

BYLAWS OF ROUND UP RIDERS OF MILACA, INC

JANUARY 2000

Article I. PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

- (a) Promote interest in horses.
- (b) Promote complete family participation in activities involving horses.
- (c) Help riders become more confident and knowledgeable about horses.
- (d) Help to increase the quality and quantity of horses and riders in our area.

Article II. OFFICERS

- (a) Nominations to be drawn up at the October meeting.
- (b) Elections to be held at the November meeting.
- (c) New officers to take over on January 1st of the next club year.
- (d) Term of office to be one year.
- (e) Officers may not miss more than 2 unexcused meetings.
- (f) Upon third meeting absence they would be subject to written warning. At the fourth absence they will be subject to replacement by the Board of Directors or voting by club members.
- (g) If an officer misses a meeting they must provide replacement and provide a report in their absence.
- (h) Officers and Duties

1) *PRESIDENT*

- a) Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- b) To preside over meetings.
- c) May call special meetings, if needed.
- d) May change regular meeting date if sufficient cause.
- e) Member of Suspension Committee (Article VI, Section C)

2) *VICE PRESIDENT*

- a) Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- b) To take over the president's duties if absent or unable to do so.
- c) Will receive membership dues and membership forms.
- d) Take roll call at meetings.
- e) See that new members receive a copy of the club bylaws.
- f) Maintain membership list.
- g) Notify Board of Directors when dues are not paid by June 30th.
- h) Turn in all dues to treasurer in a timely manner.
- i) Send copy of membership list to all Board of Director members.
- j) Member of Suspension Committee (Article VI, Section C)

3) *SECRETARY*

- a) Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- b) To hold club records and papers.
- c) To send personal correspondence, condolences, thank you's, etc. when necessary.
- d) Record minutes of meetings.
- e) Member of Suspension Committee (Article VI, Section C)

4) *TREASURER*

- a) Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- b) Receive donations.
- c) To pay bills
- d) Bills over \$5 must be presented.
- e) Club must approve.
- f) Member of Suspension Committee (Article VI, Section C)

5) **PUBLICITY DIRECTOR**

- a) Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- b) Be responsible for any needed publicity regarding meetings and/or activities.
- c) To keep a scrapbook of any clippings regarding club.
- d) To be a member of the show committee and responsible for show publicity.
- e) Member of Suspension Committee (Article VI, Section C)

Article III. **MEETINGS**

- (a) Meetings shall be held monthly on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of December (Joint meeting of old and new board for yearly planning meeting), January (Holiday Party) and February.
- (b) Meetings to be conducted in an orderly fashion.
- (c) All motions must be made to the President, seconded and voted on.

Article IV. **COMMITTEES**

(a) **PROGRAM**

(b) **SHOW**

- 1) *Minimum of three people, including Publicity Director.*

(c) **DRILL & PARADE**

(d) **TRAIL RIDES**

(e) **W.S.C.A. DELEGATES**

- 1) *To be elected at the November meeting.*

- 2) *Will receive \$10 total travel allotment per meeting attended when a report is given at next saddle club meeting. (I.e. \$10 per car, if two cars are used, \$5 will be available per car.)*

(f) **QUEEN'S**

- 1) *Minimum of two people.*

- 2) *Club to pay for the following:*

- 3) *One sash each, to the Queen and the Princess and Little Miss.*

- 4) *Portrait sitting fee and WSCA required photo only. One proof is to be entered into the club's scrapbook.*

- 5) *Gift certificate of \$35.00.*

- 6) *WSCA Queens banquet fee (queen only).*

- 7) *Queen's contest entry fee.*

- 8) *Queen's contest stall fee -- one stall for three nights.*

- 9) *Contestants must be paid member in good standing.*

- 10) *Queen contestants judged on the following:*

- a) Five (5) points to be given for each regular club function attended. Includes: meetings, parades, trail rides, shows. Contestant responsible for signing in. Must be done that day or credit not given. Begins with Annual Banquet in January.

- b) Twenty-five (25) points given for completing application by deadline set by committee. Includes Princess and Little Miss. Includes an essay as to why they would like to represent Round Up Riders.

- c) Contestants must compete in riding portion of contest, to be held in May. A pattern has been set, along with judge's sheet with points possible (100 points possible). They are included in Queens' committee chairman's guide. Does not include Princess and Little Miss.

- d) Contestants to be interviewed by at least 3 impartial judges (scores to be averaged, 75 points possible), read essay portion (speech worth 10 points) of application and answer impromptu question (worth 25 points) at the November meeting. Includes Princess and Little Miss.

