

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHESTNUT RIDGE HORSEMAN'S CLUB

ARTICLE I NAME AND BOUNDARIES

- SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Chestnut Ridge Horseman's Club
- (a) The organization's 911 address is 1423 Calvary Hollow Rd., Alum Bank, Pa. 15521 (This is not a mailing address at the present time. There is no mail box)
 - (b) The club grounds are located on the east side of Pleasantville Mountain Off Of Route 56.

Article II PURPOSES

- SECTION 1. The purpose of the Chestnut Ridge Horseman's Club is as follows:
- (a) To promote the use of and interest in horses and ponies.
 - (b) To promote trail riding.
 - (c) To promote horsemanship.
 - (d) To promote and encourage interest in breeding, care and development of horses and ponies.
 - (e) To promote youth programs.
 - (f) To promote social activities for the membership.
 - (g) To prevent cruelty to horseflesh.

Article III MEMBERSHIP -- VOTING

- SECTION 1. The general membership of this organization shall be open to any person who resides in the following counties: Bedford, Somerset, Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon and Fulton interested in the purposes as stated in Article II, Section I. anyone residing outside a bordering county of Bedford must pay a \$100 initiation fee.
- SECTION 2. Eligibility of members:
- (a) Family membership
 - (b) Senior membership -- persons over 18 years of age
 - (c) Junior membership -- persons between the ages of 12 and 18 years by December 31st of the current year may apply for Junior membership. All Juniors must have their applications for membership signed by a parent or guardian who accepts responsibility for them while participating in all club events, trail rides, etc., and thereby relieve the club, its officers and members of all responsibility. They must have a senior club member in good standing sponsor them. Children 12 years of age may be accepted provided that one of their parents or active members is with them on all rides and at all social activities.
 - (d) Honorary membership -- to be given at the discretion of the club membership.
 - (e) Guests -- may participate only twice during a club year. Such individuals must be accepted members of the club in order to join a third activity.
- SECTION 3. Voting: Open to any member of good standing as follows:
(To be a member in good standing, the member must work or donate at 1 activity or attend 1 meeting per year or they will lose their membership. Activities include horse shows, 3-day rides, or any other activity that is planned by the club during the year)
- (a) A family membership is entitled to two (2) votes as long as both voting parties are present.

- (b) Senior membership - each senior member is entitled to one (1) vote.
- (c) Junior membership - each junior member is entitled to one (1) vote.
- (d) Honorary members shall have no vote. (e) Guests shall have no vote.
- (f) The President of the club or the presiding officer shall vote only in the case of tie vote.

Article IV OFFICERS

- SECTION 1. Elected officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and four (4) Directors.
A fifth director shall be the immediate past President. Together these shall constitute the Board of Directors, which will be the governing board of this club. The four elected directors shall represent interest 'in the purposes of this club as stipulated in Article 2, Section 1.
- SECTION 2. All officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting and shall continue in office for one year or until the next annual meeting when their electors are elected and qualified.
- SECTION 3. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election.
- SECTION 4. Vacancies in office may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Officers appointed will serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term of their predecessor.
- SECTION 5. Upon retirement from office, all officers of the organization shall turn over all organizational material to their successors.
- SECTION 6. The main business of this organization shall be conducted by the Board of Directors and shall be presented to the club for approval.
- SECTION 7. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority. SECTION 8. Any officer may be requested to resign by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. If he refuses he may be officially removed from office by a majority vote of the total club membership at the next meeting

Article V MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be held in November. The officers Elected at the annual meeting shall take office (the 'following month).

Special meetings may be called by the president at any time deemed desirable or necessary, provided that five (5) days prior notice in writing is transmitted to all members of the club.

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president at any time deemed desirable or necessary, provided that five (5) days prior notice in writing is transmitted to all members of the Board of Directors.

Special meetings may be called by the secretary upon receipt of a request from three (3) Board of Directors members in writing for a special meeting the Board of Directors specifying the reason for the

special meeting, provided that Five (5) days prior notice in writing is transmitted to all members of the Board of Directors.

The fiscal year of this organization shall be from January 1, of a given year, through December 31 of the same year.

SECTION 6. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION 7. All regular membership meetings shall be conducted in a public place and the Board of Directors meeting place will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article VI AMMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of those present, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing and read to the organization at the regular meeting the month before being voted upon.

SECTION 2. By-laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at any regular meeting by a majority vote in accordance with in voting privileges as defined in Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution.

Article VII FINANCIAL POLICIES

SECTION 1. All contributions to other organizations or parties shall be first approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. All fund-raising activities of gifts, money and/or property shall first be approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. All funds shall be transmitted to the club treasurer for deposit or to be deposited directly in the bank, in which case the deposit slip is to be forwarded to the treasurer.

SECTION 4. Any or all funds needed for capital improvements shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and approved by the general membership.

SECTION 5. All invoices shall be sent to the club treasurer's mailing address.

SECTION 6. All invoices shall be paid by check. Checks must be signed by the president and treasurer.

SECTION 7. Funds may be placed in a commercial or saving's bank in order to earn maximum interest.

SECTION 8. Treasurer's books shall be audited annually as of December 31st. Special audits may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. Budgets:

(a) An annual budget shall be formulated by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors with final acceptance of the budget by the general membership.

(b) Committees shall present their budget for the coming fiscal year at a date determined by the treasurer.

(c) The budget shall itemize all anticipated income and expenditures.

SECTION 10. Any contract or agreement that may result in a financial gain or loss to the club shall be reviewed by legal counsel with his written recommendations as to the advisability of entering into contract or agreement, and shall be approved by 2/3 of the voting membership as set forth in Article III, Sections 2 and 3.

ARTICLE VIII USE OF CLUB GROUNDS

SECTION 1. Anyone using the club grounds for anything (other than the designated Rides) must sign the book in the club house or the sign-up sheet which is posted on the outside of the club house door. It will be necessary to sign, date and fill in other information listed, which pertains to that date. Violations of this by law will be reviewed by the board of Directors and appropriate action will be taken. This action is deemed necessary for the security and proper care and use of the club grounds.

Note: Any member has full use of the grounds; however, a non-member is charged \$5.00 to camp as well as a \$5.00 fee for electricity.