

# **Constitution:**

The name of the Society is RANCH HORSE REVOLUTION CLUB

The purposes of the Society are: Ranch Horse Revolution Club

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The objectives of the Society are:

- To operate a non-profit club to promote and preserve the western tradition and heritage of the

working ranch horse and encourage the growth of the ranch riding discipline within the equestrian community.

- To encourage, promote, and facilitate interest, learning, and communication for horse owners and any persons interested in the ranch riding industry.
- To organize, promote, sponsor, advertise, and manage such affairs as ranch horse shows, educational events and opportunities, and any other activities that may be considered appropriate and beneficial by the members, horse owners, and any persons interested in the ranch riding discipline.
- To promote, educate, and encourage respect, honesty, good horsemanship, and sportsmanship.



# **Bylaws:**

### PART 1 – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definitions

In these Bylaws:

- "Act" refers to the Societies Act of British Columbia, as amended from time to time.
- "Board" refers to the directors of the Society.
- "Bylaws" refers to these Bylaws, as altered from time to time.

# 1.2 Definitions in Act Apply

The definitions in the Act apply to these Bylaws.

### 1.3 Conflict with Act or Regulations

If there is a conflict between these Bylaws and the Act or its regulations, the Act or regulations shall prevail.

### PART 2 - MEMBERS

### 2.1 Application for Membership

Individuals may apply for membership, and upon Board approval, become members.

### 2.2 Duties of Members

Members must uphold the Constitution and comply with these Bylaws.

# 2.3 Membership Dues

The Board determines the amount of annual membership dues, if any.

### 2.4 Member Not in Good Standing

A member is not in good standing if they fail to pay their annual membership dues, if applicable, and remains in this status until payment is made.

### 2.5 Voting Restrictions for Members Not in Good Standing

A voting member not in good standing:

- May not vote at a general meeting.
- Is deemed not to be a voting member for resolutions requiring member consent.

#### 2.6 Termination of Membership

Membership is terminated if a member remains not in good standing for six (6) consecutive months.

### PART 3 – GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

#### 3.1 Time and Place

General meetings occur at times and places determined by the Board and may be held in person or virtually.

# 3.2 Ordinary Business

Ordinary business at a general meeting includes:

- Identifying members present.
- Reading and approving previous meeting minutes.
- Addressing unfinished business.
- Reviewing financial statements and reports.
- Electing directors and officers (at the annual general meeting).
- Conducting new business.

### 3.3 Notice of Special Business

Notices must provide sufficient detail for members to make informed decisions on special business items.

### 3.4 Chair of General Meeting

The chair is:

- The individual appointed by the Board, or
- The President, Vice-President, or another director if the appointed chair is unavailable.

#### 3.5 **Quorum Requirements**

A quorum consists of either three (3) voting members or 10% of the voting membership, whichever is greater.

### 3.6 Voting Methods

Voting may be conducted by a show of hands, oral vote, or other methods that clearly indicate intent. A secret ballot may be requested by two (2) or more members.

# 3.7 Proxy Voting

Proxy voting is not permitted.

### 3.8 Decision Making

Decisions at general meetings are made by ordinary resolution unless a higher threshold is required by law or these Bylaws.

#### **PART 4 – DIRECTORS**

### 4.1 Board Composition

The Board consists of no fewer than three (3) and no more than eleven (11) directors.

#### 4.2 Election of Directors

- The President and Vice-President are elected annually.
- Directors serve staggered two-year terms, with the top three (3) vote recipients serving two-year terms and remaining directors serving one-year terms if necessary.

### 4.3 Filling Vacancies

The Board may appoint members to fill vacancies resulting from resignation, death, or incapacity.

### **PART 5 – DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

### 5.1 Calling Meetings

The President or any two (2) directors may call a meeting.

### **5.2 Notice Requirements**

At least two (2) days' notice is required unless all directors agree to a shorter notice period.

### 5.3 **Quorum**

A majority of directors constitutes a quorum for Board meetings.

### **PART 6 – BOARD POSITIONS**

### **6.1 Board Positions**

The Board must include the following officers:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

### 6.2 Duties of Officers

- **President:** Chairs the Board and oversees its functions.
- Vice-President: Acts as President when the President is unavailable.
- Secretary: Manages records, correspondence, and compliance filings.
- Treasurer: Oversees financial matters, including banking and record-keeping.

#### PART 7 – REMUNERATION AND SIGNING AUTHORITY

# 7.1 Director Compensation

Directors do not receive compensation for serving on the Board but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties.

### 7.2 Signing Authority

Contracts and official records must be signed by:

- The President and one other director, or
- The Vice-President and one other director (if the President is unavailable), or
- Two other directors (if both the President and Vice-President are unavailable), or
- A designated individual authorized by the Board.