

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**BATTLE BORN RANGERS**

**Article 1 – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be BATTLE BORN RANGERS. This organization shall be affiliated with the National Rifle Association and the Single Action Shooting Society.

**Article 2 – Registered Agent**

The Registered Agent shall be the Secretary of this organization:

Name and address: JOHN L. MONTESANTO  
540 Shamrock Lane  
Reno, NV 89509

**Article 3 – Nonprofit Status**

BATTLE BORN RANGERS is operated as, and shall remain, a nonprofit organization.

**Article 4 – Statement of Purpose –**

This Organization is formed for the exclusive purpose of promoting national and international amateur sports competitions with firearms. This organization shall promote “The Spirit of the Game” of Single Action Shooting Society’s Cowboy Action Shooting, and shall support and defend the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. Cowboy Action competitions shall be organized and administered by the Roop County Cowboys and the High Plains Drifters in accordance with the rules of the Single Action Shooting Society. Wild Bunch matches shall be organized and administered in accordance with the rules of the Single Action Shooting Society. Long Range matches, done in connection with other shooting organizations (e.g. National Rifle Association, SASS, etc.), shall be conducted in accordance with that organizations applicable rules.

Operational Limitations - This Organization shall not undertake any activity that is specifically not permitted to be carried on by a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code or under Section 170(c)(2) of the IRS Code of 1954.

**Article 5 – Board of Directors**

The powers of the Organization shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors through its Officers.

The President shall call meetings of the Board of Directors at his/her discretion or at the request of any 2 other Board Members.

A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Each Director shall have one vote on any matter under consideration and a simple majority vote of the quorum shall decide any measure. Any member may give his proxy (oral or written) to another Board Member for any or all matters under consideration at a meeting.

The elected Board of Directors shall have final authority to interpret rules and policies of any matters in controversy.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members, who shall have the duties and authority described herein:

**President** - Chairman of Board of Directors, liaison to the public, news media, sponsors, government agencies, other shooting organizations, Landlord, Fernley Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Fernley.

**Secretary** – Shall have signing authority on behalf of BATTLE BORN RANGERS for bank business and/or other legal documents; shall accept membership applications and keep accurate records of membership status and demographic information; publish and distribute monthly online newsletter and other informational bulletins as directed by the Board of Directors; coordination and scheduling of activities and events; shall, in the absence of or at the request of the President/Chairman, perform the duties of the President/Chairman; shall become President/Chairman in the event the incumbent leaves an unexpired term

**Treasurer** – custodian of the organization’s funds; shall have signing authority on behalf of BATTLE BORN RANGERS for bank business; shall timely pay all obligations of the organization; shall submit an annual income and expense report at the end of each calendar year; issue debit cards in accordance with the directives of the Board of Directors; make up-to-date financial records available to any Board member upon request.

**Roop County Cowboys Coordinator** – liaison to RCCSA; promptly deliver match fees or any other revenue to the Treasurer

**High Plains Drifters Coordinator** – liaison to HPD; promptly deliver match fees or any other revenue to the Treasurer

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to two year terms of office by majority vote of the general membership at a bi-annual meeting to be held on the first Sunday in May 2017 at the Fernley Range, and every two years thereafter.

The Board of Directors may elect a replacement Director to serve the unexpired term for any Director who retires, resigns, or is removed.

## **Article 6 – Officers**

Officers shall consist of the following members, who shall have the duties and authority described herein:

**Long Range Coordinator** - Liaison to Long Range; promptly deliver match fees or any other revenue to the Treasurer

**Wild Bunch Coordinator** – Liaison to Wild Bunch; promptly deliver match fees or any other revenue to the Treasurer

**Territorial Governor** – Single Action Shooting Society liaison

**Range Master** – Range shooting and safety rule enforcement final authority

**Quartermaster** - Acquisition and maintenance of targets, props, and other range equipment; maintain inventory records of equipment and supplies.

**Blacksmith** – In cooperation with the Quartermaster, maintain and repair targets, target stands, and other range equipment.

**Telegraph Operator (IT)** – Acquisition and maintenance of computers, tablets, timers, printers, PA system, and other electronic and score keeping equipment and software; maintain web site and publish match scores.

**Social Director** – Shall coordinate all social functions of the organization

*Tenure of Officers* - Officers shall be elected, or removed, by simple majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting, and shall serve indefinite terms at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

*Proxy Powers* - Any Officer may appoint a temporary proxy to perform his/her duties and exercise his/her authority.

## **Article 7 – Amendments to Bylaws and Article of Incorporation**

These Articles of Incorporation and or the Bylaws may be amended by submission of proposals, in writing, to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will notify the general membership, either verbally or in writing, at least 30 days prior to voting on any amendments.

The Board of Directors may approve amendments by two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors.

## **Article 8 – Membership**

Application for membership is open to anyone.

Membership shall not be restricted on the basis of race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.

*Voting Rights* - All members in good standing shall have one vote at the annual meeting for each vacancy in the Board of Directors, and one vote each for any other matter submitted to the General Membership by the Board of Directors.

*Annual Dues* – Annual dues shall be assigned Board of Directors by the end of each calendar for the following calendar year. The membership will be notified of dues assigned by the Board end of each January and will become due on May 1 of each year. Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable.

All members are strongly urged to join the National Rifle Association and the Single Action Shooting Society.

### *Suspension or Expulsion of Members or Visitors-*

When the actions of a club member or visitor are inimical to the name, reputation, or operations of this organization the Board of Directors may suspend or expel such member or visitor from the organization and its activities..

Upon hearing of any such alleged behavior the Board of directors shall first investigate the veracity of such allegations. If the majority of Board Members determine there likely has been a violation of this rule they may vote to proceed with a hearing to consider suspension or expulsion. If a hearing is approved the Chairman of the Board shall schedule a hearing and shall inform all parties; and witnesses, in writing, of the time and place of the hearing. Scheduling shall, to the greatest extent possible, be coordinated with all participants to minimize inconvenience, and shall provide a minimum of 5 days notice. All parties to the dispute will have an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence. The hearing shall be closed to anyone not a member of the Board of Directors or a party/witness involved in the hearing. The Board of Directors shall have full authority to suspend or expel any member or visitor for violation of this rule.

### *Special membership provisions –*

Life Member – A Life Member is a member who, at the time of the adoption of these Articles of Incorporation, qualified as a Life Member of either High Plains Drifters or

Roop County Cowboys. Life Members pay no further annual dues to BATTLE BORN RANGERS, and are entitled to all rights and privileges of other members.

**Article 9 – Legislative or Political Activities –**

This Organization shall not undertake any activity aimed at propaganda or at attempting to influence legislation through lobbying or political campaigning.

**Article 10 – Inurement of Income –**

The assets and income of this Organization shall not be distributable to, nor inure to the benefit of the Directors, Officers, or any class of Members.

**Article 11 – Dissolution –**

In the event the Board of Directors decides to dissolve the Organization it shall liquidate all assets of the Organization and deposit the proceeds in the organization's Treasury. After all of the organization's obligations are satisfied any money remaining in the Treasury and any assets not liquidated shall be donated to a non-profit organization or charity, which is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization at the time of the dissolution, to be selected by the Board of Directors.