

WEST COAST RANGERS BLACK POWDER
HISTORICAL **RE-ENACTMENT** SOCIETY
Constitution

NAME

1 The society shall be called the West Coast Rangers Black Powder Historical Re-enactment Society

PURPOSES

2 The purposes of the society are:

(a) to build interest in the early history of British Columbia and the fur trade through re-enactment and education;

(b) to establish a permanent organization to promote fellowship for those interested in the collection, possession and use of black powder firearms and their accessories;

(c) to hold regular meetings where:

(d) to establish and maintain an area for a range and clubhouse facility for the purpose of holding organized black powder competitions, practices and training programs.

(i) where members may display and exchange firearms and accessories

(ii) where members may assist each other in locating and securing
Firearms and accessories

Declaration

3 The West Coast Rangers Black Powder Historical Re-enactment Society is a member funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members and purposes.

Note: Added on by Societies Act at time of Transition

This Society is a member-funded Society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this Society may distribute its money and other property to its members.

Bylaws

1 MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership in the Society shall be available to all persons who have expressed an interest in, and actively participate in the black powder shooting sport. New members may join by applying for conditional membership and paying the annual fee. Conditional members must prove their interest in the black powder sport by participating in Society activities over a period of one year, at the conclusion of which the conditional member may apply for permanent membership at the next annual general meeting.

(b) A conditional member must be sponsored by a member in good standing of the Society. The sponsor will nominate the applicant for conditional membership at a general meeting where, upon acceptance, he or she will receive a conditional membership , and a copy of the constitution and bylaws.

(c) Family memberships will be available to conditional and permanent members spouses, and children under the age of 19.

(d) Junior memberships will be available to individuals aged 12 to 19, who are not otherwise family members.

(e) The executive of the Society is entitled to make personal contact with any conditional member of the Society.

(f) Any member of the Society having knowledge of a conditional members unsuitability as a member must notify the executive of the Society of their concerns.

(g) John Bell currently of Lake Cowichan B. C. is a life member, with full voting rights of the Society and ~~are~~ **is** exempt from paying annual membership dues.

(I) All members in good standing, and over the age of 19, shall have a vote.

(j) Annual dues shall be fixed and approved at an annual general meeting of the Society and shall be reviewed annually.

(k) The executive may expel from membership in the Society any member who fails to comply with the requirements of the constitution or bylaws of the Society.

(l) The Society guarantees that the facility will be available to any person or persons who wish to use it in accordance with the purpose of the facility, and that the charge for using the said facility to those members of the public who are not members of the Society shall be either a daily or hourly charge agreed upon by the Society. This clause being unalterable. **Note: Previously Unalterable**

2 MEETINGS

(a) The annual general meeting shall be held in the month of January. At this meeting

annual reports of the outgoing executive will be received and a new executive shall be elected for the next year. The outgoing president shall preside.

(b) There shall be at least fourteen (14) clear days notice in writing of an Annual General Meeting, which shall be accompanied by an agenda.

(c) Proxies are permissible at an Annual General Meeting, but no member shall hold more than two (2) proxies. Proxies must be written and recorded with the secretary prior to the opening of the meeting.

(d) General meetings shall be held monthly for the purpose of conducting the club's business.

(e) An executive meeting shall be held prior to each general meeting ~~and~~ to carry out executive responsibilities. The executive shall also meet whenever necessary for the welfare of the Society.

(f) Special general meetings may be called at any time on not less than fourteen (14) days of written notice by the executive, or by petition of 5 % five percent or more of the membership, to the President.

(g) Quorums Shall be as follows:

- (i) for all general meetings, five (5) voting members
- (ii) for an executive meeting, four (4) executive officers.
- (iii) if a quorum is not present by the appointed hour, the President shall adjourn the meeting and re-convene it within seven (7) days.

(h) Majorities shall be as follows:

- (i) a simple majority is sufficient concerning all issues, except those requiring a special resolution.
- (ii) in any situation requiring it, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote.

