

# Constitution

And

## By-Laws

Of the

### **Antelope Archers, Inc.** **Woodlake, California**

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#### **Article I**

The name of this organization shall be:

“Antelope Archers Inc.”

#### **Article II**

The Purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To foster, expand and perpetuate the practice of field archery and the spirit of good fellowship among all archers.
2. To encourage the use of the bow in hunting of all legal game animals and to cooperate with the Central California Bowmen, the California Bowmen Hunters and State Archery Association and the National Field Archery Association in securing better hunting conditions for bow hunters.
3. To cooperate with all conservation organizations in the conservation of game.
4. To maintain a field course and conduct field tournaments and games in accordance with the rules of the three organizations listed above in paragraph (2), Hereafter referred to as the “Regional”, the “State” and the “National” organizations respectively.

## **Article III**

### **Membership**

1. Membership shall be granted to an individual who has reached the age of 18 years and who meet the following criteria:

A. Potential members are required to be sponsored by an adult member-in-good-standing who will be required to be responsible for the new member's action and knowledge of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Obligations of this club.

B. Application for membership will be accepted and reviewed at the meeting with voting conducted by secret ballot at the next meeting. Approval will be by the majority of the club members at the meeting.

C. Dues are to be paid as set forth in article I of the by-laws of this constitution. If a prospective member because of work related incidents can not make it to a meeting, he/she may be brought before the Board of Directors for approval of membership. Work related incidents only would be approved by the Board of Directors.

2. Membership to such an individual shall automatically include his or her spouse and children under 18 years of age.

3. Members who turn 18 during the year and are members-in-good-standing shall pay their dues the following January without being voted in.

4. New and rejoining members are on Probation for a period of 1 year in which they will not be allowed to sponsor any new members. At the end of the year, their renewal of membership will be brought before the Board of Directors for recommendation of approval or denial of their request to rejoin the club.

5. Members past due on paying their club dues (over 1 month) will be assessed \$10.00 for past due fee. Members will be notified at the January Meeting of their dues, and dues are considered past due after March Meeting.

6. Members who do not renew their membership, will be required to pay \$135.00 before being allowed to rejoin the club. Upon paying their dues, returning members have to be voted in by the majority of the membership at the meeting. These members, upon rejoining the club, will be on probation for a period of one year, will not be allowed to sponsor any new members. At the end of the year, their request for renewal of membership will be brought before the Board of Directors for recommendation of approval or denial of their request to join the club.

## **Article IV**

### **Club Officers**

The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer-Class Chairman, Parliamentarian, and two Board of Directors members.

## **Article V**

### **Board of Directors**

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Club President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer-Class Chairman, Parliamentarian, and two elected Board members.

2. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, four members shall constitute a quorum.

3. All vacancies of any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors, subject to the approval by the majority of the club members.

4. The Board of Directors shall meet as deemed necessary by any member of the Board of Directors.

## **Article VI**

### **Election and Term of Office**

1. Nomination of candidates for office shall be made at February and March club meetings with ballots being printed up for voting to be held at April club meeting.

2. Voting shall be by secret ballot at the April meeting. Any member-in-good standing may request to vote by proxy, who will be allowed to vote between the March and April meetings by contacting a board member and submitting their vote in a sealed and signed envelope. Members need to be in good standing with their dues paid to vote.

3. Elected officers are to take office the following month at the May club meeting.

4. The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer-Class Chairman shall be one year.

5. The term of office for the elected Board Members shall be 2 years.

6. The office of the Parliamentary shall be filled by the immediate past President.

## **Article VII**

### **Amendments**

This Constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 majority of the membership at any club meeting.

## **By-Laws of the Antelope Archers, Inc. Revised January 2009**

## **Article I**

1. Club dues are \$135.00 for the first year. If a member makes 6 meetings and 5 work parties the dues will be \$30.00 to renew membership the following year. There will be a \$5.00 charge for each missed meeting, (no more than 6 meetings per year) and a \$15.00 charge for each missed work party, (no more than 5 per year). If any member does not uphold their share of the workload, their request to rejoin the club will go before the Board of Directors for approval or denial.

2. If dues are not paid by the April meeting, dues will be \$135.00 to rejoin the club.

## **Article II**

### **Club Activities**

1. Club meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday following the first Sunday of each month.

2. Club shoots shall be held on the second Sunday and the last Saturday of each month. A shooting fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for club members 16 years of age and over. No charge for club members 15 years of age and under who are accompanied by an adult member who is willing to be responsible for their conduct. Non-Club members will be charged a shooting fee of \$2.00.

