

Each Regular Member or Lifetime Member may:
(a) Vote in general membership meetings.
(b) Be nominated to hold the position of officer or serve on the Board of Directors.
(c) Bring spouses and family members, 17 years of age and under who live in the same household as the member, to the range. The family members are exempt from paying a daily guest fee.
(d) Bring up to TWO guests to the range. Family members do not count against this number.
(e) Dependent Children of a member in good standing, for 3 years or greater, upon reaching 18 may join the club without having to pay the Initiation fee.
(f) Surviving Spouses of a current member or within 2 years, may transfer the existing membership and/or join the club without having to pay the Initiation fee

Section 6: Membership Responsibilities

All Members shall:
(a) Have their Gulf Rifle & Pistol Club membership card with them when on the range and show their card when challenged.
(b) Protect the gate lock combination from being compromised. Do not share the lock combination with non-members.
(c) Ensure that their guests, only those 18 years of age or older, complete the liability waiver with signature and place in the designated area prior to shooting and pay the daily guest fee.
(d) Ensure that range rules are followed by their guests and family members.
(e) Re-lock the gate when they are departing the range.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1. Number

Officers of this club shall consist of a President, a Vice President, an Executive Officer, a Membership Officer, a Secretary and a Treasurer whose terms shall be for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The membership may elect a Secretary/Treasurer to do the duties of the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Section 2. Election

The officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members at the annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. If no candidate for a given office receives a majority, a runoff election will be held between the top two candidates.

Section 3. Duties

Duties of the Officers are as follows:

(a) PRESIDENT- The President Shall:

(1) Preside over the general membership meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors, and
(2) Give overall direction to the club and the chairmen, and
(3) Assign personnel to replace other officers in case of emergencies.

(b) VICE PRESIDENT- The Vice President Shall:

(1) In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers and restrictions of the President, and
(2) Perform such other duties as may be required or assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

(c) EXECUTIVE OFFICER- the Executive Officer shall:

(1) Be responsible for the development and maintenance of all club facilities, and
(2) Be responsible for all club property and equipment, and
(3) Be responsible for coordinating the work of the chairmen of their respective ranges.

(d) SECRETARY- The Secretary Shall:

(1) Keep all club minutes and records, and
(2) Notify all members of the club meetings and matches in a timely manner, and
(3) Issue the newsletter.

(e) MEMBERSHIP OFFICER- The Membership Officer Shall:

(1) Issue the membership cards and,
(2) Maintain copies of the signed Range Safety rules and Waivers for each member.
(3) Maintain Application records for each member, and
(4) When due, email or mail renewal notices to all Members by November 15th of each year.

(f) TREASURER- The Treasurer Shall:

(1) Disburse all club funds and account for same, and

(2) Receive, deposit, and account for all monies received by the club.

(g) HEAD RANGE OFFICER Shall:

(1) Provide Safety Briefings

(2) Enforce Range Rules

Section 4. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in any office other than President, because of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Board of Directors shall name a member to serve as acting officer until the vacancy is filled by action of the membership. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall automatically succeed the office of President and the Office of Vice President shall be filled as prescribed herein.

Section 5. Removal

(a) Any officer may be removed for cause and the office declared vacant by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Board of Directors, provided that 15 days written notice be given to the said officer by registered mail of the reasons for removal and of the time, place, and purpose of the board meeting. The officer shall have the right to appear, present evidence, and examine witnesses.

(b) In the event of an officer's death or inability to serve, the office shall be declared vacant by action of a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

(c) Any officer may be removed in the event that the Board of Directors Member misses 3 consecutive Board of Directors Meetings without an acceptable reason approved by three-fourths of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General

The club shall be managed by the Board of Directors who shall be in charge of all affairs and property of the club except as may be otherwise assigned herein.

Section 2. Number

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, who shall be the Presiding officer, the Vice President, the Executive Officer, the Membership Officer, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Head Range Officer elected by the membership for a term of one year or until their successors are qualified and elected.

Section 3. Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly or at the call of any Director. Each Director shall be entitled to not less that three days notice of any special meeting.

