

Wayne County Saddle Club By-Laws adopted 1-15-1966

1. Name: .

The name of this club shall be The Wayne County Saddle Club, Inc.

2. Purpose:

- a. The purpose of the club shall be to promote and advance interest in horses.
- b. To organize activities for club members.
- c. And maintain real estate owned by the club known as "The Saddle Club Hollow" near Overton, Ohio, together with all buildings and personal property thereon.

3. Membership:

- a. Membership in the club is open to all persons interested in horses.

4. Officers and Directors:

- a. The elected officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose terms shall expire on the date of the club's annual banquet in January.
- b. A husband and wife shall not be allowed to serve as officers simultaneously.
- c. There shall be six directors for three-year term; alternating so as to elect two each year.
- d. In addition, the immediate past President shall automatically become a director for a term of one year upon expiration of his or her term as President.
- e. In the event there is a vacancy in the board of Directors or Officers, due to death, resignation or for other reasons, the remaining Officers and Directors shall appoint another club member to serve until the next regular election. (ddm note: At the next regular election members vote to finish remainder of term if any)
- f. Each Officer and Director shall have one vote, except the President, who shall have no voting power unless there is a tie vote.
- g. A prospective Officer or Director shall be a member in good standing.

A. Duties of the President:

- a. He shall preside at all meetings of the club membership
- b. And meetings of the Officers and Directors.
- c. He shall appoint a news reporter, a nominating committee, sunshine committee, Show committees and such other committees as may be necessary.

B. Duties of the Vice President:

- a. He shall attend all meetings of the Directors and Officers
- b. And preside at said meetings in the absence of the president
(DDM note: VP Contest to preside in the absence of President, VP Pleasure to preside if VP Contest not available)
- c. He shall also be assistant to the president.
- d. (DDMnote: See amendment 11-4-1995) C. Duties of the Secretary:
 - a. The Secretary shall record all minutes of all meetings of the Officers and Directors.
 - b. And meetings of the club membership.
 - c. The minutes shall be kept in a minute book and made available to any club member who may request to see them.
 - d. The Secretary shall be responsible for all the club's correspondence and such other secretarial work as may be required.

D, Duties of the Treasurer:

- a. The Treasurer shall handle all money belonging to the club.
- b. Collect all Money due and pay bills incurred by the club promptly upon authorization of the Directors and Officers.
- c. The Treasurer shall keep an adequate bookkeeping system to account for all transactions.
- d. And make a financial report to the club membership at the annual election in January.
- e. As well as regular reports to the Directors and Officers at their meeting.
- f. The Treasurer books shall be audited annually after January first and before election of Officers and Directors.

E. Duties of Directors:

- a. The Directors, together with the Officers, shall be responsible for establishing the club's policies and Procedures, and shall meet at regular intervals for this purpose.

5. Sessions:

- a. The club shall meet once each year in January for the purpose of election of Officers and Directors.
- b. Other meetings of the whole membership shall be called at the discretion of the President.
- c. The Officers and Directors shall meet at the call of the President, or upon call by two other Officers or Directors.
- d. A quorum for the transaction of business shall constitute a majority of the total Officers and Directors, to Wit: Six (DDM Note: Amendments 11-15-80 and 11-4-95 changed quorum to 7)

6. Membership dues: (DDM note: for convenience this amendment of 1-25-09 placed here, original article 6 appears at end)

- a. Family membership dues shall be \$35.00
- b. Individual membership dues shall be \$25.00 (All ages).
- c. If paid before April 1, dues amounts in A & B shall be discounted by \$5.00
- d. Paid membership includes receipt of the Horseman's Corral magazine, where the monthly newsletter shall appear. *see amendment 1-13-24
- e. Officers and Directors dues must be paid before the first business meeting in February.
- f. Members that are 18 as of January 1 will be 18 for the show year. g Members that turn 18 after January 1 will be 17 for the saddle club business such as show points and voting privileges. (DDM Note: Age as of January 1 determines age for the year for all club business)

7. Suspension of membership:

- a. In the event the conduct of a club member endangers the welfare, interest or reputation of the club, or it's members, the Directors and Officers shall have the right and duty to suspend the offending member upon a majority vote of the Directors and Officers.
- b. The length of suspension shall be at the discretion of the Directors and Officers.