3. Twenty pins shall be available for a score of twenty points on a target at a club shoot only. (National Field Round only).

## **Article III**

### **Classification**

1. Class Cards and classification shall be according to Regional, State and National rules.

2. Two NFAA adults must be with a club member when getting a score for classification on other than club shoot day, at a fee of \$1.00 per person. The club member must have three signatures on dated card for a club

officer to transfer the score to the NFAA card.

3. Range Records can only be broken on Club Shoot Days and San Joaquin Valley Championships. To break a Range Record the shooter must be a current member of NFAA, and have two other NFAA members over the age of 18 with them on the day they break the record. The scorecard must be signed by all three NFAA members, the date of the record must be on the card and each shooter must pay \$1.00 for the record to be valid. Cards then need to be turned in to a board member for verification and addition to the record board.

## **Article IV**

### Voting Rights

1. Each adult member 18 years or over shall be entitled to one vote on any issue or election brought to a vote before the club.

2. Voting for officers shall be by secret ballot at the April meeting, except those who wish to vote by proxy, who will be allowed to vote between the March and April meetings by contacting a board member and submitting their vote in a sealed and signed envelope. Members need to be in good standing with **Dues Paid** to vote.

## **Article V**

### Duties of Officers

1. President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committee chairmen, have the right to impose fines of excessive misconduct during meetings (not to exceed 25 cents per violation), and in general perform the duties incident to his office.

2. Vice President shall perform the duties of the president in his absence or his inability to perform his duties.

3. Secretary shall keep all records of the organizations, serve all notices of meetings, conduct all correspondence and present a written report of all meetings.

4. Treasurer-Class Chairman shall receive all monies of the organization, handle all matters pertaining to membership, keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements of the organization and in general have the power to perform the duties incident to the office.

5. Board of Directors shall manage the activities, policies, and property of the organization and appoint the following:

1. Range Captain

2. Target Captain

3. Sergeant of Arms-shall also have the right to impose fines for

excessive misconduct during meetings (not to exceed 25 cents per violation).

4. Publicity Manager
5. Manager of Small Game Awards and Twenty Pins
6. Refreshment Chairman
7. Club Legislative Representative
8. Web Master (to maintain website)

## **Article VI**

### Delegates

1. Delegates to the Regional Meeting shall be the Club President, Vice President, Secretary or Alternates as needed.

## **Article VII**

### Rights and Responsibilities of Club Members

#### **As a club member you have the right to:**

1. Shoot the range at any time, except work parties. During a scheduled work party, the range is **CLOSED** to **ALL** shooting (practice butts and range), until the work party has ended. A scheduled Work Party is one that has been called for and approved by the club members, even if it is not on the Calendar of Events.

2. Use the headquarters area of the range as a family picnic area as long as it does not interfere with scheduled club activities.

3. Run for any elected office if you have reached the age of 18 years and are a member in good standing.

4. Express your opinion on any matter that may be brought up at any club meeting.

5. Invite any archer to shoot the range.

6. Invite guests to shoot a practice round and/or field round with a limit of 2 times before they are asked by the Board of Directors to join the club. This does not include past members.

#### **As a working club member you are expected to:**

1. Take an active part in your club and uphold your share of the workload, such as attending club meetings, club shoots, and club work parties.

2. Members must attend at least 6 meetings a year and 5 work parties or at time of renewal, their membership will go before the Board of Review and to be acted on by them.

3. Conduct yourself in a manner, which will NOT be detrimental to the club.

4. Refrain from sandbagging.

5. All club members are encouraged to work our Annual Woodlake Antelope Archers Broken Arrow. Under no circumstances will any member of the Woodlake Antelope Archers be allowed to shoot our annual Broken Arrow Shoot. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If you chose not to rejoin the club, you will not be allowed to shoot the Broken Arrow for a period of one year after you resign.

6. Our club is responsible for parking the cars for the Woodlake Lion's club Rodeo. All club members are encouraged to work this Work Party.

### **Article VIII**

#### **Concluding Note**

1. The list of rights and responsibilities in Article VII above is a partial list only and should not be construed to mean otherwise. The list is to be used as a guide only.