



# Great Basin Pistoletes – General Bylaws

(Updated 6-6-2013)

These initial bylaws shall become effective 3-1-2012.

**Name of Corporation** - Great Basin Pistoletes

**Address of Corporation** - 8220 Tahoe Ave Stagecoach, Nevada 89429 or current Secretary/Treasurer's address, or P.O. Box as designated by officers

**Mission Statement** -

Great Basin Pistoletes is a Northern Nevada nonprofit corporation organized as a social and recreational club supporting fellowship among members bound by a common objective of national competition of mounted shooting for recreational and charitable purposes in Northern Nevada. This organization is a public consumer of National Sporting Competition for safe Mounted Shooting as a family affair with a place of participation for all ages, child to adult.

**Nevada Non-Profit** - #20110804602-74. This designation requires yearly re-instatement at the Secretary of State office in Carson City, Nevada, either on line or in person with a \$25.00 fee. This shall be the duty of the Secretary-treasurer of GBP. The original instatement was obtained November 30<sup>th</sup> 2011.

**Objectives** - The encouragement of organized mounted shooting of single action .45 caliber pistols of the type available prior to 1900 among citizens of the United States, with a view toward a better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship and horsemanship. Further objective includes fellowship, self-discipline, team play, charitable donations and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship. The officers, following these bylaws, shall administer the affairs of the association.

**Purpose** - Great Basin Pistoletes is organized as a social and recreational club supporting fellowship among members bound by a common objective of national competition for recreational, educational and charitable purposes.

This organization is a public consumer of National Sporting Competition for safe Mounted Shooting as a family affair with a place of participation for all ages child to adult.

The education and recreation of this public organization is for non-profitable purposes. Earnings by membership, dues and club activities or any other income of this nonprofit organization will not provide inurement to any officers, directors or members.

Great Basin Pistoletes has included in its purpose to engage in only lawful activity subject to expressed limitations.

Great Basin Pistoilers restricts this nonprofit organization from undertaking any activity aimed at propaganda or at attempting to influence legislation through lobbying or political campaigning.

This organization further prohibits the organization from undertaking any activity that is specifically not permitted to be carried on a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service's code.

In the event of dissolution of Great Basin Pistoilers, this nonprofit organization, shall donate its acquired assets to High Desert Horsemen, a Nevada 501c3 corporation.

It is the Officers and Directors, with a 2/3 majority who will manage the course of affairs of this nonprofit organization.

**General Memberships** - are available to individuals who agree with the objectives of this corporation. Membership runs consecutive months of the year. Not from the start of the new year.

1. **Dues** - are to be determined by the Officers at their first of the year meeting.
2. **Rights and responsibilities** - All members are responsible for familiarizing themselves and following the Rules and Bylaws of Great Basin Pistoilers which are posted on the web "forms" page at [www.greatbasinpistoilers.weelby.com](http://www.greatbasinpistoilers.weelby.com) It is the right of every member in good standing to attend all membership meetings and to nominate and vote on the election of officers at the end of the year membership meeting.

**Refusal of Membership** - GBP reserves the right to refuse an application for membership to any person who has shown undesirable characteristics, poor sportsmanship or behavior and would not make a good representative of GBP. The refused applicant can appeal the refusal for membership by submitting written appeal to the Officers, a favorable, unanimous decision of these Officers is required.

**Officers** - of Great Basin Pistoilers will be President, Vice president and Secretary/Treasurer. Officers must be a member of GBP for at least 6 months. Officers will be nominated and voted on during the October membership meeting. Terms of office are for 2 years, starting with January of the new year. Elected Officers will not have a limit on the number of terms they can serve.

All officers can bring up proposals at any meeting. All officers can vote except the President whose vote is reserved in case of the need for a tiebreaker.

**Vacancies to Officer positions** - will be filled by nominees submitted at the next held membership meeting and voted on at that time.

### **Duties of the Officers**

- a. **President** - The President shall schedule and preside at all meetings, both membership and officers. Shall prepare the agenda for the meetings. May appoint necessary committees to carry on business of GBP. Shall have the authority to sign all papers required for ongoing business of GBP.
- b. **Vice President** - shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the officers. The Vice President shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President in case of temporary absence of the president. The Vice President shall serve as a liaison of all committees.
- c. **Secretary/Treasurer** - The secretary, or designee, shall record and be responsible for taking and keeping the minutes of all meetings. He or she shall have charge of the Nonprofit Incorporation duties, yearly and ongoing as they may arise. Shall maintain all membership roles, supervise the sign-up booth at all GBP mounted shooting events. Keep score, or oversee the keeping of score, at all events. Insure that match results be kept for review for 5 years. The secretary shall be a signatory on the account of GBP and also be responsible for any other books or records of GBP.

Treasurer or designee shall record all gifts, donations, and financial transactions of GBP in an accepted bookkeeping method. The treasurer shall provide current financial reports at each regularly scheduled meeting and a yearly financial statement. All financial records will be available to the officers upon request. The treasurer shall also be responsible for the collection of all dues and entry fees. The treasurer shall deposit funds in such bank as designated by the officers. The treasurer shall supervise or distribute all payments of expenses including winnings/payback for matches/jackpots. The treasurer shall make sure nonprofit incorporation dues are prepared, filed and paid in a timely manner.

**Arena Master** - Shall insure that rules are followed at all events, supervise all shooters in proper loading/unloading, gun handling, safety and safe horsemanship. Arena master will also supervise any qualifying runs by new members to insure both the competitor and his/her mount is able to engage in the prescribed course of fire safely. Arena master to be appointed by the President prior to any match, jackpot or event using horses and guns with blank ammunition.

**Membership Meetings** - will be every other even month on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the place designated by the President. Membership meetings run the months of February to October. Officers shall hold over until their successors have been duly elected. Members will be notified by e-mail or web-page at least 8 days prior to the meeting date.

**Changing Bylaws** - bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added only at a general membership meeting. Change proposals must be on the agenda and sent out by e-mail to the general membership 7 days prior to a meeting. Any change will require a favorable vote by 60% of the entire paid membership.

**Committees** any member in good standing shall be eligible to serve on special and standing committees formed at the direction of the President to perform special projects for the betterment of Great Basin Pistoleers.

Committee examples include:

Match/Jackpot committee

Nominating Committee

Demo/Clinic Committee

Marketing & Promotion Committee

Sponsorship Committee

Awards Committee

Any committee formed must submit and coordinate a plan of action to the existing Officers on a yearly basis for their approval prior to any action carried forth.

**Dissolution** - As per the Articles of Corporation for nonprofit Incorporation in the state of Nevada for Great Basin Pistoleers. "In the event of dissolution of Great Basin Pistoleers, this a nonprofit organization, shall donate its acquired assets to High Desert Horseman, a Nevada 501c3 corporation"