

# VALLEY CITY SADDLE CLUB

## BYLAWS

### **Article 1: Name**

The name of this organization shall be VCSC DBA Valley City Saddle Club, herein referred to as VCSC.

### **Article 2: Purpose**

#### **Section 2.1: Purpose.**

- 2.1A.** To promote the sport and activity of Horsemanship through regular meetings.
- 2.1B.** To train horses in the performance generally known as that of being show horses.
- 2.1C.** To sponsor exhibitions for the purpose of judging show horses and riding performance.
- 2.1D.** To do and perform all things necessary and incidental to said functions.

### **Article 3: Membership**

**Section 3.1: Membership Eligibility.** Any person is eligible for membership in this club who owns/leases a horse and is interested in the sport or would just like to show support to the club. Members must be in good standing and not owe money to the club. Member must exhibit good sportsmanship conduct, failure to do so may result in dismissal from the club by majority vote of the board and with no refund of dues.

**Section 3.2: Membership Term.** Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Open membership will be from January 1<sup>st</sup> through the last summer series show in September (dates will vary).

**Section 3.3: Privileges of Membership.** Members in good standing will be eligible for year-end awards given at the annual banquet in November. There is a 2 show minimum required for the regular membership in order to qualify for points. There is a 2 Ohio Show minimum in order to qualify for points in the Open High Point Membership. Members aged 18+ will be entitled to one vote in any club matter considered by the full membership as well as be able to offer suggestions to be considered by the board. Member must be present at the meeting in order to vote or make suggestions. Limit 1 vote per single membership. Limit 1 vote per family membership.

**Section 3.4: Membership Fees.** The board members on a yearly basis shall establish the amount to be paid as fees. Membership Fees will be divided into the following classifications:

**3.4A. Regular Membership.** Available as an individual for a fee of \$30 or as a family for a fee of \$50. A family constitutes 2 named adults and any minor children living in the same home. Must attend 2 VCSC shows to qualify for points.

**3.4B Open High Point Membership.** Any person who has obtained a regular membership is eligible. This membership is only available on an individual basis for a fee of \$35. Must attend 2 Ohio shows to qualify for points.

#### **Article 4: Board Members: Officers and Trustees**

**Section 4.1: Officer Positions and Trustees.** The board members shall include 4 officers and a minimum of 4 trustees but no more than 10 at any given time. Officers include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### **Section 4.2: Duties of Officers and Trustees.**

In order to serve as an Officer/Trustee, you must be a member of the club for at least 1 year (including the year prior) and be in good standing. An Officer/Trustee may be nominated and approved by majority vote of the remaining board members. There is no limit to the terms served as an Officer/Trustee. If an Officer/Trustee is not abiding by the Bylaws set forth herein and/or have missed 4 or more meetings of the Board, then they may be dismissed by majority vote of the remaining Board members.

##### **4.2A. President.**

The President shall preside at all board and membership meetings. He/she shall be the chief executive of office of the club and will ensure the club's policies and bylaws are in compliance. The President will only vote in the case of a tie.

##### **4.2B. Vice President.**

The Vice President shall preside at all board and membership meetings. He/she shall preside in the absence of the President and perform all duties pertaining to that office. He/she shall assist the President when asked to do so. The Vice President shall receive 1 vote.

##### **4.2C. Secretary.**

The Secretary shall preside at all board and membership meetings. He/she must keep track of the minutes and attendance of the board and membership meetings. He/she will keep record of all memberships. A report will be made at each meeting. The Secretary shall receive 1 vote.

##### **4.2D. Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall preside at all board and membership meetings. He/she must pay bills, have charge of all funds, collect the dues and perform all duties usually pertinent to said officer that may be required. A report will be made at each meeting. The Treasurer shall receive 1 vote.

#### **4.2E. Trustee.**

There shall be a minimum of 4 Trustees but no more than 10 serving on the Board at any given time. Trustees will assist with the planning and decision making of the club. Trustees are not required to attend full membership meetings if they attended the board meeting prior or unless they want to vote on a matter brought to the full membership. Each Trustee will receive 1 vote.

### **Article 5: Meetings**

**Section 5.1: Board Meetings.** Board Meetings shall be held at a time and place chosen by the Board members. There will be a minimum of 2 board meetings per year. The President may call a special meeting. At such a meeting there shall be considered only the special business for which the meeting was called and of which notice was sent to the members of the board. If for any reason a board member cannot attend a meeting, they must notify the President or Secretary. If a board member misses 4 or more meetings they may be dismissed from the board by majority vote of the remaining board members.

**Section 5.2: General Member Meetings.** Membership meetings shall be held at a time and place chosen by the Board and must be scheduled after a Board meeting. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss new business and vote if applicable. Members aged 18+ will receive 1 vote per single membership or 1 vote per family membership. Majority vote will prevail. Attendance is not required but encouraged!

### **Article 6: Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended at a regular meeting of the board by majority vote, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

### **Article 7: Dissolution of the Club**

In the event of dissolution, all club assets, after settlement of all debts, shall be distributed to a qualifying 501c3 that the current board, at the time of discontinuance, decides on.

### **Current List of Board Members:**

**President:** Kristina Phillips

**Vice President:** Andy Phillips

**Secretary:** Hannah Abfall

**Treasurer:** Robyn Perez

**Trustee 1:** Lydia Fox

**Trustee 2:** Shannon Struhar

**Trustee 3:** Kristen Glatzhofer

**Trustee 4:** Kayla Perez