

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CLUB

The name of this organization shall be the Muhlenberg Area Shooting Association, Inc. and affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America. Its headquarters shall be permanently maintained in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE OF ORGANIZATION

The objective of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery shooting among the citizens of the United States, who reside in our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further objective and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. We shall strive to support conservation and wildlife management projects within our community and these United States of America. We believe in the principles of humanity and all living things under our God.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be (4) four classes of membership in this organization. (1) Senior Members who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, (2) Junior Members who are between the ages of twelve (12) years of age and who have not yet reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday, (3) Associate Senior Members who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (4) Associate Junior Members who are between the ages of twelve (12) years of age and who have not yet reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday.

Any member, in good standing for three (3) consecutive years, and has attained fifty (50) years of age may become a lifetime member for \$150.00

Junior members and Associate Junior Members shall have express written consent, signed by their parents or legal guardian, to be admitted to the Association.

Section 2: Members shall consist of permanent residents of the Township of Muhlenberg, the Boroughs of Temple, and Laureldale, and who pay their per-capita taxes to these named municipalities, or to employees of these same named municipalities whether on a full or part-time basis, and members of their immediate families who reside within their household.

Section 3: Associate Membership may be held by non-residents of the Township of Muhlenberg, the Boroughs of Temple and Laureldale or who are not employees of the above named municipalities as defined in Article III, Section 2. Associate Members would have all privileges of members.

Section 4: Any eligible person under Section 1, 2, and 3 of this article may become a member or associate member of this Association on a vote by the Association Officers, be approved unanimously by those in attendance at any regular Association meeting, payment of the usual initiation fee and dues, and subscribe to the following NRA Pledge:

THE NRA PLEDGE

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute, of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; that if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

ARTICLE IV

DUES: EFFECTIVE 1995

Section 1: The members' annual dues to the Association shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for Senior Members and Eight Dollars (\$8.00) for Junior Members, payable not later than January of each new year and to be paid in full amount to the Club Secretary. Social members not living in Laureldale, Temple, or Muhlenberg shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for Senior Members and Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00) for Junior Members.

Raising of Dues: In order to raise dues, members must bring this fact to a General Membership Meeting and approval must be by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and an Executive Officer. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the November monthly meeting of each odd calendar year. They shall hold office for two (2) years at a time until their successors are elected.

Number of terms of officers: There will be no limit to the number of terms of office.

Any member in good standing, having attended at least four (4) meetings a year may be nominated or elected as an officer of the Association.

Section 2: Resignation of any officer may be accepted by the President and the vacancy shall be filled by the Association Officers upon request of the President, who shall recommend a member to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of office.

Section 3: Officers of the Association shall maintain individual memberships in the National Rifle Association for their tenure in office.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT – The President shall preside at all general membership meetings of the club. S/he shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office. He shall be directly responsible to the Executive Board.

VICE-PRESIDENT – The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

SECRETARY – The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Association by the National Rifle Association and by the director of Civilian Marksmanship. The Secretary shall notify all members of all general membership meetings. The Secretary shall keep true and accurate records of the Association meetings and have custody of the books and papers of the Association, except for the Treasurer's books of accounts. Said books and papers shall be open to inspection by the Executive Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for reaffiliating the club annually with the National Rifle Association.

TREASURER – The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Association Officers. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Association Officers. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Association Officers when requested and report to the organization at its meetings. All application fees for membership in the Association shall be forwarded to the Treasurer. Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit a report of the same to the Secretary.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER – The Executive Officer shall act as the Association's representative in all decision making policies of the Association and the Executive Board. He shall be a liason between the Board of Commissioners of Muhlenberg Township, the Executive Board and the Association. It is his responsibility to ensure the Association performs within the guidelines and standards set forth by the Township of Muhlenberg.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Section 1: All general membership meetings of the Association shall be held at the Muhlenberg Township Parks and Recreation Building located at 3025 River Road, Muhlenberg Park, Reading, PA. Notification of change of location will be made if necessary.

Section 2: Special meetings of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Board, or upon demand in writing, stating the objective of the proposed meeting. Notice of time, place and objective of special meetings shall be given to all officers and members in good standing in writing not less than seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Association Officers.

