

1995
Central Canada Reining Horse Association
Constitution

ARTICLE 1 – TITLE, OBJECTS, LOCATION

SECTION 1 – TITLE

This association shall be known as CENTRAL CANADA REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with the laws of the country provided for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights as granted to associations of this kind. (Herein called “the Association”)

SECTION 2 – OBJECTS

The purpose of this association shall be the promotion of the objectives of the National Reining Horse Association and in particular promotion of the reining horse.

SECTION 3 – PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business shall be the residence of the Secretary, and business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members of officials, as may be participating.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERS

SECTION 1

The word “Member” or “Members” in good standing are defined in the terms of this constitution to mean those persons on record as having paid all past and current membership fees, competition entry fees, or other monies due and payable to the Association.

SECTION 2

Members of the Association shall be admitted, retained, and expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the membership may from time to time adopt. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote, excepting a family membership, which shall be entitled to two votes.

SECTION 3

An annual fee shall be paid by each member, which shall be due and payable on January 1st of each year or, in the case of a new member(s) on the date joining the Association.

SECTION 4

Members shall be admitted to the Association on application accompanied by initial membership fee, unless rejected by the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days after receipt. Membership shall not be limited to natural persons, but may include corporations, firms, and institutions of learning, executors, administrators, and trustees.

SECTION 5

Proper receipts and membership cards shall be issued upon payment of fees. Notice of the members of fees payable shall be sent to members at their last known address not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the calendar year.

SECTION 6

All members, while in good standing, shall have the equal rights, interests, and responsibilities with respect to the Association and its property; shall have the right to vote in all membership meetings and to hold office and committee assignments except otherwise limited.

SECTION 7

The financial liability of any member to the Association shall be limited to the amount due from him/her in respect to his/her membership and registration and other fees.

SECTION 8

Any member whose annual membership becomes delinquent can be reinstated by simply paying the current year's dues. There is no penalty for reinstatement.

SECTION 9

An annual membership is not transferable.

SECTION 10

There are two (2) classes of Annual Membership fees, as follows;

Family: On matters requiring voting rights, restricted to the casting of a maximum of two ballots or show of hands. The family membership shall include the reigning member and children who have not reached their nineteenth birthday.

Senior: A senior membership is one where the senior is nineteen (19) years or over of age as of January 1st of the competitive year. Cannot be included in the family membership.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The annual general meeting of the members shall be held, during the month of November, at such a place and time as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

Notice of the annual general meeting shall be given by mailing a notice stating time and place of such meeting to the last known address of each member in good standing not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting. This notice can be sent either by regular mail or by electronic mail.

SECTION 2

Regular general meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice, whenever called in writing by direction of the president or by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by notice signed by not less than twenty percent of the members then in good standing.

There will be at least two (2) general meetings in a year. (One of the two may be the annual general meeting)

Notice of each special meeting indicating briefly the object or objects thereof shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings except that seven (7) days notice is required.

SECTION 3

For the transaction of the business of the Association at an annual or the general meeting a quorum shall be twenty five (25) percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 4

Any officer of the Association may call the meeting of the members to order and may act as chairman of such meeting, precedence being given as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. In extraordinary circumstances, members attending may elect a chairman other than the above mentioned.

The Secretary of the Association shall act as secretary of all meetings of the members but in his/her absence the Directors may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting.

SECTION 5

Emergency meetings may be called and are not constrained by Article III, Section 2, provided only that a majority of the Executive Committee agrees that an emergency exists, and that all members are contacted. No other business other than that for which the meeting was called may be transacted.

SECTION 6

The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of the Association in all situations not otherwise provided for in this Constitution or the adopted policies or administrative procedures of the Association.

ARTICLE IV – FISCAL YEAR & AUDIT

SECTION 1

The fiscal year of the Association shall end on December 31st.

SECTION 2

The members of the Association at each Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Auditor, or Auditors, at a remuneration to be stipulated, or if none is stipulated, to be determined by the members at a general meeting.

ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee hereinafter created and empowered.

The number of elected directors will be a minimum of five (5).

In the case of increase in the number of Directors, the additional directors shall be elected by the membership at any general meeting.

SECTION 2

Qualifications for Director:

- a) Member in Good Standing
- b) At least 18 Years of Age

SECTION 3

The remaining Board of Directors then in office can remove a member of the Board of Directors missing three (3) consecutive general meetings and / or board meetings without reasonable excuse, from the Board.

In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the Directors shall have the power to fill casual vacancies.

SECTION 4

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by direction of the President, or by two-thirds of the Directors then in office.

The Secretary shall give notice of each such meeting by mailing or telephoning the same to each Director at least seven (7) days before the meeting; but such notice may be waived by any director. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof; any and all business may be transacted at such a meeting.

SECTION 5

A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board there is less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting until such time as there is a quorum present.

SECTION 6

At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine.

SECTION 7

The Directors shall receive no remuneration for acting as such, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, expenses incurred in connection with their services as Directors may be allowed and paid.

SECTION 8

The Ex-President last retiring, can be a member of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity, but does not hold the right to vote at Board Meetings.

SECTION 9

The Board of Directors, from time to time, may create and empower other committees, general or special.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

There is hereby created an Executive Committee, elected by the membership from the Board, consisting of the President, Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, each for a term of one (1) year and /or until the selection and qualification of his successor.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall meet whenever called by the direction of the President or three (3) members of the Committee acting jointly, of each such meeting the Secretary shall give seven (7) days notice, but such notice may be waived by any member.

SECTION 3

The Committee may act, without convening in meeting, by written resolution signed by all the members thereof and duly entered in the Associations records. At all meetings of the Committee, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

SECTION 1

The offices of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The same person may hold the offices of the Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall see that the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the membership of the Board of Directors. He shall present to the Annual General Meeting, a report on the activities of the Board of Directors. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION 3

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and directors meetings. He/She shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all documents and records of the Association. He/She shall be ex-officio secretary of all committees appointed by the President or the Board of Directors. He/She shall make a report of his/her office to the Board of Directors when demanded and to all annual memberships meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

SECTION 5

The Treasurer shall serve as custodian of all monies, securities and deeds belonging to the Association and to hold, invest, and disburse these, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors and general membership. He/She shall present itemized statements to the Board of Directors and report on the general financial position of the Association at the general meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – SHOWS AND CONTESTS

The Rules and Regulations of the National Reining Horse Association and /or the Central Canada Reining Horse Association shall apply to the staging of shows or contests by the Association.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any Annual or General Meeting of the Association by the Affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be to the Secretary of the Association at least thirty (30) days in advance of any Annual or General Meeting and particulars of such amendments shall be included in the Notice calling the meeting.

ARTICLE X – RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board of Directors and / or general membership may prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution relating to the management and operation of the Association, as they deem expedient.

ARTICLE XI – INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION

In this Constitution the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular; the masculine shall include the feminine; and words importing persons shall include companies, corporations, partnership and any number of aggregate of persons.

ARTICLE XII – ADOPTION

This Constitution as herewith stated, or as hereafter amended, shall have effect immediately upon adoption, unless otherwise stipulated; all prior conflicting laws, parts of law or resolutions and motions shall thereupon be null and shall stand repealed.