

SHOOTING CLUB, ST. LOUIS, OF 1961 BYLAWS

Article I: Name, Objectives, and Policy

Section 1: Name. The name of this organization shall be SHOOTING CLUB, ST. LOUIS, OF 1961 a/k/a Schützenverein St. Louis.

Section 2: Objective. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code

Section 3: Mission Statement The purpose of this organization is to enhance German/American relationships by providing fellowship and education through mutual social interest in German Schützenverein traditions and competition.

Section 4 Policy. This organization shall be nonpolitical, nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and nonprofit. This organization shall not become involved in any type of political affiliation other than with the National Rifle Association (NRA). This organization shall not become a subsidiary of any other organization.

Section 5: Definitions.

Schießwart	Shooting Warden and Armorer
Schützenwald	Club owned real property located at 4141 Country Rock Road Festus, MO 63028

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Classifications. This organization shall be composed of regular, supporting and honorary, members.

Section 2: Eligibility. The requirements for membership in this organization are: (a) Minimum age of 21-years, (b) sponsorship by a member, and (c) acceptance by the club membership per Section 3 of this Article. Supporting members shall reside more than 100-miles distant from the location of the regular meeting venue of the organization, have been admitted to the organization by the normal means described in Section 3 of this Article, and shall keep up club uniform in good condition per Section 7 of this Article. To be eligible for Honorary Membership, the candidate shall have been a member in good standing for at least the preceding 15-years or has held an office in the club for at least 6-years. Honorary members are to be elected by acclamation.

Section 3: Admission. At the first regular business meetings, the candidate shall be formally introduced to the organization by their sponsor. Eligibility of proposed candidates shall be decided by a majority of the voting members present at a regular business meeting. A person so chosen as a candidate for membership shall have attended three regular business meetings, one club shooting practice and one club social function. The sponsor shall be responsible for familiarizing the candidate with the traditions and Bylaws of the organization. Regular membership is to be conferred by a secret ballot of the members present at a regular business meeting in which the candidate obtains an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the members voting.

Section 4: Voting. All regular and supporting members in good standing shall have equal voting rights which must be exercised in person. Honorary members shall have no voting rights.

Section 5: Termination. Termination of membership may not be enforced except: (a) In the event of nonpayment of dues, (b) by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, or (c) by a secret ballot of the members present at a regular business meeting in which the member receives a vote to terminate of at least 75% of the members voting. No vote on removal of a member from the organization shall be taken until at least 15-days' written notice is provided to that member explaining the reason for removal. Any member expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the organization. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Membership Secretary of the organization.

Section 6: Membership Limitation. The maximum number of Honorary Members shall not be more than 10% of the clubs regular and supporting membership at the time of the nomination of the prospective Honorary Member.

Section 7: Uniforms. All members are required to have a complete Schützenverein uniform within one year from the date of their acceptance into the organization. The style and color of the uniform shall be determined by a majority vote of the regular members present at a regular business meeting. The appropriateness and location of medals and other decorations to be worn on the uniform shall be determined by the Executive Committee. All members are required to wear their uniforms at all formal social functions so designated by the Executive Committee. Dispensation from the wearing of the uniform by a member shall be given only by the Executive Committee.

Section 8: Rights and Privileges of Membership. All members shall have equal rights and privileges, including use of organization's facilities and equipment. Regulations regarding use of organization's facilities and equipment shall be made by the Executive Committee. Membership in this organization does not convey any equity interest in any club property, facility, and/or equipment.

Article III: Fiscal Year

Section 1: The fiscal year of the organization shall begin on April 1st of each year and end on March 31st of the following year.

Article IV: Dues and Fees

Section 1: Amount of Dues. The dues for regular members of this organization shall be determined by a majority vote of the regular members present at a regular business meeting and shall not be less than \$96 annually. Dues for supporting members shall be 25% of the regular membership dues. Dues are payable in total for the year not later than the regular April business meeting. An additional \$10 per month will be assessed for late payment of dues with a maximum extension of 5-months after which the membership will be terminated in accordance with Article 2, Section 5. Such termination will be considered voluntary and the member is eligible for reinstatement per the requirements of Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2 Reinstatement. A former member of the club may be reinstated up to 2-years after voluntary termination by an affirmative show of hands vote of the club at a regular business meeting. The candidate shall receive at least 75% supporting votes of the members present. A reinstated member shall pay a \$50 re-initiation fee along with normal dues and will be admitted back in the club with the same

level of uniform award as when their membership terminated.

Section 3: Honorary Members. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Section 4: Fees. An initiation fee is required from a newly elected member. This fee shall entitle the member to receive the green tie, symbolic of club membership. The initiation fee for this organization shall be determined by a majority vote of the regular members present at a regular business meeting and shall not be less than \$10. The Executive Committee shall recommend fees for business meetings, authorized shooting competitions, and authorized social events. Such fees shall only be authorized by a majority of regular members present at a regular business meeting.

