

# LEYDEN RIFLE CLUB

Leyden, Massachusetts

## By-laws

[As first adopted, May 1935]

### Article 1

The name of this organization shall be the Leyden Rifle Club.

### Article 2

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States' residents in the 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 object 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.

### Article 3

Membership: Any citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, may become a member of the organization on vote of the Executive Committee and on payment of the usual dues.

### Article 4

Dues: The annual dues of the organization shall be one-dollar. The ten dollars annual dues as are affiliated with the club shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters by this organization.

### Article 5

Meetings:

- (a) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the organization shall be held at the first Saturday of January in each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter and the officers shall hold over until its successors shall have been elected.

- (b) Special Meeting. A special meeting of the organization may be held anytime upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee or upon demand, in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of such special meeting shall be given all officers and members, in good standing, in writing by United States mail not less than seven days to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Quorum. One-third of the members of the organization, entitled to vote, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

#### Article 6

Officers. The officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Officer, who acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot at the annual meeting of the organization and hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. The affairs of the organization shall be managed by the Executive Committee, who shall have general supervision of the activities of the club. Meetings shall be held anytime on the call of the President and three shall constitute a quorum.

#### Article 7

Duties of Officers.

- (a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee. He shall be a member *ex officio* of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to his office.
- (b) Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.
- (c) Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the organization by the National Headquarters and by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. He shall notify the member of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required in Article 5. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and the organization and have custody of the books and papers of the Club. All applications for membership in the Club shall be made to the Secretary. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt therefore. He shall forward to National Headquarters the ten dollars annual dues as provided in Article 4.

- (d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the organization and place the same in such bank, or banks, as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer and for the payments of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee, except that the Treasurer may withdraw checks for national membership fees only, such checks to be turned over to the Secretary for transmission to National Headquarters, as required in Article 4 and in this Article sub-paragraph (c). The Secretary shall deliver to the Treasurer a receipt for such checks, including a list of the names of members for whom dues are being paid, and the dates covered by the membership fee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee where requested and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.<sup>3</sup>
- (e) Executive Officer. The Executive Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the Club, printing of score cards, the arranging of competitions, etc. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

#### Article 8

Expulsion of members. Any member whose conduct shall be decided, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, to have been injurious to the interest of the Club shall forfeit his membership and rights, but such vote shall not be taken without giving the offender two weeks notice of the charges against him and affording him an opportunity of being heard in his defense. He may appeal from a decision of the Committee to the Club at a special meeting called for the purpose, but shall require two-thirds vote of those present to reverse the Committee's decision.

#### Article 9

Match Rules. All rifle and revolver 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 War.

#### Article 10

Amendments. Any amendment to these by-laws must be submitted to the National Rifle Association for its approval, and, if such is given, it may be presented at any meeting of the Club after having been sent to each member by United States mail at least ten days previously. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass it.