8. Amendments:

- a. Any member of the club, a Director or an Officer may submit amendments to these by-laws to the Board of Directors and Officers.
- b. The Board of Directors and Officers shall consider the proposed amendment and a majority vote in favor of the amendment shall be sufficient to carry the proposed amendment to an open meeting of the club membership for further consideration.
- c. Written notice of a meeting called for the purpose of considering the amendment to the by-laws shall be Given to all members (Eligible to vote ddm note) two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.
- d. A majority vote of the membership (in attendance ddm note) shall be final.
- e. If a majority of the members (in attendance ddm note) reject the amendment, as is stated, and wish to submit further proposals, the board of directors and Officers shall again consider these suggestions before another vote by the membership is taken.

9. Life Members:

- a. Proposed life members must be nominated, voted on and recorded in the minutes at a regularly scheduled board meeting.
- b. Nominations are to be accepted and decisions made at the discretion of the board.
- c. In the event that an Officer or Director is nominated for life membership, all board members must be notified in writing and must submit a written response.

10. Real Estate:

- a. Under no circumstances may real estate owned by the club be used for collateral.

6. Membership dues. (Original Article 6 no longer current and moved here for reading convenience)

- a. A family membership shall be \$4.00. This will include husband, wife and all children under 14 years of age.
- b. This membership entitles two adult votes.
- c. A junior membership shall be \$1.00 and includes all children 14 through 17 if their family has a membership and any children under 17 if their family does not have a membership.
- d. Senior membership shall be \$2.00. This will include member's 18 years and over.

- e. This membership entitles a senior member to one vote.
- f. Dues are due and payable between January 1 and March 31. Any member whose dues are not paid by March 31 will be dropped from the club's mailing list until dues are paid.

AMENDMENTS

- Section 4 2-18-72**
Any Officer or Director being absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, without good cause, shall be relieved of his position. The Officers and Directors shall determine good cause. Vacancies created by this action will be filled by appointment of the Officers and Directors.
- Section 6 1-19-74**
Dues increased to: Family \$5.00, Junior \$2.00, Senior \$3.00.
- Section 4 1-11-75**
Officers and Directors terms shall expire on the date of the club's annual banquet in November.
- Section 6 11-15-80**
Install a Junior Director, age 15 to 18, as of the calendar year. The Youth Director will have a full vote and a term for one year. Term expires date of the annual banquet.
- Section 6 11-20-82**
To include Junior Members age 14 to 17 in voting process at the annual banquet. These members will be entitled to a full vote and are included in their family memberships.
- Section 6 2-16-86**
Dues increased to Family \$20.00, Single \$10.00, included subscription to Corral w/newsletter in Corral.
- Section 6 11-14-92**
Dues must be paid between January 1 and March 31 with the exception of Officers and Directors whose dues must be paid by January 1. Children who are 18 as of January 1, individual dues shall be \$20.00 (all ages). If dues are paid before March 31, the yearly rate will be discounted to \$25.00 for family and \$15.00 for individual.
- Section 4, (B) 11-4-95**
The Office of Vice President shall be divided into two offices – I.E.: Vice President of Contest and Vice President of Pleasure. The duties remain the same as the original vice-presidential office, plus each one will take charge of producing the point shows for his (her) respective division and shall have responsibility of appointing appropriate committees.
- Section 6 1-25-09**
Family Membership dues shall be \$35.00 and individual membership dues shall be \$25.00 all ages. If dues are paid before April 1, the yearly rate shall be discounted to \$30.00 Family and \$20.00 for individual. Membership includes receipt of Corral. Officers and Directors dues must be paid before the first business meeting in February. Members that are 18 as of January 1, will be 18 for the show year. Members that turn 18 after January 1, shall be 17 for saddle club business such as show points and voting privileges.
- Section 6 11-12-16**
C. Dues paid by March 1, the dues amount in "a" and "b" shall be discounted by \$5.00. Memberships received after March 1 will not be eligible for the \$5.00 discount. And will not be eligible to receive the Corral magazine.
- Section 6 01-13-24**
Family membership dues shall be \$35.00 and individual membership dues shall be \$25.00 all ages. If dues are paid before March 1st, the yearly rate shall be discounted to \$30.00 for a family and \$20.00 for individuals. The Corral will no longer be included with the membership. Members will have the option to purchase the Corral separately through the Club at the current Club price. Officers and Director's dues must be paid before the first business meeting in February. Members that are 18 after January 1, shall be 17 for Saddle Club business such as show points and voting privileges.