Article V: Executive Committee

Section 1: Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers, elected in accordance with Section 4 of this Article V:

President
 Vice-President
 Recording Secretary
 Treasurer
 Membership Secretary
 Entertainment Chairperson
 Assistant Entertainment Chairperson
 Schießwart
 Assistant Schießwart

Section 2: Powers and Functions. The Executive Committee shall constitute the governing body of the organization and can have no power other than that delegated to them by the membership or given to them hereunder. The Executive Committee shall serve as Trustee of the organization's assets, establish overall objectives, approve budgets, oversee yearly audit, and accomplish any other functions assigned to them by the membership as deemed necessary to ensure the well-being and stability of the organization. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to incur reasonable expenditures: (a) For the normal operation of the organization, (b) for normal maintenance of club property and equipment, and (c) for the operation of a shooting match or a club social function that has been authorized by a majority of the club members present at a regular business meeting. All expenditures for real property and capital equipment shall only be authorized by a majority of regular members present at a regular business meeting. Any potential expenditure or indebtedness greater than the current balance of the club treasury shall be authorized only by an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the members present at a regular business meeting.

Section 3: Eligibility. Members eligible for selection shall have been a regular member of the organization in good standing for at least one full year, except for the presidency, in which case the minimum requirement is two full years. One person may not hold more than one office at a time.

Section 4: Election. Annual elections for organization officers shall be held immediately following the regular business meeting in April of each year. An honorary member or the senior regular member present and willing, will preside over the election. Any member present may nominate any other eligible member present for an office. Numbers of nominations for an office are not limited and any member may

decline a nomination. Election shall be by the following process: (a) A secret ballot with a majority of the members present casting an affirmative vote or (b) in the event only one person is nominated for an office and there is no objection from any regular member present, a show of hands, with a majority of the members present casting an affirmative vote. If no single nominee receives a majority vote, a run-off election shall be held between the two nominees receiving the most votes.

Section 5: Term of Office. Officers of the organization shall serve for a period of one year, or until their successors have been elected. No Officer can be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 6: Vacancies. Permanent vacancies, other than presidency, created by other than the normal expiration of terms of office, shall have the remainder of the unexpired term filled by a regular member elected by a majority vote of all of the remaining members of the Executive Committee. If the office of the President shall become permanently vacant, the Vice President shall assume the office of the President for the unexpired term.

Article VI: Duties of Officers

Section 1: Duties of the President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, shall plan the activities, and shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the business and Officers of the organization. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee, and shall act as Chairperson of said Committee. The President and the Treasurer shall sign all written contracts or other financial obligations, and shall have other such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws.

Section 2: Duties of the Vice President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the power of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws. The Vice President shall be responsible for the distribution of admission tickets to club social functions, provide seating arrangements for such functions, and collection of fees and donations for attendance to club shooting matches and social functions.

Section 3: Duties of the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep a book of minutes of all regular business meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, including the time and place of said meetings, whether regular or special, the notice thereof given, the number of Attendees, and the proceedings thereof. The Recording Secretary shall keep records, correspondence, and other documents, excepting financial records and membership records, and carry on all necessary correspondence. The Recording Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws.

Section 4: Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name of the organization and to the credit of the organization, with such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall pay all bills: (a) Duly approved by the President, provided that such payments are within the general framework of the fiscal budget previously approved by the Executive Committee or (b) duly approved by the membership in accordance with Section 2 of Article V. The Treasurer shall share with the President the responsibility of signing all written contracts involving financial obligations of the organization. At least one month prior to the beginning of each fiscal

year, the Treasurer shall submit the fiscal budget of the organization to the Executive Committee for approval or amendment. The Treasurer shall keep all financial records, including accounts of receipts and expenditures. The financial records shall be open at reasonable hours for inspection by any regular member upon request. Financial reports shall be made monthly and at the end of each fiscal year to the membership. At the end of the fiscal year, the books shall be audited by three regular members approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be responsible for submission of all financial forms required by the Internal Revenue Service, Missouri Department of Revenue, or other governmental agency. The Treasurer shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws.

Section 5: Duties of the Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary shall keep books listing the names, addresses, dates and amounts of payment of initiation fees and annual dues, and other pertinent information of current members in the organization. A report of the number of regular, supporting and honorary membership shall be made monthly to the membership. The Membership Secretary shall give written notification of delinquency to any member who is behind in payment of dues after the regular April business meeting. At each business meeting of the organization, the Membership Secretary shall provide a report consisting of the names of members delinquent in payment of dues. The Membership Secretary shall retain all previous books and records concerning membership in the organization. The Membership Secretary shall perform an annual inventory of all physical assets and property of the organization, listing the location of such assets and property, and provide an inventory report to the membership at the end of each fiscal year. The membership and inventory records shall be open at reasonable hours for inspection by any regular member upon request. The Membership Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws.

