

WILD RIVER RIDERS SADDLE CLUB

By-Laws 2006

ARTICLE I MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION

- Section 1: This club shall be known as the Wild River Riders Saddle Club (WRRSC).
- Section 2: The purpose of the WRRSC is to get together with other horse oriented people in activities, such as trail riding, overnight camping, clinics, fun shows, and to periodically donate funds to support these and other horse activities.
- Section 3: The principal office or place of business shall be the Town Hall, Almelund, Chisago County, Minnesota.
- Section 4: The fiscal year of the WRRSC shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.
- Section 5: There shall be a single annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors, receiving reports of committees and for any other business that may arise. The exact time and place of the annual membership meeting shall be designated by the Board of Directors or by approval of the general membership. Each member shall receive a written, or telephone notice of each annual meeting at least seven days in advance.
- Section 6: Monthly membership meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each month.
- Section 7: A quorum shall consist of eleven (11) voting members in good standing in attendance. A majority of the quorum shall decide any question that may arise. No business shall be conducted until a quorum is present. Members present at a duly called or held annual or special meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of members to leave less than a quorum.
- Section 8: The following order of business shall be observed at all meetings of the membership so far as practicable:
- A. Calling the Roll
 - B. Reading, correction and approval of minutes of previous meetings.
 - C. Reports of Officers
 - D. Reports of Committees
 - E. Election of Directors/Officers
 - F. Unfinished Business
 - G. New Business

And where not otherwise specified, either in the charter of these by-laws, all meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Revised Rules of Order.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Persons wanting membership in WRRSC must be interested in horse related activities.
- Section 2: Application for membership must be presented in person or delivered by a member in good standing to an official meeting of the WRRSC or sent to the present Vice President of record.

ARTICLE III
DIRECTORS AND DUTIES

- Section 1: Three directors shall be chosen annually by the members at the annual meeting to manage the affairs of the club. The term of office of directors shall be two (2) years.

The past President shall serve on the Board of Directors for one year immediately following his/her presidency; and by electing 3 directors each year to serve a 2-year term, there will be a total of 7 directors. If there is not a past president, the director position shall remain vacant for that term. The President is to call and attend all meetings. The Secretary of the WRRSC shall attend each board meeting and take minutes that will be read aloud at the next membership meeting. If the Secretary cannot attend the board meeting, the President will appoint a director to keep the minutes. The Treasurer of the WRRSC shall attend each board meeting and give a financial report. The Vice President shall attend each board meeting and give a membership report.

- Section 2: Vacancies in the Board of Directors by reason of death, resignation or other causes, shall be filled by an appointment by the President choosing from among the membership, a director to fill the remaining term. The President may, at his/her option, choose to hold an election for the vacancy at the next business meeting.

- Section 3: There shall be semi annual meetings of the Board of Directors, but special meetings may be called by the President or any 3 directors by giving three days notice to each director, or in lieu thereof, a waiver of notice by each director. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- Section 1: The officers of this club shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as shall, from time to time, be chosen. The nominating committee shall consist of the Board of Directors, and such officers shall be elected by the membership.
- Section 2: The President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings of the WRRSC, and have general charge of and control over the affairs of the WRRSC subject to the Board of Directors.

- Section 3: The Vice-President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall act as a chairperson of the Nominating Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office for the remaining term.
- Section 4: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and safeguard the records of the WRRSC. The Secretary shall conduct, supervise, count and record the balloting of all elections and perform other duties as usually pertain to this office, including those specifically assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors.
- Section 5: The Treasurer shall keep and safeguard funds of the WRRSC and keep accurate records of it. The Treasurer shall be required to report monthly receipts and disbursements of all moneys handled through this office, and shall deposit all moneys and valuables in the name of and to the credit of the WRRSC in such depositories, as the Board of Directors shall designate. The Treasurer shall prepare all checks for the payment of money and present them to either the president or the board member authorized to sign the checks.
- Section 6: None of the officers of the corporation shall receive a salary, and each of the said officers shall serve for the term of one year.
- Section 7: Installation of officers shall be held at or before the first of February. Term of office shall begin upon installation.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIPS, VOTING RIGHTS AND DUES

