

Horse Und Buggy Club By-Laws

Article I – Name

The name of this club is the Horse Und Buggy Club to be known as the HUB Club.

Article II - Objective

The object of the club is to encourage and promote the sport of competitive/pleasure driving; to exchange ideas on and promote knowledge of the sport; and to cooperate with other organizations in working for the advancement of the sport.

Article III

Section 1 – Membership

Any person interested in competitive/pleasure driving, restoration of carriages or the history and technology of horse drawn vehicles may become an active member in good standing by a written application accompanied by the appropriate membership dues.

Section 2 – Class of Membership

There shall be three classes of membership:

- A. Adult Members- Those persons who have reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday. Adult membership is entitled to one vote.
- B. Family Members- Those families consisting of a spouse and any children under the age of eighteen (18). Family membership is entitled to two votes.
- C. Junior Members- Those persons who have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday. *(The age of an individual on January 1st shall be maintained until December 31st of the same year)*. They shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the members but shall have no voting rights.

The Executive Committee, by a 3/4 majority, may suspend or expel a member for just cause after offering an opportunity for an appropriate hearing at a regular meeting.

Section 3 – Dues

There shall be three categories of membership dues: adult, family, and junior. The amount shall be determined by a ¾ majority of the Executive Committee.

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be from January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Dues become payable in January of each year. When a member fails to pay current dues by April 1, he is considered to have abandoned his membership. New memberships received after June 1 shall be pro-rated to half the yearly rate.

Section 5 – Meetings

The Executive Committee meets at the call of the President or two members of the Executive Committee at various times and locations to be announced. Meetings are usually held in conjunction with other club activities. Notice shall be sent to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The Executive Committee may hold additional meetings as needed. Any member is welcome to attend any meeting.

The annual membership meeting shall be held in January, if possible. All members are invited to attend the annual membership meeting.

Article IV

Section 1 – Officers

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

The installation of officers shall be held at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected for a period of one year beginning at that meeting.

Section 2 – Nominations

Nominations for officers shall be taken by the Executive Committee at or around the November meeting. If contested, ballots shall be sent to active members in December to allow for absentee voting. These proxy ballots are to be sent to the Secretary prior to the annual meeting in January.

Section 3 – Term Limits

There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive one-year terms that the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may hold, however, the President is limited to four (4) consecutive one-year terms. If no successor is elected or appointed as President or Acting President, the current President shall continue to serve until his or her successor is duly elected and installed. There is no limit to the number of non-consecutive one-year terms the President may hold.

Article V – Vacancies in Elected Offices

Section 1 – Appointments

Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elected office, prior to the normal expiration of said office, for any cause whatsoever, it shall be filled by appointment by the President. Such appointment shall continue until the next regular election. If the vacancy occurs in the office of the President, it shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining officers.

Section 2 – Removal of Officers

Any officer, who, in the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee, is inactive or uncooperative, may be removed from office and a successor appointed.

Article VI – Duties of the Officers

Section 1 – Duties

The duties of the Executive Committee are to carry out the purpose for which the club is organized and manage all business. It shall exercise the management of current and ordinary business of the club in accordance with the instructions of the club members. It shall devise ways and means to achieve the objectives of the club.

Section 2 – President

The President shall preside at all meetings and act as the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The President shall perform all other duties usually assigned to the office including, but not limited to, appointing committees to carry out the work of the club, act as a committee member ex officio, and act as the primary contact/ liaison for all club initiated functions and those functions in which the club is invited to participate. The President shall use sound judgment in carrying out the tasks of the job and shall be kept informed of the status of all committees, including the Executive Committee. The President shall have authority to sign checks and make authorized disbursements from time to time, upon majority vote of those present at a regular meeting for the purpose of meeting financial obligations of the club.

Section 3 – Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the President.

Section 4 –Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- A. Take and keep minutes of all club meetings and make them available to the Newsletter Editor and the Executive Committee promptly following a meeting.
- B. Conduct general correspondence of the club, including Meeting Notices, as appropriate and with the approval of the President.

Section 5 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Receive and keep records of all monies, debts and obligations of the club
- B. Keep a current list of members
- C. Have authority to sign checks and make authorized disbursements from time to time, upon majority vote of those present at a regular meeting for the purpose of meeting financial obligations of the club
- D. Issue a financial report at every meeting

Article VII – Appointed Positions

The Executive Committee shall appoint the following positions as necessary: Newsletter Editor, Social Media Manager, Webmaster, and Committee and Task Force chairs.

