# By-Laws Plum Creek Cowboy Shooting Society A Cowboy Action Shooting Club

1. Name. The name of the club shall be the Plum Creek Cowboy Shooting Society. The Plum Creek Cowboy Shooting Society shall also be known and may operate as the Plum Creek Shooting Society ("PCSS"). The PCSS shall function as a non-profit organization under applicable laws and as a Cowboy Action Shooting ("CAS") club, under rules and guidelines of the Single Action Shooting Society ("SASS").

## 2. Purpose. The purposes of the PCSS shall be:

- a. To promote the Cowboy Code and the "spirit of the game", including good sportsmanship, patriotism, honesty, observance of the law and self-reliance;
- b. To encourage and promote CAS in a safe and organized competitive manner for the benefit of all members and the public;
- c. To inform and train members and the public in the safe responsible handling of firearms and the social and recreational value of CAS;
- d. To organize and hold regular competitive CAS events in compliance with current SASS rules and guidelines; and
- e. To promote an interest in the Old West of the United States from the Civil War through the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with particular emphasis on Texas and surrounding states, including its history, firearms, clothing and accourrements.

The PCSS is not organized and shall not be operated for profit. No part of the property of the PCSS and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. The PCSS shall never be authorized to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit or in any other activity except in furtherance of the purposes stated above for which the PCSS is organized.

## 3. PCSS Membership and Guests.

- a. Eligibility. Membership is open to all residents of the United States who are of good character and can legally purchase and own firearms in the state of their residence.
- b. Categories of Membership. Life memberships are available for individuals. Annual memberships are available for individuals and families. Individual members under age 18 must have an adult sponsor age 21 or older, who may be a

parent, legal guardian or adult member of the PCSS. Only family members residing in the same household are eligible for family memberships.

- c. Voting. All current members shall have full voting privileges.
- d. Waiver of Liability. All members shall execute a waiver of liability in the form approved by the Board prior to participating in any PCSS activities, including monthly shooting matches.
- e. Guests. Anyone who can legally possess a firearm may be a non-member guest at any PCSS match upon execution of a waiver of liability in the form approved by the Board and payment of applicable match fees.
- f. Suspension or Expulsion. Any member of the PCSS may be suspended or expelled by unanimous vote of the Board and subsequent majority vote of members present at a PCSS meeting. Prior to suspension or expulsion, the member shall be given a written statement of the issues giving rise to the potential suspension or expulsion. Such statement shall be provided to the member at least ten (10) days prior to any action by the Board. The member shall be given the opportunity to respond in writing or orally at the meeting of the Board and the PCSS meeting where suspension or expulsion will be considered. Removal by the Range Marshal or his designee at a PCSS match or event is not suspension or expulsion.

#### 4. Board of Directors.

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the PCSS, as identified in Section 5 of these by-laws.
- b. The Board shall manage the affairs of the PCSS.
- c. The Board shall meet when called by the President or any two Board members with notice of at least three (3) days.
- d. Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- e. The Board of Directors may fill the unexpired term of any officer who resigns or is otherwise unable to continue serving.

#### 5. PCSS Officers and Board of Directors.

a. Officers. The elected officers of the PCSS shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The elected officers shall appoint a Territorial

Governor and Range Marshal, who shall be officers of the PCSS and members of the Board of Directors. For so long as the PCSS has a contract to shoot at the Agarita Ranch, an owner of the ranch shall be the Range Marshal.

- b. Eligibility. Any current PCSS member is eligible to be an officer.
- c. Election. Election of officers shall occur at the annual meeting of the PCSS.
- d. Nominations. Anyone desiring to run for office or to nominate someone for office shall notify the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which election of officers will occur.
- e. Term of Office. The President and Vice President shall serve a term of one year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Secretary shall serve a term of two years, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each even-numbered year. The Treasurer shall serve a term of two years, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each odd-numbered year. The Range Marshal and Territorial Governor shall serve until a replacement is appointed by the Board.
- f. Resignation or Removal. Any officer unable or unwilling to perform the duties of the office to which elected shall notify the President of his resignation. Any officer unwilling or unable to perform the duties of the office to which elected and who does not resign may be recommended for removal by unanimous vote of the other members of the Board. The Board's recommendation shall be considered at the next PCSS meeting. A majority vote of the members present shall be required to remove the officer.
- g. Duties of the President. The President shall (1) preside at all meetings of the PCSS and the Board of Directors, (2) serve as official spokesperson for the PCSS, (3) exercise all powers and perform all duties normally incident to such office and (4) sign or countersign the withdrawal of the funds of the PCSS.
- h. Duties of the Vice President. The Vice President shall (1) perform all duties and responsibilities of the president in the absence of the latter and (2) perform such other duties as the Board or president may direct.
- i. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall (1) record the minutes of each meeting of the PCSS and the Board, (2) send copies of the minutes to the members prior to the next meeting, (3) keep records of the PCSS, (4) handle correspondence of the PCSS as directed by the president, (5) issue all official PCSS notices, (6) process applications for membership and maintain a current list of all members and their contact information and (7) perform such other duties as the Board or the president may direct.

j. Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall (1) collect all monies due the PCSS, (2) deposit all PCSS funds in the bank approved by the Board, (3) keep the books of accounts of the PCSS, (4) make a treasurer's report at meeting of the Board, with a copy for the secretary, (5) sign or countersign the withdrawal of the funds of the PCSS, (6) arrange for payment of accounts owed by the PCSS, (7) prepare the books for audit when requested by the Board, (8) in cooperation with a CPA or accountant approved by the Board prepare and file any required tax returns and (9) perform such other duties as the Board or president may direct.

Payment of Bills. Payment of bills in excess of \$250.00 shall require approval of the Board. PCSS funds may be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer, President or Range Master. Checks in payment of approved bills greater than \$500.00 shall be signed by two of the three persons authorized to sign checks.

Audit of PCSS Financial Books and Accounts. The PCSS financial books and accounts shall be audited at the direction of the Board or when requested in writing by at least ten (10) current PCSS members.

- k. Duties of the Range Marshal. The Range Marshal, his designee or designees shall have charge of the range, including all safety related items. He or his designee shall assist with the design and implementation of shooting stages to ensure that all comply with ordinary safety measures. The Range Marshall has the authority (1) to stop any and all use of the range at any time, and (2) to remove unsafe members or guests at any time and (3) to ban any unsafe member or guest from use of the range. Any member or guest who is banned from using the range may appeal the Range Marshal's decision to the Board, which may reverse the Range Marshal's decision only by unanimous vote of the other members of the Board. For purposes of this (1) and (2) above, Range Marshal includes his or the Board's designees with responsibility for safety at PCSS shooting events.
- 1. Duties of the Territorial Governor. The Territorial Governor shall serve as a liaison between SASS and the PCSS membership. The Territorial Governor shall keep the members of the PCSS informed about changes being considered by the Territorial Governors or the Wild Bunch. The Territorial Governor must be a Life Member of SASS and must have completed Range Officer II course. Any and all other SASS requirements for the position of Territorial Governor also apply.

## 6. PCSS Meetings.

a. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the PCSS shall be held during the last calendar quarter of each year at a time and place to be designated by the President.

Notice of this meeting shall be given by electronic or written means reasonably designed to ensure that each member receives notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

- b. Special Meetings. Other meetings of the PCSS shall be at such times and places designated by the President with notice given by electronic or written means reasonably designed to ensure that each member receives notice at least ten days prior to the meeting. A special meeting shall be called upon written request by ten (10) or more current PCSS members. When a proper request is made by members, the special meeting shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the date of the request.
- c. Notice. Failure of a member to receive notice shall not preclude the PCSS from meeting and conducting business.
- d. Quorum. The members present shall constitute a quorum.
- e. Presiding Officer. The President or senior officer present shall preside, with officers having the following order of precedence: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Range Marshal, Territorial Governor.
- f. Minutes. The Secretary or his designee shall take minutes of each meeting, which will be made available in writing to all members prior to the next meeting.
- g. Financial Report. The Treasurer or his designee shall present a current financial report at each meeting, which report shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
- h. Voting. All voting on PCSS business shall take place at a scheduled meeting. Unless otherwise specified in these by-laws, PCSS decisions shall be made by majority vote of the members present.

#### 7. Dues and Fees.

- a. The cost for each category of membership and the time for payment shall be established by the Board. Such costs may include dues and/or one-time fees, such as an initiation fee.
- b. Match Fees. The Board shall set the fees for monthly matches. PCSS members shall receive a discounted fee, which discount shall be set by the Board.

### 8. Conduct of PCSS Business.

- a. Reasonable, prudent and accepted business practices shall be followed in the conduct of all PCSS business.
- b. PCSS shooting matches shall be conducted in accordance with current PCSS Range Rules and current SASS Rules.
- c. An officer certified at the SASS Range Officer I level must be present during all PCSS shooting activities.
- 9. Amendments. The by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the PCSS by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided that notice of the amendments has been given either at the previous meeting or sent to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
- 10. Dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the PCSS, to the extent allowed under applicable law and after all financial liability of the PCSS have been satisfied, the remaining assets of the PCSS shall be sold and the proceeds donated to the Agarita Ranch.

I certify that these by-laws were duly adopted by the Plum Creek Cowboy Shooting Society on May 5, 2012.

David H. Donaldson, Jr.

President, Plum Creek Shooting Society

Attest:

John G. Soule

Secretary, Plum Creek Shooting Society