

BY-LAWS

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Article I

Name

The name of the corporation is the
“Blue Spruce Riding Club, Inc.”

Article II

SECTION 1. To gather together people who have a common interest in horses and horseback riding and to further that interest by the exchange of information and ideas and the scheduling of meetings, rides, and horse shows.

Article III

Membership

SECTION 1. Any person of good moral character, not less than twelve years of age, shall be eligible for membership regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin.

SECTION 2. Applications for memberships must be presented at the general meeting along with the current membership fee.

SECTION 3. Children of members in good standing not younger than 12 years of age and not older than 17 years of age may become members in their own right upon completion of an application for membership and payment of annual membership fee.

SECTION 4. All persons accepted as members shall immediately receive from the Treasurer of the Corporation a copy of these By-Laws and a Blue Spruce Riding Club emblem.

SECTION 5. Children of members 17 years of age and under will be admitted to all club activities at specified member prices or fees, except where prices or fees are specifically set forth for children.

Article IV

Meetings

SECTION 1. Meetings of the membership shall normally be held on the first Sunday of each and every month. The regular monthly membership meeting date may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Directors, with five days notice being given to all members.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President of the Corporation or upon the application of any five (5) members submitted in writing to the President. All members shall receive at least five (5) days written notice of the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting.

SECTION 3. Whenever any notice is required to be given by the provisions of the By-Laws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to notice.

SECTION 4. No business shall be transacted at a general membership meeting unless a quorum shall be present which must include the President and/or a Vice President of the Corporation. No less than ten (10) members in good standing shall be required to constitute a quorum.

Article V

Dues

SECTION 1. Each member shall be required to pay annual dues and such other assessments as shall from time to time be made approved by the membership. When membership fees are paid in November and December, the person is considered in good standing for the following year.

Article VI

Officers

SECTION 1. The Officers of the corporation shall consist of the President, First Vice President—Trail Rides, Second Vice President—Activities/Programs, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected to serve a term of one (1) year commencing January 1st and ending December 31st.

SECTION 2. The President shall be the chief executive of the Corporation and shall preside at all membership meetings, of the Corporation, and shall perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of President.

SECTION 3. The two (2) Vice Presidents shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter, and shall perform the duties specified by their respective offices, i.e., Trail Rides, Activities or Programs.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors and act as a clerk thereof, and whenever required, perform a like service for all committees. Shall send all notices of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the officers and shall be the custodian of the corporate seal and all of the minute books and secretarial records of the Corporation.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of all of the funds of the corporation, shall deposit the same in the name of the Corporation and shall pay all invoices properly attested to by signature of the President and shall make and keep an accurate report of the finances of the Corporation.

Article VII

Board of Directors

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of all the Officers of the Corporation and four (4) other members elected by the membership by majority vote. One (1) Director shall be elected each year to serve a term of four (4) years. The Director serving his or her fourth consecutive year shall preside as chairman of the Board during the final year of his or her four year term.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Board of Directors, in addition to the general powers of the Board of Directors by virtue of their office given by law, by the terms of the charter and by the By-Laws, shall be to purchase or otherwise acquire for the Corporation such property, real or personal, which it is authorized to acquire by the membership and generally to do all such lawful acts and things as directed or required to be done by the members. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to perform such acts as may be required for the protection of the Corporation.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings per year but may hold as many meetings as it deems necessary. The meetings shall be held quarterly, one each in March, June, September, and December. The December Board meeting shall be attended by all retiring officers and Directors and all newly elected officers and Directors to accomplish a smooth transition.

SECTION 4. No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Board of Directors unless a quorum shall be present which must include the Chairman of the Board and/or next Senior Board Member and /or the President of the Corporation. No less than six (6) members of the Board shall be required to constitute a quorum.

Article VIII

Resignation of Officers

SECTION 1. Vacancies created by the written resignation of any Officers or Directors shall be filled by nomination and election at a regular meeting if the remaining term is more than 60 days. Under 60 days vacancy can be filled by appointment of the President. Should nominations and election be necessary to fill the vacancy, they may be held at the same membership meeting at which the resignation is accepted or at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting following receipt of the written resignation.

Article IX

Suspension of Officers

SECTION 1. All residing officers of the Corporation shall attend all meetings when possible. Any unreasonable absenteeism shall be questioned and the offending officer notified by the President or Chairman of the Board regarding same. If such absenteeism is found to be justified, a temporary officer shall be appointed by the President or the Chairman of the Board to fill such position on a temporary basis for a maximum period of 60 days. The temporary officer, during his or her period of service, shall have all the rights and powers vested in the office. If this absenteeism is found not to be justified, the Board of Directors shall have the right to ask such officer to submit a letter of resignation. If the letter of resignation is not received within 10 days following the request for same, a new officer shall be elected as the successor in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1.

Article X

Elections

SECTION 1. Elections shall be held annually by secret ballot at the November meeting.

SECTION 2. The three (3) Directors with remaining terms shall be the nomination committee to recommend various candidates to the Corporation's offices. Those nominated shall be approached by the committee before the November meeting, so the nominees can accept or decline the proposed office. All those who accept their nominations will have their names presented to the membership before the November meeting. The membership has the opportunity to make other nominations and/or to express disapproval of nominees before a final vote is cast. Any member in good standing, who has reached the age of 18 years, shall be eligible to hold office in this Corporation, either as an officer or a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Rights and Obligations of Members

SECTION 1. Each member in good standing shall have the right to vote at the general membership meetings, and to hold office (must be 18 years of age). To be a member in good standing, dues and assessments must be paid by or at the January membership meeting. Any member thirty (30) days late in payment of dues shall be dropped from the rolls of the Corporation and shall have no further rights until reinstated as a new member.

SECTION 2. Any member desiring to show at horse shows sponsored by the Corporation must be a member in good standing.

SECTION 3. All members in good standing and their guests shall conduct themselves as follows on trail rides and at shows:

- A. The First Vice President and the sponsor of the trail ride are considered the trail bosses for the duration of that ride.
- B. It will be expected of all members to exercise reasonable care in order to protect the lives and property of others.

- C. Riders shall remain in a group at all times, if at all possible.
- D. At no time shall a rider charge his horse into a group.
- E. Road crossing guards are to be appointed by the trail bosses.
- F. Trail ride sponsor shall see to it that a first aid kit is available on the trail ride.
- G. Trail ride sponsor will announce to all riders to either bring their own lunch or that suitable arrangements have been made to have lunch at some place along the way. Should the trail ride sponsor provide lunch, participants will be expected to share expenses.
- H. A horse that is known to kick must have a red ribbon fastened to its tail, when participating in any activities.
- I. Excessive drinking by the participants on trail rides or in horse shows will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

The members of this Corporation may by majority vote alter, amend, suspend, or annul any or any portion of these By-Laws. The change must be presented at a regular membership meeting, printed in the Trail News, and voted on at the next membership meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

Disciplinary Action

Any member who disobeys the By-Laws of the Corporation or conducts himself in such a manner as to bring discredit to the Corporation may be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action and dealt with according to the desires of the Board.

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