

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Election of Members

Active voting membership in SCANDIA RIDERS SADDLE CLUB, INC. (SRSC) shall be granted to all persons 14 years of age and over, who shall submit an application in writing accompanied by a fee of \$35.00 for family or \$20.00 for single membership, to be filed with the Secretary. No one under 18 years of age will be admitted as a single member unless with parental approval. A single membership will be granted when anyone in a family membership reaches the age of 18, at which time said individual must become a single member as of the next annual ~~October~~ **January** meeting. All charter member privileges will be granted to these members if they were part of the original family membership as of October 1, 1976. **(Amended at General Meeting, January 2013).**

Section 2 – Termination of Membership

The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of 2/3 of all the members of the Board, may recommend suspension or termination of a member for cause, after an appropriate hearing, and, by a 2/3 vote of those present at any regularly constituted membership meeting, said membership may be terminated or suspended. The President will preside over any disciplinary hearing, and shall appoint two members of SRSC, other than Officers or Directors, to the present at said hearing in addition to the regular Board member. If such disciplinary action shall be against an elected Officer or Board member, he/she shall have no voting rights at the hearing. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary without reimbursement of dues.

Section 3 – Charter Membership

Charter membership was closed on October 1, 1976. In consideration of their effort to form and promote membership in SRSC at its early beginning, the annual dues of the original 40 charter members will remain at the sum of \$9.00 per year for the regular annual dues. It is understood that in order to retain charter membership rights, dues must be continued every year and be paid by the annual meeting.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

The offices of SRSC shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who are elected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of these By-Laws. No officer may hold more than one office at a time.

Section 2 – Term of Office

The officers of SRSC shall serve for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 3 – Impeachment

Any officer elected by the membership and/or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership in attendance.

Section 4 – Vacancies

A vacancy in any office due to death, resignation, removal, and disqualification or otherwise will be filled by a special election for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5 – President

The President shall be the principal executive officer of SRSC and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of SRSC. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. In general, he/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6 – Vice-President

In the absence of the President or in event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 7 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of SRSC; receive and give receipts for all monies due and payable to SRSC from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of SRSC in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with Section 3, Article IX of the By-Laws.

Section 8 – Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; be custodian of all records and documents, the execution of which on behalf of SRSC is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws; keep a register of the post office addresses of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such member.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – General Powers

The affairs of SRSC shall be managed by its Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of SRSC and By-Laws as approved by the membership.

Section 2 – Composition

The Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the three Directors. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual meeting of members and until his/her successor shall have been qualified and elected. Members of the Board may not be related, effective October 1, 1987. The immediate past President shall automatically become a Board member, without being duly elected, and serve for one year on the Board.

Section 3 – Members Power of Amend

The Board of Directors shall have the power to recommend the making, amending and repealing of the By-Laws of SRSC. This can be accomplished by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the membership present at a regular monthly meeting.

Section 4 – Vacancies

An Officer elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office by a majority vote of the membership.

Section 5 – Attendance

Any Officer who is absent from a total of three (3) Board and/or regular monthly meetings without excuse satisfactory to the other officers shall be deemed to have surrendered his/her office.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Structure

There shall be no nominating committee. The election, by secret ballot, shall be presided over by a committee of three (3) to be designated by the President.

Section 2 – Nominations

Nominations will be taken from the floor during the regular September monthly meeting and also during the election in October, at the annual meeting.

Section 3 – Qualifications

Qualifications necessary for nomination of an Officer or Board member are: age 18 or over, and must have been an SRSC member in good standing for not less than three (3) consecutive months.

Section 4 – Method

Officers and Board members shall be elected by a majority vote. If there are more than three (3) candidates for a particular office or position and one fails to receive a majority vote on the first balloting, then a second balloting shall be held with the two (2) people receiving the highest number of votes remaining on the ballot.

Section 5 – Proxy Votes

There shall be no proxy votes.

Section 6 – Tenure

The officers shall be elected for a one-year term. Any officer may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms, after which he/she must refrain from running for that office for one year. He/she may run for any other office or position. Two W.S.C.A. delegates and two W.S.C.A. alternates shall be elected by plurality vote for a one-year term.

ARTICLE V

DUES

Section 1 – Dues

The Board of Directors may recommend from time to time a change in the amount of dues paid to SRSC by its members. Increases can only be made by a majority of the membership.

Section 2 – Payment

Dues shall be payable at the annual meeting in October of each year, as follows: \$35.00 for a family membership or \$20.00 for a single membership per year.

Section 3 – Expiration of Membership

Renewal membership will be accepted by mail until November 1 of each year. Those requesting renewals or membership after this date do so at a monthly meeting or at the SRSC Horse Fair.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the members shall be held at a designated place and time in the month of October, in each year, to elect Officers and Directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. If the election of Officers and Directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be held.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meeting of the members may be called by the President.

