**BY-LAWS**

**OF**

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE TRAPSHOOTING**

**ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**ARTICLE I.**

**Membership**

SECTION 1. **Membership.** Membership of this association shall be all individuals whose residence is within the state of North Dakota and who are current members of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA).

SECTION 2. **Qualification.** A shooting facility shall qualify for membership in the State Association upon the payment of the gun club dues which amount shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors of the North Dakota State Trapshooting Association Inc.

**ARTICLE II.**

**Meetings**

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at the regular annual State Trapshooting Tournament at a time and place set by the Board of Directors. At said annual meeting of members, there shall be an election of four (4) directors annually, plus the election of any vacancies on the Board. The members shall also elect one (1) delegate of the state to serve on the Board of Directors of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and a first and second alternate delegate in the event the regularly elected delegate is unable or unwilling to attend. The elected delegate shall be Chairman of the State Handicap Committee for the ensuing year. The delegate or alternates must be life members of the Amateur Trapshooting Association at the time of their election.

SECTION 2. The total number of directors of the Association shall be twelve (12). The directors shall be elected in classes with four (4) directors’ terms expiring each year. At the first election of directors, four (4) members shall be elected to serve for three (3) years, four (4) members shall be elected to serve for two (2) years, and four (4) members shall be elected to serve for one (1) year. Thereafter, all terms shall be for a period of three (3) years. **Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled at the next annual election and shall be for the remaining term of the director being replaced.**

SECTION 3. **Notices.** A written notice of time and place of the annual meeting of members printed in the program of the annual State Trapshooting Tournament will constitute proper notice thereof, and posting upon the Notice Bulletin Board at the annual State Trapshooting Tournament will also constitute due notice.

SECTION 4. **Voting of Members.** All members who have shot 150 registered targets during the current year or 300 targets during the past year, or who have a past established record, shall be entitled to vote on all matters at the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE III**

**Officers**

SECTION 1. **Officers.** The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting immediately following the annual meeting of members at which time they shall elect the officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 2. **Term.** Officers are to be elected for a term of one (1) year or until a replacement is named and may be re-elected without limitation.

SECTION 3. **Qualifications for Office.** A member shall be eligible to be an officer of the Association if they are a member in good standing with the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), and meets the voting requirements of the NDTA.

SECTION 4. **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall sign all agreements, contracts, and instruments in the name of the Association.

SECTION 5. **Vice President.** The Vice President shall, in the absence, disability or refusal of the President, perform all of the duties of the office of the President as set forth in the By-Laws.

SECTION 6. **Secretary-Treasurer.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all memberships and minutes of the meetings of the annual meeting and of the Board of Directors’ meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall, with the President, be empowered to sign the name of the Association to all contracts and other instruments required. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of all monies and assets of the Association, which money shall be deposited by the Secretary-Treasurer in a bank in the name of the North Dakota State Trap Association, Inc. The Secretary-Treasurer shall sign all checks in payment of bills as authorized by the Board of Directors unless otherwise decided by the Board or the membership.

SECTION 7. **Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 8. **Vacancy.** Officer vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors between annual meetings shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board of Directors, which appointment shall be effective immediately and said appointment shall serve until the next annual meeting.

SECTION 9. **Special Meetings.** The Board of Directors shall hold at least one (1) meeting 180 days or more prior to the North Dakota Zone and State Shoots. At this meeting, the Shoot dates for the various clubs in the State shall be established for the ensuing year, monetary allowances, if any, will be determined for a Zone, State, Delegate, Champions, and any other business as may be necessary to transact on behalf of the Association. At this meeting, the appointment of the committee members shall be made and State and Zone programs for the ensuing year shall be established and approved for and on behalf of the host clubs.

SECTION 10. **Nominating Committee for Annual Meeting.** The Nominating Committee shall be composed of all past Presidents, the current President and the Secretary-Treasurer. The current President shall act as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Government of the Association**

SECTION 1. The management of the affairs of the North Dakota State Trap Association, Inc., shall be vested in the Board of Directors. They shall have the power to make all decisions and conduct all affairs of the corporation through the officers.

**ARTICLE V**

**Amendment of the By-Laws**

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of the Association may be amended, modified, or repealed by a majority of the vote at any annual membership meeting.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Shoots**

SECTION 1. **Fees.** All clubs hosting ATA registered shoots shall collect fees, in addition to the ATA Fees, as directed by the State Board of Directors. Participants in a shoot regardless of residence shall be obliged to pay the specified fees. Fees so collected shall be remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer following completion of the entire program and within specified timelines established by the ATA.

SECTION 2. **Program.** Program of events for State and Zone shoots shall be presented by the Program Committee to the Board of Directors for corrections, deletions, or additions.

SECTION 3. **Registrations.** All State and Zone Tournaments shall be registered with the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the rules of the Amateur Trapshooting Association shall govern. Classification schedule shall be decided by the Board of Directors in cooperation with the Amateur Trapshooting Association delegate and the club management acting as the host of the Tournament.

SECTION 3.1 **State and Zone Shoot Eligibility.** Any club awarded the State or Zone, including Central Zone Shoot for any given year shall be required to admit any shooter that is a resident of the State or Zone, and who is a member in good standing with the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA). This section is not intended to prevent the removal or disqualification of a shooter that, disrupts the harmony of the shoot, or conducts themselves in an unsafe manner as pursuant to Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) rules.

SECTION 3.2 **Compliance.** Any club that requests to host the North Dakota State Trapshooting Tournament shall abide by all bylaws of the North Dakota Trapshooting Association (NDTA).

SECTION 4. **Trophies.** The North Dakota State Trap Association, Inc., shall be involved only in determining the monetary value of and the purchase and distribution of trophy awards for the North Dakota Zone or Zones and the North Dakota state trapshooting tournament.

SECTION 5. **Setting Traps.** A Trap Setting Committee shall be appointed to aid, assist and check settings of trap machines during state shoots before each event is started.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Responsibility**

SECTION 1. The North Dakota State Trap Association, Inc., assumes no responsibility for accidents, deaths, or thefts at any shoot held in the State of North Dakota. The Association does not sponsor any shoot, but serves in advisory capacity and provides trophies and awards for competitive events. During the North Dakota State Trapshooting Tournament, the NDTA Board of Directors shall make such decisions and perform such duties as may be required by ATA rules. It shall be the responsibility of the host club to provide any protection it may deem advisable to have for safety precautions or proper protection.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

**Dissolution**

SECTION 1. In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the North Dakota State Trap Association, Inc., all assets remaining in the name of the Association, if any, shall be delivered to the Amateur Trapshooting Hall of Fame.

These are the By-Laws of the North Dakota State Trapshooting Association Inc. as amended by a majority vote of the members attending the 2021 Annual Meeting. The meeting was held during the 2021 North Dakota State Trapshooting Tournament, at the Capital City Gun Club, located at Bismarck, ND on July 25**,** 2021.

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