- Section 1: Eligibility for active membership in good standing:
- A. Membership approved by the board of Directors.
 - B. Payment of annual dues for membership.
- Section 2: Dues for the succeeding calendar year shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and set by a vote of the general membership at the annual meeting.
- A. The WRRSC membership year shall run from January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable to WRRSC and due on November 30, preceding the beginning of the membership year and shall become delinquent on February 1, of the membership year.
 - B. Dues shall be paid to the Treasurer.
- Section 3: No membership is transferable and any attempt to do so shall automatically void such membership.
- Section 4: A membership may be revoked for any of the following reasons:
- A. Violation of the by-laws of the WRRSC.
 - B. Conduct deleterious to the best interests of a horse or the WRRSC.
 - C. Conviction of any animal cruelty charges.

When the Board determines that there is a basis for revocation and after any investigation, it deems necessary or desirable, the Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all directors, suspend or revoke a membership and take direct appropriate action. All dues paid by the member prior to such revocation shall remain the property of the WRRSC.

Section 5: A revoked membership may be reinstated and such person restored as a member after payment of necessary dues and, upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL

Section 1: The WRRSC is a non-profit corporation. All funds shall be used in accordance with our stated purpose and to provide for the continuing functioning of the WRRSC.

Section 2: To access WRRSC funds shall require one of two authorized member signatures approved by the Board of Directors. Typically this will be the president and one board member.

Section 3: At the close of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall review the books.

Section 4: Should the WRRSC be dissolved, any remaining assets shall be donated to a non-profit organization selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Board of Directors or the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may create other committees as deemed necessary and establish their composition, objectives, and procedures.

ARTICLE VIII AMMENDMENTS

Section 1: Any motion of amendments to the by-laws and rules must be submitted in writing to the President ten (10) days prior to a general membership meeting. The President is responsible for placing this motion on the agenda for the next meeting.

Section 2: The "motion to amend" will be stated during the business meeting and will require a second. Once seconded, the "motion to amend" may be amended by the general membership 45 days prior to a vote being taken at a general meeting.

Section 3: During this meeting, the amendment may not be amended any further, but will only be voted upon by secret ballot.

Section 4: One vote may be cast by each paid member 18 years of age or older.

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- 1) Each member present must sign a roll call sheet at each meeting.
- 2) Any financial obligation of the WRRSC member must be made in a timely manner. Failure to meet obligations in full will result in the inability to renew membership.
- 3) All applications for membership must be made in person or delivered by a member in good standing to a monthly meeting or mailed to the Vice President of recorded, by the meeting prior to any event that you wish to participate in. Applications will also be accepted at any WRRSC event, but the points will not count to any year end high point.
- 4) Any child of a family shall be required to pay their own dues after High School completion and their 18th birthday. Members over 18 years attending college or post secondary education as full-time students can maintain their membership with their family, thus relieving the additional financial responsibilities of an individual member.
- 5) The annual dues for a family membership are \$25.00 and \$15.00 for individuals.
- 6) Dues received after Feb. 1st are considered late, and these people will be charged a \$5.00 late fee.
- 7) Any member in good standing may request a one-year leave of absence without penalty, by contacting any board member in writing.
- 8) Any person 18 years of age or older, with membership as a family, or individual in good standing, will be allowed one vote in the WRRSC.
- 9) The Nominating Committee, which is comprised of the Board of Director, is required to contact nominees before the election as to the possibility of accepting, if elected.
- 10) New officers are to take over duties at the first business meeting following the election. The new officers and the out-going officers shall compile a year-end report prior to the first business meeting. This report shall consist of a financial summary of the preceding year to be distributed and reviewed by the membership at the first business meeting of the New Year.
- 11) You must sign up for trail rides. Inviting members are responsible for their own guests. Guests are not covered by WRRSC insurance.
- 12) A negative Coggins test is required each calendar year for each horse participating in WRRSC activities. A copy must be turned into the club, and the original must be available at any event.
- 13) Any expenditure in excess of \$75.00 must have prior approval by the membership at a general meeting.
- 14) The WRRSC Royalty will determined by following the WRRSC Royalty Guidelines.

Any infraction of the rules of the Wild River Riders Saddle Club will be a cause for a dismissal review by the Board of Directors.