



By-Laws  
of the  
Hesperia  
Wranglers,  
Inc.

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## HESPERIA WRANGLERS PRESIDENTS

1958 – NEVA FOSTER	1994 – LLOYD HOLDEN
1959 – BETTY JO COCHRAN	1995 – DAVE HASTINGS
1960 – VAL SHEARER	1996 – TOM DAVIS
1961 – BOB STOKES	1997 – CHARLENE WESCH
1962 – OTTO TOPPENBERG	1998 – ROY NUCKOLS
1963 – JEAN STOKES	1999 – KIM LUJAN
1964 – NEAL FULKERSON	2000 – KIM LUJAN
1965 – MARVIN GARLIC	2001 – RANDY HENSON
1966 – MARVIN GARLIC	2002 – KIM LUJAN HARRISON
1967 – JOHN FORD/ LARRY WHITELEY	2003 – RANDY HENSON
1968 – LARRY WHITELEY	2004 – BRIAN PUGLIESE
1969 – LARRY WHITELEY	2005 – TOM SHORE
1970 – BILLY J. CHENEY	2006 – NEILA SWAYNIE
1971 – BILLY J. CHENEY	2007 – NEILA SWAYNIE
1972 – BILLY J. CHENEY	2008 – KIM FOX
1973 – GEORGE STANFORD	2009 – KIM FOX
1974 – BILLY MONTANA	2010- KIM FOX
1975 – BILL BAER	2011- DAWN STOECKER
1976 – BILL BAER	2012- DAWN STOECKER
1977 – LEWIS HILL	2013- DAWN STOECKER
1978 – WALT BOHANNAN/ SKIP KLINE	2014- DAVID GIBSON/ DANIELLE GREGG
1979 – SONNY BERNA	2015- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1980 – JIM CLOSSON	2016- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1981 – PAUL WOODS	2017- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1982 – VAL SHEARER	2018- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1983 – VAL SHEARER	2019- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1984 – MIKE FLOYD	2020- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1985 – VAL SHEARER	2021- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1986 – VAL SHEARER	2022- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1987 – MIKE FLOYD	2023- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1988 – JERRY NEWLAND	2024- TIM MUSTAIKIS
1989 – TOM SHORE	
1990 – TOM SHORE	
1991 – FRANK CAPOCCIAMA	
1992 – ROY NUCKOLS	
1993 – ROY NUCKOLS/ ROBIN MATLOCK	

## HISTORY OF THE WRANGLERS

The Hesperia Wranglers is a family horse club located in Hesperia, California on the high desert.

The Wranglers came into being as an outlet for boundless energy and enthusiasm of a group of young pioneers of the present day Hesperia.

The intent and purpose of this organization is clearly stated in the Articles of Incorporation – “to provide for the promotion of horsemanship for persons residing in the vicinity of Hesperia and surrounding area”.

“Promote athletic events in which the use of the horse and horsemanship are required.”

“Make available all types and forms of service, information organization, or otherwise as may be found from time to time needful, useful, or beneficial to the general public.”

These and seventeen articles of incorporation were duly and legally formed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1958 and provided for a wide variety of activities by the first staff of officers: Neva Foster, President; Coleman Mullins, Vice President; Yvonne Hammond, Secretary; Irene Campbell, Treasurer, and the Membership. The succeeding officers and membership have all worked diligently to continue and expand their work.

The donation of park benches and tables, assisting other organizations in promoting horse activities such as Gymkhanas and trail rides, Hesperia Days events, parade groups, information on and training horses and riders, plus the work of many members in preparing and serving food for hundreds to finance these activities, is evident of the continuance of these early aims.

The awards presented are rewards for many hours of work in training and competing, to successful winners, and a salute to the many who support them. Promoting sportsmanship, recreation, fellowship, respect and appreciation of the faithful servant --the horse -- have been the aims of the succeeding presidents.

## THE WILLIAM L. KINNARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

William Lloyd Kinnard - born Nov. 3, 1947. He was a young Hesperian, a member of the Hesperia Wranglers and active in all horse riding activities. At the age of twenty he had lived more fully and zestfully than most people are privileged to live in a natural lifetime. He had known the joys of owning and training his horse. Though fun-loving and young at heart, he never abandoned the ideals which he so constantly epitomized; integrity, duty, and decency. He was respected and loved by young and old, no vote need be taken, no cheers raised to prove his popularity.