- e) Points to be tallied in December. Winner announced at January banquet. Total Queen points = 235 plus participation points; Total Princess and Little Miss points = 135

f) In case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by committee decision based on the one with the most points in the participation category.

g) To be eligible for WSCA Champ Show, winner must have earned at least 2/3 of possible points. If winner has less than the minimum number of points, they will still be Round Up Riders Queen, but will not represent Round Up Riders as a contestant for WSCA Queen at Champ Show. (I.e.: If 300 points are possible from all parts of the contest, the winner must have a minimum of 200 points to represent Round Up Riders at Champ Show.

(g) FAIR BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1) Two people to serve as club representatives before the fair board.

2) Must not have a conflict of interest such as being a member of the fair board or a 4-H Leader, etc.

3) To serve a two year term.

(h) BANQUET

1) To spend a maximum of \$25 on prize, awards, etc.

2) Door prize of 1-year free membership to be awarded.

3) Members to pay for own meal expense.

Article V. DUES

(a) Family -- annual (Jan - Dec) \$15.00

(b) Individual -- annual (Jan - Dec) \$10.00

(c) Dues must be paid by June 30th WSCA deadline for membership list, or name will be removed from membership list prior to mailing. Also from club mailings, unless a new member.

Article VI. MEMBERSHIP

(a) No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs allowed at club activities.

(b) Members must conduct themselves in an orderly manner and obey the club bylaws.

(c) Suspension

1) Upon breaking club rules or conducting themselves in a manner unbecoming to the club (i.e., but not limited to cruelty to animals or people, using obscenities, damaging property, etc.). A member shall be warned twice.

2) Any club member in good standing may file a complaint with an officer. Complaint must be given in writing by mail or in person to 2 officers to give a warning to a member within 10 days of occurrence. A warning expires in 1 year.

3) To include occurrence at any club event or WSCA related event.

4) Written notice at third warning. Suspension Committee will meet with accused member as soon as possible within 10 days with a minimum of 5 Suspension Committee members present. Member is encouraged to attend to state his case within a reasonable time limit. Member making complaint will also be encouraged to attend.

5) Suspension Committee will consist of the club officers and Board of Directors.

6) If the committee is called regarding an officer, a member of the club shall take that officer's place on the Suspension Committee.

7) Suspension Committee will have the final say as to whether a member is to pay a penalty or to be suspended.

8) Suspension may be appealed upon written request of member involved to the Board of Directors by mail or in person. Notification will be sent to members prior to the saddle club meeting.

9) After being suspended, a member can only become an active member of the club again by a two-thirds majority of the present voting membership. One vote per membership at the time of the third warning.

(d) Any voting done by ballot (elections of officers, bylaw changes, etc.) will be one vote per paid membership.

(e) For all members under 18 years of age, a consent form should be signed by a parent or guardian of legal age.

Article VII. CLUB COLORS & UNIFORMS

(a) Colors -- royal blue and white.

(b) Uniform

1) Club vest.

2) Navy blue jeans (not too faded).

3) Long sleeve white shirt.

4) Light colored straw hat (cream or white).

5) Dark boots.

Article VIII. RIDING RULES

(a) Stallions allowed at club functions only if under control of handler. Board reserves right to define "under control." Stallions must be attended at all times!

(b) No foals allowed with mare unless haltered and lead.

(c) Red ribbon in the tail if horse kicks.

(d) No member is to mistreat any horse.

(e) Parades and public appearances

(f) Anyone intending to ride with the club meet on horseback at least once the week prior to the event, or at the discretion of the drillmaster.

(g) All riders must have clean club uniforms.

(h) All horses must have a saddle and bridle in good condition.

(i) Drillmaster will be in charge of lining up riders.

(j) No racing.

(k) Members shall ride their own horse or the horse they would normally use, no trading.

(l) All horses must be cleaned and trimmed for parades and public appearances.

Article IX. ARENA RULES

(a) Keep arena clean

(b) No littering by club members.

(c) Members help clean up after shows.

(d) No one on foot in arena except ringmen or those helping set up activities. Parents are responsible for their children.

(e) No one on foot or horseback in entry to arena unless actually entering or leaving the arena.

(f) Horses to be tied with a halter or neck rope, not bridle reins.

(g) No racing in the arena.

(h) When organized activities are conducted in the arena, only those participating may be in the arena.

(i) It should be further stressed that every member help clean up club grounds after each club activity.

Article X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) Shall be elected at the November meeting.**
- (b) Consisting of:**
- (c) Club officers**
- (d) One person to represent every ten memberships.**
- (e) To make proposed changes in the bylaws.**
- (f) Proposed changes and any additions to the bylaws must be presented to the club at a regular meeting and voted on by the entire club.**
- (g) A 2/3 majority of the returned ballots (votes) is required for such changes.**
- (h) They will also serve as members of the Suspension Committee (Article VI, Section C)**