(a) Any Club Business in excess of $ 2000.00 in real value will require a Board Meeting to discuss the matter fully.

(b) Any Club Business less than $ 2000.00 in real value can be voted on through emails with a simple majority to determine the decision.

Section 4. BOARD Quorum

Five members shall be a quorum, but all measures must be approved by at least four board members to be adopted.

Section 5. Ex-Officio Member

The immediate past president may be ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and may act as an adviser to the Board of Directors upon the Board of Directors' request.

Section 6. Removal and Vacancies

Procedures of removal and filling of vacancies for at large members of the Board of Directors shall be the same as prescribed for officers.

Section 7. Limitations

(a) All actions of the Board of Directors shall be ratified by a quorum of the membership.
(b) The Board of Directors is not empowered to sell, trade, give away, or otherwise in any manner encumber or dispose of club property without prior approval of the membership at a duly called meeting for that purpose.
(c) An individual Board of Directors Member will not be empowered to change or waive any Guests or Shooting fees.
(d) Without a vote, all Board of Directors Members will have a $250.00 spending limit to purchase needed items for the Range. However, they must notify by email one other Board Member before such purchase.

ARTICLE V. CHAIRMEN

Section 1. Number

The Board of Directors may appoint:
(a) One or more Chairmen or Match Directors for each shooting discipline sponsored by the Club.
(b) A Legislative chairman to monitor any legislation affecting the clubs activities.
(c) Special Events Chairman as needed.
(d) Each Chair shall be ratified by the membership.

Section 2. Duties

(a) Chairmen or Match Directors for each discipline shall be responsible for:
    (1) The operation of their respective ranges at all matches and events,
    (2) Having the proper equipment at the range and see that it is in good order,
    (3) Adequately supervision the Range during matches and events,
    (4) Collecting entry fees at matches and events and submit these fees to the Treasurer,
    (5) Bringing to the attention of the Board of Directors the need for expenditures for their respective ranges,
    (6) Assisting in assembling work parties for their respective ranges, and developing the club's shooting program for their respective matches or events.
(b) The Legislative Chairman shall be responsible for:
    (1) Receiving and disseminating legislative matters of interest to the club and membership.

(c) Any Special Events Chairman's duties will be determined based on specific needs determined by the Board.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Location

(a) All meetings shall be held in Gulf County, Florida, at the range or a time and place determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings

(a) The Quarterly meeting shall normally be held on the Second Wednesday of each new Quarter at 6:00 PM EST starting in January of each New Year.
(b) Election of officers shall take place in the quarterly meeting of October and new Officers will start in January.
(c) The exception being the Membership Officer who will start November 1st of that year.
(d) Members are encouraged to attend the quarterly meetings.

Section 3. Other Meetings

(a) Written notice shall be emailed or mailed to the membership for meetings. If mailed they are to be postmarked or certified mail dated not less than 8 days prior to a meeting date.
(b) Written notice shall be emailed or mailed to the membership for any meeting which action is to be taken on By-Laws changes, changes to the Articles of Incorporation, or for sale or disposition of assets. If mailed they are to be postmarked or certified mail dated not less than 16 days prior to a meeting date.

Section 4. Voting:

(a) Board Voting will be based on a simple majority (51% of board members and a minimum of 4 board members voting).
(b) Membership voting will be based on a simple majority (51% of total number of members voting during the time period of the vote - spontaneous or web based with a time limit).

ARTICLE VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULES

Section 1. Assets

During the existence of the Corporation, assets can be disposed of by majority vote at a quarterly club meeting.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

In the event that the Gulf Rifle & Pistol Club should ever be dissolved, all remaining assets after settlement of all legal liabilities shall be directed to a local club (within 100 miles).

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting or special meeting called for this purpose. Amendments shall be sponsored by and receive a majority vote of the Board of Directors and be presented to the general membership. However, any member may propose amendments provided they submitted the proposed amendment in writing to the Secretary a minimum of one week prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be proposed. The proposed amendment, in writing, must be available to all members present to discussion and vote.

ARTICLE IX. RANGE RULES

Range Rules shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership. Such Range Rules shall be strictly adhered to by members and guests.