At a time when most his age were still enjoying the privileges of adolescence, Bill was already involved in and accepting adult challenges of material achievement and strong moral character. He entered the U.S. Army in Sept. 1967, and was sent to Vietnam in March 1968. Killed in action April 11th, while dutifully and proudly carrying out one of the most honorable responsibilities of manhood; defending our country, our community, and the family who managed to produce this outstanding individual.

The Hesperia Wranglers, Inc. established and sponsored the "William L. Kinnard Memorial Scholarship Fund" to honor his memory and to commemorate the sacrifice made by him and all the fine young men in the Vietnam conflict. All proceeds from our May show went towards the scholarship fund and on June 8, 1968 the first scholarship was presented to an outstanding Victor Valley High School student. In 1969, a scholarship went to an Apple Valley High School student and in 1970 it was decided to present an award to both High Schools. The scholarships were only presented to male recipients until 1976 when they were open to female recipients.

To date, graduating seniors from any area high school have an opportunity to apply for the William L. Kinnard Scholarship. Applicants must have an agricultural career objective or prove to be an avid equestrian. Recipients are selected by our Board of Directors with the assistance of scholarship advisors at the high schools.

Hesperia Wranglers, Inc. is proud to continue to honor Kinnard's memory by offering a scholarship to any area high school's graduating seniors.

## BY – LAWS OF HESPERIA WRANGLERS, INC.

### ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Hesperia Wranglers, Inc.

### ARTICLE II

The objective of this organization shall be to promote greater activity among horse people and horsemen's organizations.

To initiate and direct efforts to stimulate interest of local horsemen to train and develop horsemanship.

To assist local communities by participating in civic functions, parades, horse shows, celebrations, etc.

To promote interest of young people and provide guidance in horsemanship.

### ARTICLE III Organization

**Section 1.** This organization is a non-profit corporation, organized under the laws of the State of California. Certification of Incorporation shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

If at any time this corporation shall be dissolved, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to or among its members, but after payment of all indebtedness of the corporation, its surplus funds and properties shall be placed in a trust fund to be used to further activities of junior riding groups in Hesperia. The trust fund to be administered by persons appointed by the governing board. The minute books and financial records shall be stored. All other material shall be destroyed six years after such dissolution.

**Section 2.** The office of this organization shall be located at the home of the current Secretary or at the Club House.

## ARTICLE IV

### Membership

**Section 1. Active Membership.** Active membership shall be composed of a family group of any age or of single persons 18 years of age or older. Applicants shall be sponsored by two active members and have the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member 18 years or older, shall be entitled to one vote.

**Section 2. Associate Membership.** Associate members shall have all the privileges of active members except that of voting and holding an elected office. They may enter into debate and serve on committees.

**Section 3. Honorary Membership.** Honorary membership may be conferred upon persons of distinction who have rendered outstanding service to the organization. An honorary member elected from the membership shall have all the privileges of active membership, but shall be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments.

Honorary members elected from outside the membership shall have all the privileges of active membership except holding an elective office and the power to vote. No dues or assessments shall be levied on these members.

Persons presented for honorary membership shall have the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors. Not more than one honorary membership may be elected in one year.

## ARTICLE V

### Finances

**Section 1. Dues - active members.** The annual dues for active members of this organization shall be established, on recommendations of the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting, a quorum being present. Dues shall be payable with application for membership on January 1 thereafter.

**Section 2. Dues - associate members.** The annual dues for associate members shall be one-half (1/2) of the active member's dues.

**Section 3. Delinquent Dues.** All dues must be paid by March 1. Delinquent members shall be listed in the March newsletter. If by April 1,

there is no response, they shall be dropped from the membership rolls. In April the Membership Chairman shall prepare a directory of the members in good standing.

In order to be reinstated a delinquent member may make application to the Board of Directors on a new member basis. The adjustment of all delinquent dues rests with the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Assessments.** In case of need, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, may levy an assessment not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) for each member in one year.

**Section 5. Fund Disbursement.** All monies disbursed from the Club bank accounts will require two (2) authorized signatures. The authorized signatures shall be the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any other member of the Board of Directors appointed by the President and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI

### Elective Officers

**Section 1.** The elective officers shall be: President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers serve a term of one year or until their successors have been elected and installed.

