

MAINE TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

Whereas, a thorough and diligent search of all existing and available records of the Maine Trapshooting Association indicate that the Maine Trapshooting Association has been in existence for 98 years, and;

Whereas, a thorough and diligent search of all existing and available records of the Maine Trapshooting Association fails to reveal any existing Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations or Articles of Incorporation.

We, the members of the Maine Trapshooting Association, on September 24, 1988, by a unanimous vote in favor, hereby adopt this document as our Constitution.

Nelson Towns

Date: 9/24/88
President

Frederick Liberty

Date: 9/24/88
Vice President

Marjorie Jordan

Date: 9/24/88
Secretary

Marjorie Jordan

Date: 9/24/88
Treasurer

ARTICLE 1
PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Maine Trapshooting Association, hereafter referred to as MTA, is to further enhance and promote the sport of trapshooting and firearms safety in the State of Maine. The members of the MTA agree to abide by the MTA rules and regulations as set forth in this document and the rules and regulations as set forth by the Amateur Trapshooting Association, hereafter referred to as the ATA.

ARTICLE 2
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the MTA shall consist of residents of the State of Maine who are members of the ATA. Membership dues of the MTA shall be set at the annual meeting and are due on October 1 (amended to September 1 effective 9/23/95) of each calendar year.

ARTICLE 3
MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be a meeting of the MTA, to be held according to ATA rules and regulations, during the MTA's state shoot. At this meeting, the membership present shall elect the ATA delegate and alternates for the next year and set a date for the annual meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report will be presented to the membership for their approval. Officers listed in Article 4 will be nominated and elections held.

Section 3. Special Meetings

The President shall have the authority to call for special meetings or a special meeting may be called for by a written petition of 10 percent of the membership.

ARTICLE 4
OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The MTA officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer. Terms of office shall be for one year, and there shall be no limit to the number of terms that an officer may serve in that capacity.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Board which shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ATA Delegate, and a member designated by each club, which holds registered shoots, who shall be a registered trapshooter.

ARTICLE 5
DUTIES

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the MTA. He/she shall have the authority to call for special meetings. The President may, as he/she deems necessary, appoint members to chair committees for specific goals and the chairperson will report that committee's findings or activities directly to the President and he/she may require that the committee chairperson make a report of the committee's activities at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, or upon his/her request, perform all the duties of the President. In the event of the death or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall succeed him/her for the unexpired term.

- Section 3. The Secretary shall give notice of and keep minutes of all meetings of the MTA. He/she shall keep a record of the names and addresses of all members and shall maintain a file of all official correspondence of the MTA.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the MTA. He/she shall be responsible for the collection of monies due the MTA and shall pay all bills incurred by the MTA. The Treasurer shall give a report of the status of the MTA treasury at its annual meeting after a review and approval by three members of the Executive Board.
- Section 5. The Executive Board shall conduct the ordinary business of the organization and authorize expenditures over \$250.00 and set the registered shoot schedule for the following year.

ARTICLE 6
REGISTERED SHOOTS

- Section 1. The MTA will insure that MTA and ATA rules and regulations are adhered to at all registered shoots in Maine and, whenever possible, insure that an MTA delegate officer or appointed representative, ATA delegate or alternate, is in attendance at each registered trapshoot held in Maine. This section shall not be construed so as to prevent the holding of a registered shoot if one of the aforementioned officials is not present.
- Section 2. In order to maintain the standards of the past years, there shall be a committee, which shall be the MTA Executive Board, to coordinate the operation of the annual state shoot. This committee shall set entry fees, oversee the preparation of the program, purchase trophies, added monies, hire competent cashiering personnel and trap maintenance staff, and work closely with designated members of the host club to oversee and coordinate the total operation of the shoot itself.

All expenses, including facilities, incurred for the operation of the shoot will be paid from the target entry fees.

ARTICLE 7
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary and signed by at least 10 percent of the members of the MTA. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be sent to all MTA members at least 30 days prior to a meeting date to be set by the Executive Board.