Section 3 – Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at a place designated by the Board of Directors on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise directed.

Section 4 – Notice of Meetings

No written notice shall be required for regular meetings except a minimum of 10 days notice shall be given when voting is required for elections, amendments to the Articles and By-Laws, and impeachment. Telephone or written notice should be attempted for all special meetings.

ARTICLE VII**COMMITTEES****Section 1 – Formation**

When the formation of a committee is indicated, a Chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, the President, or his/her representative at a general membership meeting. The Chairman shall appoint his/her committee. Any member thereof may be removed by the Chairman whenever in his/her judgment the best interests of SRSC shall be served by such removal from the committee.

Section 2 – Vacancies

Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointment.

Section 3 – Rules

Each committee may adopt rules for its own government consistent with these By-Laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – Progress Reports

Progress reports must be made to the Board of Directors and to the membership at the regular monthly meetings by the committee Chairperson.

ARTICLE VIII**MANAGEMENT**

The affairs of SRSC shall be conducted by the Board of Directors thereof, which will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall have at least three (3) and not more than nine (9) Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected annually at a meeting of the members of SRSC, to be held in October of each year.

ARTICLE IX**CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, FUNDS AND AUDIT****Section 1 – Contracts**

The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers or agent of SRSC, in addition to the Officers so authorized by these By-Laws, with specific approval of the membership, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of SRSC, and such authority will be confined to specific instances. Two Officers or the appointed agent and one Officer should sign any contracts entered into on behalf of SRSC.

Section 2 – Checks, Drafts, etc.

All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of SRSC shall be signed by the Treasurer, President, or Vice-President. Two signatures will be required on all checks.

Section 3 – Deposits

All funds of SRSC shall be deposited to the credit of the organization at the State Bank of Forest Lake, Minnesota, or Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota, or any other bank as the Board of Directors may select the membership approve.

Section 4 – Gifts

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of SRSC any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for the general purpose or for any special purpose of SRSC.

Section 5 – Receipts

Expenditures to be approved by the President and one other Officer, receipts are necessary for all expenditures.

Section 6 – Audit

SRSC books shall be audited yearly by the Board of Directors or at any time by special request of the majority of the membership by a qualified person.

ARTICLE X**BOOKS AND RECORDS**

SRSC shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the home of the Secretary a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of SRSC may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE XI**FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of SRSC shall begin on the first day of October and end on the last day of September in each year.

ARTICLE XII**LIABILITY AND PROFIT**

The members of SRSC shall not be personally liable for SRSC obligations and all monies collected by SRSC from the operation of any enterprise shall be kept by the Treasurer of SRSC for the purpose of paying bills and obligations of SRSC, and in no event shall any member of SRSC be permitted to acquire any portion of said funds to be constituted for any reason whatsoever. SRSC will not afford any pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to the members thereof, and SRSC will not have any capital stock.

ARTICLE XIII**CLUB COLORS**

The colors of the SRSC flag and banners shall be royal blue and gold.

ARTICLE XIV**TRANSPORTATION**

Each member shall pay his/her own expenses for transportation of horses, should such transportation be necessary to engage in SRSC activities.

ARTICLE XV**ACCIDENT**

The SRSC shall at all times be absolved of all responsibility and liability for any and all injury or injuries to any person, animal or property not belonging to SRSC.

ARTICLE XVI**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

There shall be no alcoholic beverages on property owned or leased by SRSC. The Board of Directors will deal with any violation of this rule as recommended and as provided in Article I, Section 2, of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVII**ANIMAL ABUSE**

There shall be no excessive abuse of animals during any SRSC activities. The Board of Directors shall deal with any excessive abuse as recommended and as provided in Article I, Section 2, of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVIII**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Robert's Rules of Order shall be observed at all meetings.

ARTICLE XIX**DOGS AT SHOWS**

There shall be no dogs allowed at the SRSC closed horse shows. Violation of this rule will be dealt with the Board of Directors as recommended and as provided in Article I, Section 2, of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XX**ROYALTY COMPETITION**

Applicants for royalty are required to read their essays at the SRSC General Meeting in September. Club members will then vote for the candidates at that meeting.

ARTICLE XXI**STALLIONS AT SHOWS**

No stallions one year of age or older are allowed at any SRSC function. The only exception to this rule is that stallions will be allowed at SRSC open shows that are WSCA sanctioned (Champ Show qualifying) and not held on SRSC grounds. Any violation of this rule will be dealt with by the Board of Directors as recommended and as provided in Article I, Section 2, of these By-Laws.