**Section 2. Nominations.** A Nominating Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their September meeting. There shall be five (5) members of this committee, two from the Board and three from the membership. Nominations must be submitted to the nominating committee not later than one week prior to annual election meeting in November.

Anyone running for any officer position must have served on the Board of Directors and been an active member of good standing for at least one year immediately prior to nomination. Anyone running for a board position must have also been an active member in good standing during the year of nomination. Persons must be 18 years of age as of the Election Day to vote for or to be elected to an office on the Board of Directors of the Hesperia Wranglers, Inc.

Nominations from the floor shall be called for. The consent of the candidate shall be secured before the nomination is made.

**Section 3. Elections.** All elections shall be by ballot and the majority of the ballots cast shall elect, a quorum being present. When there is but one candidate for office, the Secretary shall be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot.

**Section 4. Quorum.** Fifteen percent (15%) of the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers or the transaction of business.

**Section 5. Vacancies.** Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice President shall become the President for the unexpired portion of the term. Vacancies in other elective offices shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Duties of Officers.**

A. **President.** It shall be the duty of the President:

1. To serve as Chairman and member of the Board of Directors.
2. To preside at the monthly general meeting.
3. To call special meeting of the Board of Directors.
4. To appoint standing and special committees.
5. To fill vacancies in standing committees.
6. To serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
7. To perform such other duties as may be provided by these By-Laws.

B. **Vice President.** It shall be the duty of the Vice President:

1. To assist the President as requested.
2. To serve in the place of the President in his/her absence.
3. To succeed to the office of the President in case of vacancy.

C. **Second Vice President.** It shall be the duty of the Second Vice President:

1. To assist the President and Vice President as requested.
2. To serve in the place of the Vice President in his/her absence.
3. To succeed to the office of the Vice President in case of vacancy.

D. **Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

1. To keep separate books of the minutes of the general meetings and the meetings of the Board of Directors.
2. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of

Directors or these By-Laws.

E. **Corresponding Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary:

1. To give due notice of the time and place of all regular and special meetings.
2. To notify members of committees of their appointments and the duties assigned them.
3. To conduct all correspondence as may be required of her/him by the organization.
4. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these By-Laws.

F. **Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

1. To be custodian of all monies, securities, and deeds belonging to the organization, to hold and disburse subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.
2. To read a financial report at each regular meeting.
3. To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these By-Laws.

**Section 7.** One- half (1/2) of the elective officers shall be horse owners.

**Section 8. Board of Directors.** There shall be seven (7) directors who shall serve of the term of two years; three are to be elected one year and four the next. They shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as elective officers. Additional directors shall be added when warranted by an increase of membership.

The elective officers, the immediate past president, and the Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors who shall be the managing body of the organization vested with full power to conduct all business of the organization subject to the laws of the State of California, the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws, and mandates of the active membership.

**Section 9.** The Board of Directors shall meet at least one week before the regular monthly General Membership meeting. A resume of these

meetings shall either be read or distributed in typewritten form to all members present at the following regular meeting.

**Section 10. Attendance.** Should a board member fail to attend three consecutive board meetings without an adequate excuse, the Hesperia Wranglers Board of Directors may declare the office vacant. While the board members are not required to attend the monthly general meeting, they are expected to do so for the continuity of current club business.

It will be the responsibility of the member to notify the President or Secretary of the excused absence in a timely manner.

**Section 11.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors:

A. To provide the maintenance and supervision of all property owned by the organization.

B. To provide a bond for the Treasurer by a reliable Surety Company, if desired by the Board of Directors or Treasurer.

C. All accounts shall be available for audit by any member, at any time, for any cause, by giving a written request to a member of the Board of Directors. The person responsible for the account shall provide all information necessary for the audit within three days of receiving the written request. The cost of the audit is the responsibility of the party requesting the audit. The person responsible for the account being audited may be present during the audit and may retain a copy of all documents requested for the audit.

An annual internal audit of all the organization's accounts by a committee appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors is strongly recommended.

If there are funds available, the individuals authorized to sign checks can disburse club funds to pay all expenses for projects and events approved by the Board of Directors and/or membership. Expenditures not in the normal course of business and capital expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership of those present and voting at a general meeting, a quorum being present.

## ARTICLE VII Meetings

**Section 1.** Monthly general meetings shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Hesperia Community Center or equivalent facilities. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify members of the meeting place.

