

Bylaws of the Wayne City Saddle Club

ARTICLE 1: THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: NAME

The name of the corporation is Wayne City Saddle Club, INC. The shortened name is Wayne City Saddle Club, and the abbreviation is WCSC.

Section 2: PURPOSE

The Wayne City Saddle Club is organized for the purpose of providing means for the members thereof to enjoy all phases of horsemanship, riding training, showing, pony pulling, and to further the social and recreational activities of the club members and to educate its youth to participate at competition levels of all horsemanship aspects, the training and humane treatment of the equine, and encourage youth to excel and further their education. This includes maintaining and operating a saddle club arena and their grounds for civic, educational and athletic purposes.

Section 3: OPERATION

The Wayne City Saddle Club is at all times to be operated and conducted as a nonprofit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights granted to associations of this kind.

Section 4: LOCATION

The Wayne City Saddle Clubs principle location is The Wayne City Club Arena and grounds located at the corner of highway 142 South and 400 County Road North, Wayne City, Illinois, 62895. The Wayne City Saddle Club may also lease, rent,

buy/sell personal property as needed to carry out the Corporation's purpose. The members and/or officers may reside in other areas and the business of the corporation may be carried out at any other location convenient to other members and/or officers. The mailing/correspondence address is P.O. Box 28, Wayne City, Illinois, 62895.

Section 5: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation will start on 12:01 am January 1st of each year and end at 11:59 p.m. on December 31st of that same year.

ARTICLE II: BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 1:

The board of directors shall manage the business and affairs of the Wayne City Saddle Club, which consist of seven members.

Section 2:

The board of Directors will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 additional elected directors.

Section 3:

The said board of directors shall be elected by a ballot vote of the entire attending membership. The candidate with the majority of vote shall be the elected officer and shall hold office for a period of one year, beginning January 1st and ending December 31st

. All candidates and voters shall be members in good standing and abide by the Wayne City Saddle Club bylaws and/or rules/regulations. Nominations from the floor will take place at the October regularly scheduled meeting and election shall be at the November regularly scheduled meeting. Nominations

will remain open until the elections at the November meeting. Write in votes are allowed. This section shall be considered due notice to all voting members, if any changes are made to this section the entire membership will receive a written notice.

Section 4:

Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors or any directorship to be filled for any reason shall be filled by an election at any regularly scheduled meeting of membership of upcoming election.

Section 5:

The board of directors shall keep record of all meetings; the minutes of said meeting shall be open to inspection by any member of the club upon making proper request to the secretary who shall have the duty to keep the minutes of the meetings for the board of directors.

Section 6:

Regular meetings shall be once a month at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. A director who fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the board without just cause shall be considered to have vacated his/her office and a new director may be elected to fill the rest of the term. A written notice will be sent by mail to entire membership of upcoming election.

Section 7:

Special meeting of the entire membership of the club may be called at the request of the President or any three members

of the Board of Directors. A written notice will be mailed to entire membership notifying of a special meeting.

Section 8:

Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called at the request of the President or any three members of the Board of Directors.

Section 9:

A majority of seven board members (4) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article III:

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

The membership of the Wayne City Saddle Club shall consist of persons in good character and community standing, having interest in or engaging in recognized lines of business, labor, agriculture, institutional and professional like, irrespective of place of residence.

Section 2:

Membership of the Wayne City Saddle Club is open to any person regardless of race, creed, gender, age, or national origin, having a genuine interest in horses and the welfare of the Wayne City Saddle Club combined with sincere effort toward fairness and unbiased competition. Memberships start January 1st of the current year and will end December 1st of the current year. A grace period will be extended to include newsletters and other correspondence sent to the membership until April 1st of the current year.

Section 3:

Prior to their admission into the Wayne City Saddle Club, a copy of the Wayne City Saddle Club bylaws will be given to all prospective members to read and upon ascension to membership shall be subject to the said bylaws then in force or later adopted.

Article IV: REVENUE

Section 1:

The membership fee is due upon admission to membership. Annual dues shall be determined at the last regular meeting of the year or the first meeting of the New Year.

Section 2:

Upon payment of the initial membership fee each member will be issued a receipt or card which said receipt/card shall entitle the member and their immediate family including all children, stepchildren, grandchildren and step grandchildren, under the age of 18 and unmarried (*exception) to all privileges of the Wayne City Saddle Club. Married couples that are paid members are entitled to two (2) votes per household. *

Exception being children 18-24 years of age, a full time student and living at home with their parents.

Section 3:

Revenue from sources other than those defined in this article may be raised as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the club membership.

Article V: DISCIPLINE Section 1: Penalty A)

Any member who fails to pay their membership by April 1st

without due cause, shall automatically stand suspended and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of the club.

B)

Any member charged with conduct unbecoming to a man/woman and against whom such charges are sustained, after due proper hearing before the Board of Directors may be expelled from the membership with a 4/7 vote of the Board of Directors.

C)

The Board of Directors shall have the sole judgment of any infringement of the bylaws and any member who is guilty of such infringement may be expelled in the same manner as set forth with a 4/7 vote of the Board of Directors.

D)

The Board of Directors shall have further right to expel by a 4/7 after a fair hearing of any member who shall make him/herself a nuisance by a reason of constant complaining, fault finding, or by harassment.

E)

Any person whose membership in the club has been terminated for any reason shall forfeit all his/her interest in any funds or other properties belonging to the club and all right to the use of the club name, emblems, or other insignia.

**Article VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section 1:
President**

The President shall be the principal executive officer and shall in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Corporation, subject to the will of the members. He/She shall preside over all meetings of the entire membership and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President, such other duties as may be requested by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Vice-President

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings over the entire membership and the Board of Directors, in the event of the absence of the President.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the entire membership and the Board of Directors in one or more books solely for that purpose, be responsible for all correspondences of the club, shall receive all moneys of the club making records thereof and shall turn the moneys of the club to the treasurer taking a receipt therefore, and shall do all duties as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation, to receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, deposit all moneys in the name of the Corporation into the bank account selected by the Board of Directors, and such other duties that may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the President or Board of Directors.

Article VII: BUILDING AND GROUNDS Section 1:

The control of all properties owned or leased by the Wayne City Saddle Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall act as watchdogs over all activities of the club.

Section 2:

No horses shall be permitted on the property(s) owned or leased by the club except by the approval of the Board of Directors or some individual to believe that a said animal has a disease; the board of Directors shall have the right to deny the admission of a said animal onto the premises. No horse shall be exercised or shown, except in complete control of the rider/handler, and no horse shall be turned loose on the tack, in the arena, or on the grounds at any time while riders or spectators are present. No stallion services shall be permitted on the grounds at any time.

Section 3:

There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises owned or leased by the Wayne City Saddle Club at any time. The use of profane language on the club grounds shall be considered as an infringement of the club rules.

Section 4:

The Wayne City Saddle Club or owner of the property leased to the Wayne City Saddle Club shall not be responsible for any accident occurring on the premises, owned or leased by the Wayne City Saddle Club. All members, non-voting members,

and their guest are charged with knowledge of the fact that the club accepts no responsibility for any loss or injury.

Article VIII: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Wayne City Saddle Club, INC., assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future tax code, shall be distributed to the federal government, or to state or local government for the public purposes.

Article IX: AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, and new bylaws or amendments made at any regular meeting of the Wayne City Saddle Club, providing due notice has been given, each member that the bylaws are to be amended, repealed, or altered at such special meeting.

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