Section 3: Order of Business

Call to order
Roll call of Officers
Reading of minutes of preceding meeting
Treasurer's Report
Report of Officers and Committees
Bills and Communications
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

Section 1: The following committees shall be appointed by the Association Officers and will be directly responsible to it, and shall carry out all functions of that committee as outlined by the Association Officers.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – This committee shall consist of five (5) Association members who shall have the responsibility for all safety functions and procedures governing the use of the Muhlenberg Township Shooting Range. They will periodically inspect the range to ensure that all Association members are utilizing the range in a proper and safe fashion. They will administer all safety procedures for the Association.

INSTRUCTORS COMMITTEE – This committee shall consist of:

Chief Firearms Instructor
Rifle Instructor
Pistol Instructor
Shotgun Instructor
Archery Instructor

They individually or as a group shall encourage Association members to become basically familiar with all firearms and to teach them basic marksmanship. They shall be in charge of all firearms instruction and all marksmanship programs within the Association. They will be Certified NRA Firearms Instructors. The instructors may have as many assistants as they deem necessary. Assistants will be NRA Certified Firearms Coaches.

RANGE COMMITTEE – This committee shall consist of a Range Master, Chief Rifle Range Officer, Chief Pistol Range Officer, Chief Shotgun Range Officer and Chief Archery Range Officer. Their function shall be construction and maintenance of range facilities. They shall authorize the expenditures of funds as may be necessary and shall be familiar with range layout and have general knowledge of equipment needed to carry out range functions. They shall be in charge of scheduling range use by Association members. They may have as many assistants as they deem necessary.

MATCH COMMITTEE – This committee shall consist of the club President, Range Master, Chief Firearms Instructor, Chairman of the Safety Committee and club Secretary. Their function shall be to conduct all competitive and organized shoots within the organization.

Section 2: The following committees shall be appointed by the Club President and shall be directly responsible to him, and shall carry out all functions of that committee as outlined by the Club President.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE – This committee shall consist of three (3) Association members. This committee shall have the responsibility of establishing the Bylaws of this Association.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – This committee shall consist of three (3) Association members. They shall have the responsibility of informing the general public of the Association's functions and activities.

ARTICLE IX

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Association Officers, by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Association Officers present at any regular or special meeting. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

Charges against any officer or member may be referred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Association Officers to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each Association Officer, to the accuser and to the accused, and which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Any member suspended or expelled by the Association Officers may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall provide notice of the appeal on the Muhlenberg Area Shooting Association website, for a period of at least fifteen (15) days, stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Association Officers at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Association Officers.

Any official or member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from the club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of this club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.

ARTICLE X

MATCH RULES AND RANGE PROCEDURES

Rifle and pistol competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America, approved by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and the Secretary of the Army.

All members shall be furnished with a copy of this outline for Range Procedures of the Muhlenberg Township Shooting Range. They shall have knowledge of the procedures and shall obey them while engaging in the use of the Township Range or be subject to SUSPENSION or EXPULSION from the Association.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION:

In the event of the dissolution of the Muhlenberg Area Shooting Association, all assets, equipment, facilities, property, monies, etc., after payment of indebtedness, shall be liquidated by the officers of the Association.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1: No alterations or amendments of these Bylaws shall be made unless the proposed alterations or amendments are submitted in writing, signed by not less than three (3) members. If any alterations or amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed, they shall receive three (3) readings at three (3) consecutive meetings and shall not go into effect until approved by the majority, in attendance, of all active members in good standing.

Upon date of approval a copy of all alterations or amendments of the Bylaws shall be forwarded to the National Rifle Association within ten (10) days.

The revised Bylaws of the Muhlenberg Area Shooting Association have been reviewed and adopted by the general membership at a meeting held April 8, 2021 and are hereby established.

The Bylaws Committee
Sixth Printing April 2021

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

DEDICATION

Be it known to all that the first printing of the Bylaws of the Muhlenberg Area Shooting Association shall be dedicated to the late GEORGE L. REDSECKER who lost his life in a gun accident in August of 1975.

Be it further known that GEORGE L. REDSECKER, a member of the Muhlenberg Township Planning Board was one of the original founders of this Association. George had an idea and a dream that someday this would all come true. It is unfortunate he is not with us today to see it, but may his spirit live within our hearts always. May George never be forgotten as the very inspiration of this Association that will live on forever with all of us.