**Section 2.** The November general meeting shall be the Annual Meeting for the election of officers.

## ARTICLE VIII Committees

**Section 1.** There shall be eight (8) standing committees appointed by the President to serve one year. The Chairman shall be designated by the President.

**Section 2. Expense.** Committees may contract financial obligations only as approved by the Board of Directors and/or the general membership after being assured that funds are available.

**Section 3. Reports.** The Chairman of the standing committees shall present written reports of the year's activities at the annual election meeting in November.

**Section 4. Membership Chairman.** This committee shall be composed of the Secretary, Treasurer, and one member appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide all members a membership roster and a copy of the Hesperia Wranglers, Inc. By-Laws.

**Section 5. Public Relations Committee.** This committee shall be composed of the Corresponding Secretary and two members appointed by the President. This committee will plan and release newspaper, magazine, and radio publicity.

**Section 6. Ways and Means Committee.** This committee shall be composed of five (5) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to study and supervise fund raising activities. The membership shall cooperate in these activities as requested by the committee.

**Section 7. Entertainment Committee.** This Committee shall be composed of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide entertainment at the monthly meeting; to arrange and supervise

dances; to arrange for installation of officers; and to arrange a banquet fitting tribute to the outgoing officers as funds allow.

**Section 8. Committee on Trail Rides.** The Chairman of this committee shall be the Trail Boss and shall have the privilege of selecting as many committee members as necessary. The duties shall be to make arrangements for all group rides. The Trail Boss and/or designated assistants shall be in complete charge of all rides.

**Section 9. Parade Committee.** This committee shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to supervise all parade activities, enforce all parade rules, such as clean horses and clean equipment; to keep order at all times; to arrange horses in matching pairs, etc.

**Section 10. Chuck Wagon, Kitchen, and Clean-up Committee.** This committee shall be composed of seven (7) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to supervise the serving of all food and refreshments at all regular meetings, horse shows, or other activities of the organization, and to leave all meeting rooms, kitchens, and entertainment places clean and orderly.

**Section 11. Scholarship Committee.** This committee shall be composed of five (5) active members in good standing. It shall be the duties of this committee to contact those scholarship counselors at our local high schools to obtain a list of eligible candidates and all documentary proof of eligibility for the Hesperia Wranglers, Inc. Scholarship awards. The committee will submit the names and documents to the Board of Directors, who will then make the selection of the scholarship recipients. The scholarship funds will be handled in accordance with Article V, Section 5, of these By-Laws.

**Section 12. Special Committees.** Special Committees may be appointed by the President at any time to perform such duties as not prescribed in these By-Laws. These committees shall automatically be dissolved upon completion of the special assignment.

**Section 13. Show Committee.** This committee shall be composed of the President and at least five (5) members. The Chairman shall be selected by the President. This committee is to coordinate and conduct the equestrian events. The Show Committee is not to be responsible for Trail or Parade events. Prior to the first event of the year, the proposed rules and regulations of the events are to be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The rules and regulations of the show committee can be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership of those present and voting at a general meeting, a quorum being present.

**Section 14. Queen's Committee.** This committee will consist of at least two (2) members appointed by the President. This committee will only be active if funds are available to conduct a Queen's Contest. This committee will be responsible for promoting the Queen's Contest to eligible participants and

conducting the contest. Prior to soliciting contestants, the rules and regulations of the contest must be approved by a majority vote by the Board of Directors. The rules and regulations of the committee can be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership of those present and voting at a general meeting, a quorum being present.

#### ARTICLE IX

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for this organization and shall apply in all cases not covered by these By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE X

##### ETHICS AND DISCIPLINING ACTION

**Section 1.** This club will not condone acts considered to be unbecoming to a member of the Hesperia Wranglers.

**Section 2.** Those acts to be considered will include: Obscenity, public profanity, drunkenness and disorder, and misappropriations of funds belonging to the organization.

Circumstances relative to the acts will determine the Board of Director's decision.

**Section 3.** Action taken by the Board will depend on the severity of the act. Generally, the method of discipline will be as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> occasion** ... oral reprimand by the Board at a regular Board meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> occasion** ... written reprimand from the Board to the offending member.

**3<sup>rd</sup> occasion** ... removal from the Club of the offending member.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, a quorum being present, providing notice of the amendment has been sent to each member thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

