

BY-LAWS OF GOLDEN SPUR SADDLE CLUB

ARTICLE I

Name

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the GOLDEN SPUR SADDLE CLUB, INC., hereinafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

- 2.1 To do all things necessary to organize, promote and formulate a social club, groups, or organization interested in the ownership, training, riding and exhibition of saddle horses.
- 2.2 To encourage, promote and develop an interest in horsemanship in the community, hold meetings, provide for recreation and social function.
- 2.3 To acquire, own and lease real estate and personal property. To sponsor horse shows, give exhibitions, award prizes, receive admissions and perform any and all functions incidental thereto.

ARTICLE III

Membership and Dues

- 3.1 Any family or single person of good character, interested in the purpose of this club and having a horse or pony in the immediate family or having an interest in horses or ponies may petition for membership All applications for membership shall be submitted ~~at a meeting to the membership chairman~~. The memberships of the club shall consist of family, single and honorary memberships.
- 3.2 *FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS:* Yearly dues of \$20.00 includes man and/or wife and dependent children in the family for participation in all club social functions. Eligible dependents are children living at home and in school up until the age of twenty-two (22). Each member parent shall be entitled to one vote. Any dependent child ~~between ages twelve (12) and twenty-one (21)~~ on the membership over the age of twelve may acquire the privilege of one vote for \$2.50 per year.
- 3.3 *SINGLE MEMBERSHIP:* Dues for single memberships shall be \$15.00 per year. Single membership will be an individual who does not belong under Family Membership.
- 3.4 *HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:* Life time honorary memberships may be given to recognized benefactors of the club. Potential lifetime members must have a minimum of ten consecutive years of membership and have been an officer or director for a majority of those years. Nominations will be accepted at the annual banquet in November. The board of directors and officers must approve candidates. Approved candidates will be presented for vote by the general membership at the January meeting.
- 3.5 Annual dues are due and payable ~~by the end of the March meeting. at the beginning of the fiscal year. (Before the first meeting in February).~~ After the ~~March meeting .first meeting in February~~ all persons requesting reinstatements in the club must be voted on for new membership. Applicants must be present at the business meeting at which their applications are submitted for membership. At the next regular meeting their acceptance shall be voted on by the club. Five (5) "no" (Negative) votes shall constitute a dismissal of the application. The secretary will notify the
- 3.6

applicants on the outcome of the membership vote.

ARTICLE IV
Officers and Directors

- 4.1 The officers of this club shall be elected from the membership and consist of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- 4.1.1 The *PRESIDENT* shall preside at all meetings of the club and at all meetings of the board of directors. The president shall have no vote in the decision of the board of directors, except in the case of a tie in which case he or she cast the deciding vote. The president shall appoint all committee chairmen.
- 4.1.2 The *VICE-PRESIDENT* shall perform the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to act. He or she shall work with and co-ordinate the activities of the standing committees when so directed by the President.
- 4.1.3 The *SECRETARY* shall keep complete minutes of all business transacted at all meetings of the Club. The minutes shall be submitted at the next club meeting, amended as required, and filed in the Club's record book. The secretary shall keep a complete record of all members of the Club, and their addresses, with the records of the club and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all the records of the club. He or she shall also be responsible for all activity notices which are to be mailed to the membership within ten (10) days prior to the occasion when conditions permit.
- 4.1.4 The *TREASURER* shall be the financial officer of the Club. He or she shall deposit all funds in such bank or banks at the membership shall approve. He or she shall disburse all monies as authorized by the membership for the account of the Club and shall take proper receipts of all monies dispersed by he or she. At the end of each fiscal year a financial statement shall be prepared and submitted to the club at the first business meeting of the new fiscal year. This balance sheet shall be audited by the officers for the current year.
- 4.1.5 The *BOARD OF DIRECTORS* shall be made up of five (5) members in good standing, consisting of three (3) past Presidents and two (2) elected from the membership. If there are not three past presidents available or interested the position(s) will be filled by election from the membership. This board shall act as an advisory group to assist the President in the direction of the membership, in the best interest of the Club and to the accomplishment of its objectives.

ARTICLE V
Government

- 5.1 Each officer and director of the Club shall have been a member in good standing for at least six (6) months ~~and not be an officer of any other saddle club.~~
- 5.2 The term of each office for each officer shall be one (1) year and shall begin on the date of the first regular business meeting of the fiscal year after his or her election.
- 5.2.1 The terms of office for members of the board of directors shall be as follows: (a) Each immediate past President shall move into the position of director. His or her term shall be three (3) years. ~~Thus at any particular time there will be three (3) past Presidents serving on the board,~~ (b) Elected Directors shall serve a term of one (1) year beginning on the date of their election.
- 5.3 *NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES* for new officers shall be made atby the October-November meeting. ~~A list of interested members desiring office may be presented at this meeting by a nomination~~

~~committee. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor if desired. The secretary shall have posted at the meeting place a list of all eligible members.~~

~~5.3.1 The secretary shall distribute ballots at the nomination meeting. Voting members shall nominate one person only of each office, or it shall be counted a scratch ballot. Proxy votes shall not be recognized.~~

~~5.3.2 Marked ballots shall be kept by the secretary in confidence until after the final election.~~

~~5.3.3 The ballots shall be tallied by three (3) members chosen by the President and the results recorded by the Secretary. The two (2) nominees for each office having the largest number of votes shall be candidates. A member can only be a candidate for one office~~

5.4 *ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS:* shall be made by secret ballot at the November ~~or Banquet~~ meeting. ~~Members shall vote on candidates nominated at the October meeting.~~

5.4.1 The secretary shall distribute ballots for each office as the voting continues.

5.4.2 The ballots shall be tallied by three (3) members chosen by the President and the results recorded by the Secretary. A candidate to be elected must have a majority of one (1) or more votes. If an office is not filled after three (3) ballots are cast, the candidates will be dismissed and the next two (2) from the nominating ballot are to be the candidates for the office. New officers shall be installed during the January meeting.