Section 6: Duties of the Entertainment Chairperson. The Entertainment Chairperson shall be responsible for providing the required food and beverage service for all club sanctioned social functions including dances, picnics and shooting matches and the safe storage of all club owned food and beverage service equipment. In conjunction with the conduct of such social functions, the Entertainment Chairperson shall be responsible for: (a) transport of the necessary club equipment to and from such function, (b) set up and preparation of the designated facility prior to such function, (c) any required clean-up of the designated facility subsequent to such function, and (d) the maintenance of an accurate inventory of the food and beverage service equipment and supplies and to provide the inventory to the Membership Secretary or Executive Committee upon request. The Entertainment Chairperson shall recommend menus to the Executive Committee for adaptation. The Entertainment Chairperson shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws.

Section 7: Duties of the Assistant Entertainment Chairperson. In the absence or disability of the Entertainment Chairperson, the Assistant Entertainment Chairperson shall perform all duties of the Entertainment Chairperson and when so acting shall have all the power of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon the Entertainment Chairperson. The Assistant Entertainment Chairperson shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership, or the Bylaws. The Assistant Entertainment Chairperson shall be responsible for assisting the Entertainment Chairperson at all necessary club functions.

Section 8: Duties of the Schießwart. The Schießwart shall be responsible for the conduct of all club sanctioned shooting matches and the safe storage and transportation of all club owned shooting equipment.

In conjunction with the conduct of such shooting matches, the Schießwart shall be responsible for: (a) Issuance of the rules of the match, including match safety regulations, to all participants in such match prior to its conduct, (b) transport of the necessary club owned weapons and equipment to and from such match, (c) set up of the designated shooting range prior to such match, including the review of match facility for safety considerations, (d) providing adequate quantities of targets and ammunition to conduct such match, and (e) conduct of such match in a safe and fair manner. In conjunction with the safe storage of all club owned shooting equipment, the Schießwart shall be responsible for: (a) All weapons being safely stored in an unloaded condition and separate from ammunition, (b) all shooting equipment being maintained in operational order, (c) the availability of adequate supplies, including targets and ammunition, for required shooting matches, and (d) the maintenance of an accurate inventory of the shooting equipment and supplies and to provide the inventory to the Membership Secretary or Executive Committee upon request. The Schießwart shall recommend match safety regulations to the Executive Committee for adaptation. The Schießwart shall have the absolute authority to eject any person from a shooting match found to be in violation of match safety regulations. The Schießwart shall recommend the types of shooting matches, locations, and awards therefore to the organization membership. The types and locations of shooting matches and appropriate awards shall be determined by a majority vote of the regular membership at the regular monthly club business meeting. The Schießwart shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws.

Section 9: Duties of the Assistant Schießwart. In the absence or disability of the Schießwart, the Assistant Schießwart shall perform all duties of the Schießwart and when so acting shall have all the power of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon the Schießwart. The Assistant Schießwart shall be responsible for assisting the Schießwart at club shooting events. The Assistant Schießwart shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee, the membership or the Bylaws.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Business meetings shall be held one-time per month. Shooting meetings shall be held one-time per month from January through October. The date, time and place of such meetings shall be established by a majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting. Notification of changes to either of the date, time and place of a business meeting shall be given to the membership, by the Recording Secretary, a minimum of one month in advance of such meeting. Meetings shall be open to guests. Fees for attendance of members at such meetings shall be established by a majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting. There shall be no fee for the attendance of a guest. Members and guests shall not become involved in any political discussion of any kind while in club meetings. This prohibition of political discussion does not pertain to discussion of weapons, the use of weapons or gun control.

Section 2: Meetings of the Executive Committee. A meeting of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee upon giving 48-hours' notice. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended or replaced with new Bylaws adopted by the membership.

Amendments or new Bylaws shall be proposed, in writing, to the membership at a regular business meeting a minimum of one month prior to the vote on the amendment. A vote will be conducted by secret ballot by the regular members present at a regular monthly business meeting. At least two-thirds of the votes cast on such a measure must in favor of the amendment for passage. A proposed change in the Bylaws, which receives the required vote, shall become effective immediately and shall supersede all previous Bylaws of this organization.

Article IX: Dissolution

Section 1: This organization cannot be dissolved as long as seven members fulfill the objectives as outlined. Upon the dissolution of the organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the Executive Committee or persons in charge of the liquidations shall grant and convey any remaining assets so as to ensure the benefit of a charitable organization, so recognized under the laws of the United States, and not to the benefit of any private person. The Internal Revenue Service and the State of Missouri shall be notified, in accordance with their respective requirements, of such dissolution of this organization.