Section 1 – Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall:

- A. Send newsletters and other correspondence as requested
- B. Keep a current mailing list including other clubs with which we exchange newsletters
- C. Compile, publish and send a regular newsletter at intervals determined by the Executive Committee
- D. Each newsletter shall have the following as a minimum format:
 - a. The telephone numbers and emails of the current President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
 - b. The HUB Club logo
 - c. HUB Club calendar of events
 - d. Minutes of the previous meeting
 - e. Treasurer's report
 - f. 1 informational article which does not concern a club activity, if room allows
 - g. For sale items and animals, if appropriate

Section 3 – Social Media Manager

The Social Media Manager shall be responsible for maintaining the Club's Facebook page and other social media accounts as fitting.

Section 4 -- Webmaster

The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintain the Club's website including domain name, hosting, platform, and keeping information, photos and calendar items current.

Article VIII – Representation of the Club

Those members desiring to participate in any type of activity in the Club's name may only do so with the express approval of the club. In the interest of time, the Executive Committee may render approval or disapproval.

Article IX – Participation in Non-public Equine Events

Non-public equine events are defined as HUB Club-hosted events at which horses are present. Only HUB Club members may participate in non-public equine events in active roles that involve a horse such as driver, navigator, passenger, rider, certain volunteer positions, or other capacity. Persons that wish to attend or participate in roles that do not involve a horse such as auditor, certain volunteer positions, and spectator are not required to be HUB Club members. Non-public equine events include but are not limited to clinics, workshops, meetings, demos, schooling shows, combined driving events, pleasure shows, and recreational drives. If a non-member wishes to participate at a non-public equine event in an active role that involves a horse, HUB Club membership is required.

Article XI – Animal Welfare and Behavior

The following guidelines shall be in effect for all HUB Club events or whenever a member, upon approval, is representing the club. Animal welfare and behavior will be guided by humane and safe practices.

At the discretion of the HUB Club officers, any person, member or non-member, for humane and/or safety reasons, can be warned or asked to leave or withdraw from a club activity if necessary. If an animal has a particular problem such as kicking, pawing, aggressive heat, etc., the handler should notify the current President and event organizer to discuss the severity of the problem so a remedy may be reached. Otherwise, the following conditions stand:

- A. Any driving equine, regardless of sex or breed, may attend a HUB Club activity
- B. The equine must be able to be safely handled by the owner and or user
- C. The equine must be healthy and not knowingly carry any disease that could endanger other animals or humans
- D. The equine must be broke to drive unless specifically being used for a demonstration or lesson
- E. The equine shall not be destructive to property, belongings, vehicles or any living being
- F. A stallion of any breed must be handled by an adult, 18 years of age or older

Article XII – Dissolution and Distribution

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets will be distributed pursuant to the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986, as amended, 805 ILCS 105/112.16 (from Ch. 32, par. 112.16) as follows:

Sec. 112.16. Distribution of Assets. The assets of a corporation in the process of dissolution shall be applied and distributed as follows:

- (a) All liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore;
- (b) Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;
- (c) Assets held for a charitable, religious, eleemosynary, benevolent, educational or similar use, but not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance by reason of the dissolution, shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the dissolving corporation, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted as provided in the Act;
- (d) To the extent that the articles of incorporation or bylaws determine the distributive rights of members, or any class or classes of members, or provide for distribution to others, other assets, if any, shall be distributed in accordance with such provisions;
- (e) Any remaining assets may be distributed to such societies, organizations or domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, as may be specified in a plan of distribution adopted as provided in Section 112.17 of this Act.

Article XIII – Limited Liability and Indemnification

Section 1- Limited Liability

No person shall be liable, and no cause of action may be brought by the club against such person for damages resulting from any exercise of judgment or discretion in the execution of that person's duties and responsibilities toward the club unless the exercise of such discretion included acts of willful or wanton conduct.

Section 2 – Willful and Wanton Defined

“Willful or wanton” conduct means a course of action which shows an actual or deliberate intention to cause harm or an utter indifference to or conscious disregard for the safety of others or their property.

Section 3 – Indemnification

The Club, on recommendation of the board and by majority vote of the membership, may indemnify any director or officer or member acting at the direction of a director or officer if that director, officer or member is subject to any legal action by reason of the execution of that person's duties and responsibilities toward the club.

Article XIV – Amendments of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members who are present at a regular meeting.

Adopted _____
Revised February 9, 2020

Approved by majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting February 9, 2020



President _____ 2/9/20



Secretary _____
Krista Ziec 2/9/20