5.5 The nomination and election of ~~two (2)~~ directors each year shall take place at the January meeting.

5.5.1 The membership will nominate candidates for directors as in the nomination of officers above. ~~The four (4) nominees having the largest number of votes will be candidates.~~

5.5.2 The membership shall vote on ~~two (2)~~ candidates from the list of nominees. The ~~two (2)~~ candidates having the majority of votes for the open positions shall be seated as members of the board. In the event of ties, a second ballot will be required.

5.6 A vacancy in the office of President, either temporary or permanent shall be filled in the following order: (a) Vice-President (b) Treasurer.

5.6.1 Vacancies in all other offices or in the Board of Directors shall be filled by ~~special~~ election at the next business meeting.

5.7 Impeachment proceedings may be instituted against any officer or director of the Club if he or she willfully or maliciously executed the duties of his or her office in contrast to the majority wish of the Club; ~~or if he or she shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the club without legitimate excuse. (Sickness or death in immediate family or absence for business reasons shall constitute a legitimate excuse.)~~

5.7.1 A majority vote in favor of impeachment by the membership shall remove a subject from his or her office and cancel his or her privilege of membership in the club.

ARTICLE VI
Payment of Monies and Fiscal Year

- 6.1 No officer or director or member of the Club shall incur any financial obligations in the name of the Club or make payments of any monies of the Club without having previously had such action approved by the ~~membership board~~. Regular expenses for the Club may be paid by the Treasurer subject to approval of the Club as stated.
- 6.2 All checks and other instruments for the payment of monies of the Club shall be drawn by the Treasurer ~~in the name~~ in the name of the Club and shall be signed by the Treasurer.
- 6.3 The fiscal year shall begin January 1st and end December 31st.

ARTICLE VII
Meetings

~~7.1~~ REGULAR MEETINGS for conducting the Club's business shall be:

- ~~January through April will be the first (1st) Friday of each month.~~
- ~~May through October will be the Friday before the show.~~
- ~~The November meeting will be held at the annual banquet.~~
- ~~There will be no meeting in December. on the first (1st) Friday of each month unless the membership is otherwise notified.~~

When the ~~first Friday~~ meeting falls on a recognized holiday, the meeting shall take place the following Friday.

~~7.1.2~~ SPECIAL MEETINGS may be called by the President or by petition to the Secretary signed by at least ten (10) voting members of the Club. Members must be notified at least six (6) days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
Committees

~~8.1~~ ACTIVITY COMMITTEE shall function for a period of one (1) month. The committee shall be responsible for furnishing refreshments after regular business meetings, and plan and organize other activities as deemed desirable.

~~8.1.1~~ The Club may limit the expenditures for each activity or allow specified amounts for any given activity period.

~~8.2~~ MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE shall function for the entire fiscal year and shall consist of five (5) members in good standing.

The President shall appoint the Membership Committee Chairman and he or she, in turn, will appoint four (4) members to fill the committee.

All applications for membership to the Club must be submitted to the Membership Committee. The committee shall investigate the new candidates and report their findings to the Club before the vote for acceptance.

~~8.3~~ GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE shall function for the entire fiscal year and shall consist of six (6) members (3 men and 3 women) in good standing. The committee shall have the following

duties:

~~welcome visitors and new members~~

~~call on the sick and advise the Club in case of illness of any of the members.~~

~~purchase cards and or flowers for the members of immediate family when deemed proper
(cost of bouquet shall not exceed just and reasonable amount).~~

~~8.3.1 The President shall appoint the Good and Welfare Committee chairman and he or she, in turn, may appoint up to five (5) members to fill the committee.~~

~~8.4 SPECIAL COMMITTEES may be set up and assigned to carry out specific duties as required by the President or as directed by the membership.~~

ARTICLE IX Amendments

9.1 Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed by the officers, the membership, or by the ~~board of directors~~recommendation of the By-Laws Committee when such a committee is activated by the Club.

9.2 Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the membership by letter at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled meeting at which the amendments are to be brought to a vote.

9.3 The proposed amendment shall become a part of the By-Laws upon the determination of a two-thirds majority of those in attendance at the meeting in the affirmative.

ARTICLE X Limitations

10.1 No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at any functions authorized by the Club. Violators will be subject to dismissal or suspension.

ARTICLE XI Absentee Ballot

11.1 The Club shall accept absentee ballots for the November election of officers. An absentee ballot is the right of a club member entitled to vote, but unable to be present at the November meeting to send their vote.

11.2 The ballot shall be mailed in a sealed envelope with the return address of the member casting the absentee vote to the Club Secretary. The Secretary must receive sealed ballots before the November meeting ~~(first Friday of each month)~~ and in time for the Secretary to bring to the meeting to be counted. All ballots received after the meeting date shall be void.