

BY LAWS OF THE
NORTH COUNTRY MUSTANG CLUB INC
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ARTICLE I NAME

This organization will be called “North Country Mustang Club.” The club is a Federal 501c3 Not for Profit corporation.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

- Section 1 To provide a common meeting ground for Mustang and Ford Enthusiasts to enhance the enjoyment of ownership, conduct meetings, stage rallies, orchestrate car shows, etc.
- Section 2 To foster a favorable relationship with the general public and to further public safety on the roads and highways.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Active members:
Any person 16 years of age or older, who is interested in the restoration or preservation of the Ford Mustang or any other Ford vehicle, may become an active member of this organization and be entitled to all its privileges upon payment of the annual dues. Membership shall be considered a joint membership, which will include all family members in the same household. One membership card will be issued per family.
- Section 2 Voting Privileges:
Each member in good standing shall be entitled to all voting privileges. All joint members are eligible to vote and hold office.
- Section 3 Membership Year:
Beginning in 2021, the membership year shall encompass a twelve (12) month period beginning April 1 2021. Renewals will come due each year during the month of April.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Section 1 All applicants for membership shall submit an application with appropriate fees.
- Section 2 During the first year of conversion to a calendar year renewal period (1/21-03/22), EXISTING club members will have their annual membership fees waived. Subsequent renewals will be due April 2022, and each April thereafter.
- Section 3 For any NEW members joining after January 2021 and for all years thereafter, the initial annual membership fee will be pro-rated as follows: April thru September will be full price, October thru the following March will be 50% discount.

ARTICLE V TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Reasons for Termination:
Membership may be terminated for any of the following reasons:
A. Two month’s delinquency of dues

- B. Any breach of the By-Laws of this Club.
- C. Flagrant and/or frequent violation of the state/local traffic laws or ordinances during Club sponsored events.
- D. For any reason deemed detrimental or injurious to the Club.
- E. Upon recommendation of any Club Member

Section 2 Upon notification of one of the above events, the Club officers shall convene a review meeting to determine the facts of the situation present, and shall decide on the best path forward. Termination of a member for cause must be approved by an affirmative vote of all participating officers. Their decision shall be considered final.

Section 3 Club Responsibility on Termination or Membership:
 Upon termination of membership under Section 1 and 2 of Article V, it is understood that no liability for the actions of the outgoing member will be sustained by the Club or its authorized representatives. Any and all dues paid in advance by such a member are automatically forfeited to the Club and will not be returned to the member under any circumstances. In the case of Voluntary Resignation, the board of Officers may determine, at its sole discretion, whether to offer the exiting member a refund of any membership dues previously paid.

ARTICLE VI ANNUAL DUES

Section 1 Annual dues for active members shall be \$20.00.

ARTICLE VII MANAGEMENT

Section 1 Officers:
 Officers may include: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their offices and other duties mentioned in the By-Laws. In the case of a vacancy in any office, the remaining officers may designate any individual member in good standing to discharge the duties of the vacant office until the next regular election.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 President:
 The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to the office of President according to Robert's Rules of Order. In the absence of the President, or in the case of his/her death, resignation or inability to act, his/her duties shall be performed by the Vice President. The President shall appoint committees as required for various functions and serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2 Vice-President:
 The Vice-President shall act in the capacity of the President in the absence of the President and shall act as chairperson of any committee the President deems necessary.

Section 3 Treasurer:
 The Treasurer shall keep records of and dispense the funds of the organization in accordance with the mandate of the general membership. He/she shall make a

statement of the Club's accounts at each business meeting and at such other times the organization may require. The Treasurer shall collect dues and present bills authorized by the officers, notify members of delinquencies, and perform any duties regularly associated with this office.

Section 4 Secretary:

The Secretary shall perform the following functions:

- Keep accurate minutes of the Club's meetings.
- Keep record of all business transactions in the name of the Club.
- Give notice of any election, appointment, or meeting.
- Maintain charge of the papers and correspondence of the Club and its officers.
- Perform any duties regularly associated with this office.

Section 5 Terms of Office:

All officers shall hold office for a period of two years, or until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified for office. The offices of President and Secretary will be staggered against the offices of Vice President and Treasurer such that only one pair of these offices will be up for election in any calendar year. In the case of an officer who cannot fulfill their office, or assume their duties, a special election will be held to fill their post. Should the organization feel the need to create additional posts, an election will be held at the discretion of the membership. All officers assume their post on April 1st of the given year.

ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1 The committees shall perform such duties as specified by the President and/or its Officers. The Chair of Show, Judging and Activities Committees shall be composed of members in good standing. Committee Chairs are responsible for soliciting active members to participate on their committee and for reporting activity to the general membership at each meeting. The following shall be activated as deemed necessary:

A. Judging Committee: Shall meet as the Chair so directs. Shall promote goodwill and fairness. Shall train and teach those interested in judging and its techniques.

B. Show Committee: Shall meet as the Chair so directs. Shall be responsible for all Show events and sub-committees pertaining to the Show.

C. Activities Committee: Shall meet as the Chair so directs. Shall be responsible for Club functions, events, rallies, etc. Provide a calendar of events listings for the newsletter, including meeting locations and times.

Any additional committees may be formed as deemed necessary by the Club membership and its officers.

ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS

Section 1 Nominating procedure:

The nominating committee shall be comprised of three active members. The

committee shall nominate two or more members for each office, unless it is unable to find more than one interested member.

Section 2 The nominating committee shall submit a list of nominations to the Secretary for inclusion in the January/February newsletter. Nominations will be presented at the February meeting for discussion. The March meeting will be election night, with the new officers to take office April 1st of the present year.

Section 3 Qualifications for Officers:

- a. President must be 21 years of age or older, and an active member in good standing.
- b. All other Officers must be active members in good standing.
- c. ALL officers must have been members for a minimum of one year and have attended at least six meetings over that time period.

ARTICLE XI FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 The fiscal year of the Club shall be the calendar year from April 1st through March 31st.

ARTICLE XII MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Section 1 Meetings will be held once per month at the convenience of the membership and its officers. The Club shall hold a minimum of 10 meetings per year

Section 2 Events shall be competitive, non-competitive, or social events as deemed necessary.

Section 3 Committees may meet separately as deemed appropriate. The rules of the committees in Article IX apply.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed either by initiatory petition of any member in good standing, or by written report of a special committee appointed to report there on. Amendments must be approved by 2/3 vote of the membership. Any By-Law must be suspended by the same procedure as above.

ARTICLE XIV PERSONAL LIABILITY

Section 1 All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having claim against the Club or its officers shall look only to the funds and property of the Club for payment of any debt, damages, judgment, or decree of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the Club or its officers, so that neither members of the Club nor Officers present or future shall be personally liable there for. Each member shall be responsible for reading and signing - Release of Liability form supplied by the Club.