3 ELECTIONS

(a) The following executive officers shall be elected from members in good standing for a minimum of one full year's duration: President, 1st. Vice President, 2nd. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-arms and five (5) directors.

(b) Candidates for the office of President must have served a period of one full year in an executive office.

(c) The executive, excluding directors, shall normally hold office for one year.

(d) Candidates for Director positions shall have been members of the Society for one year.

(e) The past president shall be a member of the executive committee and shall have a vote.

(f) The Sergeant-at-arms shall be elected at the monthly meeting immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting, to ensure an election conducted by an executive officer unaffected by bias.

(g) The new executive shall take office immediately following the Annual General

Meeting.

(h) All committees, standing and temporary, shall automatically terminate when the new executive take office.

4 EXECUTIVE POWERS AND DUTIES

(a) The Executive is responsible to the membership for the general management of the Society.

(b) The executive may appoint Directors when necessary. Directors shall hold office for a term of two years, succeeding in their office on alternate years.

(c) Any executive office vacant during the year shall be filled at the discretion of the Executive and the appointee shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

(d) No Executive Member shall be paid for holding an executive position with the Society.

5 DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings. He shall have no vote in the meeting except in the nomination and election of officers, and in the case of a tie, when he shall cast the deciding vote. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

(b) The 1st. and 2nd. Vice Presidents shall assist the President , in the absence of the President the 1st. Vice President shall assume his duties.

(c) The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence and shall keep the minutes of all Society Executive meetings and general meetings.

(d) The Treasurer shall pay all ordinary accounts and shall pay all extraordinary accounts on approval of the executive. It shall be the Treasurer's responsibility to have the books reviewed and certified by the directors before the annual general meeting.

(e) The Sergeant-at-arms shall keep the attendance register and shall see that all members and visitors record ~~the~~ their attendance in the appropriate spaces. He/She shall ensure that meetings are not interrupted by unauthorized or unwelcome visitors or trespassers. At the direction of the President, he/she shall be responsible for the security of the meeting place at such times as greater than normal security is required.

6 MISCELLANEOUS

(a) The Society shall have the power to borrow, or raise, or secure money only after passing of a resolution with a two-thirds majority of the Membership of the Society. Debentures shall not be issued unless a special resolution has been approved by the members.

(b) The seal of the Society shall remain in the custody of the Secretary and shall be affixed to all formal documents executed in the name of the Society, together with the signatures of the President and the Secretary.

(c) The by-laws of the Society may only be amended by a **Special Resolution** passed by a 66.6 % majority of those in attendance at the general meeting, provided that 14 days notice of any proposed amendment is given to the membership.

(d) The books of the Society may be inspected by any member at any general meeting, or upon ten (10) days notice in writing, by any member at any time.

7 DISSOLUTION

(a) The Society may be dissolved or wound up in the manner provided in the Societies Act.

(b) In the event of the dissolution of the Society, any assets remaining after payment of all debts and obligations shall be distributed to another non-profit conservation recreation oriented society in British Columbia. This clause being unalterable. **Note: Previously Unalterable**

8 FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL FIREARMS LEGISLATION

(a) All members are required to be aware of the current federal and provincial firearms legislation (hereinafter referred to as ‘the legislation’) insofar as they influence the activities of members.

(b) the Society will not be responsible to ensure any member’s compliance with the legislation.

(c) The Society may provide assistance to members in the securing of permits, registrations and/or other documents required under the legislation so long as, and where the legislation and local authorities permit.

(d) No member may ask the Society for assistance in defense of a willful contravention of the legislation or a prosecution resulting there from.

(e) Any member who commits an offence under the legislation also commits an offence against the Society.

9 OFFENCES AGAINST THE SOCIETY

(a) It shall be an offence to attract undesirable criticism or publicity to the Society or its members through improper use of firearms or explosives or any other item which could be considered an offensive weapon.

(b) It shall be an offence to use foul or abusive language or aggressive behavior at any Society meeting or function.

10 All members shall be considered members in good standing provided their annual membership fees are paid in full, subject to clause 1 (a) above.

11 In all matters of procedure, Robert’s Rules of Order shall be followed.

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