

**BY-LAWS
OF
DERIDDER RIDING CLUB, INC.**

ARTICLE I - EFFECTIVE DATE OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws shall, upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors present (provided a quorum as hereinafter defined, is present) and upon approval of a majority of the membership present and voting (provided a quorum, as defined in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is present), at their separate, respective meetings, become the by-laws of this corporation, effective from the date and hour of the legal existence of the corporation.

ARTICLE II - ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation of DeRidder Riding Club, Inc. filed and recorded in Charter Book 3, page 391, on April 21, 1964, in the Clerk's office of Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, constitute the specific principles and methods of operation of this corporation, as provided in Louisiana Revised Statute (1950), 101-155.

ARTICLE III - NAME

The name of this corporation, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation is "DERIDDER RIDING CLUB, INC."

ARTICLE IV - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES

The principal place of business shall be DeRidder, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, but its members or officers may be residents of any of the Western Parishes of the State of Louisiana, except Honorary members, who may be any citizen of United States of America, and business may be carried on at any place convenient to the said members or officials. A principal place of activities shall be within the West Louisiana Parishes.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

- A. Members shall have no proprietary interest in the corporation, and shall derive benefits solely by participation in the activities of the club or use of its facilities.
- B. Membership shall be on a family basis. All dependents of the member-families, as defined by Louisiana Income Tax Laws, shall be considered members of the club, subject to the following restrictions:
 - 1. In any matter affecting policy or involving the expenditure of club funds or committing the corporation, minimum voting age shall be sixteen (16) years.
 - 2. Minimum age for holding office or for being a director of the corporation shall be eighteen (18) years, except that in no case shall persons holding the offices of President and Treasurer be less than twenty one (21) years of age.
- C. Membership shall be limited to persons of good moral character, having a genuine interest in horsemanship. Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing, with the endorsement of an adult member of the club in good standing, and shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- D. As set forth in the Articles of Incorporation there shall be two (2) classes of membership:
 - 1. Active Membership which shall include all dependents of member families.
 - 2. Honorary Membership which may be extended to any citizen of the United States in recognition of their assistance to, or interest in the purpose or objectives of the corporation.
- E. There shall be no proxy or absentee voting.
- F. The Board of Directors may dismiss any member of the corporation for actions or conduct deemed to be not in the best interest of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI - FEES AND DUES

- A. Annual dues shall be Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) per family, payable in advance and must be paid before participation in any club activities.

- B. There shall be no general assessment against the membership. This shall not preclude the charging of admissions or fees for attendance at or participation in club activities.

ARTICLE VII - ADMINISTRATION

- A. The business affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by the Board of Directors and the officers of the corporation who shall be elected by the voting membership of the corporation.

- 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members, elected as follows:

The first Board of Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation shall serve until the regular January meeting of the year 1965. At that meeting and thereafter, at the January meeting of each year, three (3) new directors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years, replacing directors whose terms expire. In the event that the immediate past President for the preceding year is not a duly elected member of the Board of Directors of this corporation, he/she shall, nevertheless, serve on the said Board of Directors for the year following that which he/she held the office of President, and the Board shall in that event, consist of ten (10) members.

- 2. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by election of the next regular club meeting, to fill the unexpired term of the director being placed.
 - 3. Officers shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Recording Secretaries and two (2) statistical secretaries, in order of succession.
 - 4. Directors may also serve as officers, but it shall not be necessary that an officer also be a director of this corporation.
 - 5. Officers submitted by nomination and elected by the Board of Directors in the 1st meeting prior to the 1st club show. Officers shall be announced to the general membership. Any opposition shall be addressed, considered and rectified by the Board of Directors prior to the next club show.

6. Directors and officers shall serve until their successors are elected, unless sooner ceasing to be a member in good standing of this corporation by whatever reason.
- B. The officers shall be responsible for the management and active conduct of the business and activities of the corporation, subject to the approval of, and under the policies determined by the Board of Directors.
- C. As provided in the Articles of Incorporation, there shall be at least two (2) meetings of the membership of the corporation to be held on the third Saturday of the months of January and July of each year, in any suitable place decided upon by the Board of Directors within the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana; provided, that in addition to the two regular meetings of this corporation, there shall be held other special meetings of membership of the corporation at such times and places as may be decided by the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as said Board may decide.
- D. Roberts Rules of Order, as revised, shall govern procedure at all club and board meetings. As stated in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, ten (10) members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum at corporation membership meetings, and five (5) directors shall constitute a quorum at Board of Directors meetings. There shall be no absentee voting or voting by proxy at any meeting. In case of emergency requiring polling of the Board of Directors on any matter, the Board shall, at its next meeting, review the matter under consideration and may either confirm or revoke the action.
- E. Officers shall attend and participate in deliberations of the Board of Directors, but shall have no vote, unless they are also directors.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. The President shall be the administrative head of the club and shall act a Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall reside at corporation membership meetings, appoint such committees as are required, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

- B. The Vice President shall assist the President and act in his stead during the President's absence or incapacity.
- C. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the official records of this corporation and shall act a parliamentarian.
- D. The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the corporation and Chairman of the Finance Committee. He/she shall maintain proper records and accounts of receipts and expenditures and shall sign all checks, draw on the corporation's bank account after satisfying his/herself as to the propriety of the expenditure. Either the President or Vice President shall counter sign all checks of this corporation.
- E. The Recording Secretaries shall keep the minutes of the club and Board Meetings.
- F. The Statistical Secretaries shall maintain records of scores of contestants at the corporation competitions, horseshows and similar activities.
- G. All Officers and Board Members shall serve without pay.

ARTICLE IX - CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Each member or dependant of a member-family is responsible for his or her own welfare and the signature of the member or parent on the form for application to membership releases this corporation or any individuals, partnerships or corporations furnishing space and/or facilities for the use of this corporation from all responsibility. The corporation assumes no responsibility or liability for injury, loss or damage to any person, property or stock or to the Lessor of such property or stock.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended as provided in the Articles of Incorporation by adding, changing, or deleting any Articles or section hereof. Such amendments shall be submitted separately to the Board of Directors and to the membership of the corporation and shall require the approval of a majority of the voting members present at the respective meetings, provided that a quorum is present in each case.