

# NORTH COUNTRY RIDING CLUB BY-LAWS

## **Article I. NAME**

The name of this Association shall be North Country Riding Club.

## **Article 2. Purpose**

The purpose of this club shall be to promote interest in the versatility of the horse for Dexter area residents and encourage all uses of the horse.

## **Article 3. Membership**

(a) Open to all persons owning or interested in horses.

All members of the North Country Riding Club, who are over the age of 18 years of age, are entitled to vote on any and all business brought before this Association, providing yearly dues are current.

(b) Annual dues shall be \$20 per Family, including all children; \$15 for a Individual and/or Spouse/Other Membership; \$10 Youth (18 & under); and \$10 for Senior Member (55 years of age or older).

(c) The Membership fee shall be paid upon application for membership.

(d) Annual dues shall become due January 1st, of each year after becoming a member and will accept new members at a show, as one must be a member for Year End points and awards.

(e) Membership is not transferable.

(f) In order for points of any show or event to count towards annual awards made by this Association, one must have been a member in good standing of the Association.

Membership will not be retroactive and shall, count only from the date of payment

## **Article 4. Officers**

(a) The Officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and **Show Secretary** elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected for a one year term and hold office until a successor is elected.

(b) The duties of said Officers shall be those usually exercised by corporate designations.

(c) Any officer missing three consecutive meetings without just cause will be automatically dropped.

(d) The Officers of this Association shall have the general management of the affairs of this Association and may make contracts in its name and in its behalf or authorized such contracts to be made by any Officer of this Association.

The North Country Riding Club shall indemnify and hold all Officers and committee members harmless from all liabilities, obligations, claims, causes of action or expenses of any kind, including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees that may arise or be incurred by them as a result of the performance of their duties for or on behalf of this Association, to the full extent under Maine law.

(e) NCRC Officers shall receive a complementary "Individual" Membership for the year in office.

(f) It is the duty of both past and newly elected officers to complete the appropriate paperwork necessary for transfer of banking information and any or all other documents that are property of NCRC in a quick, timely manner.

#### **Article 5. Meetings**

(a) The annual meeting of this Association shall be held in November, at which time, Officers will be elected. All officers elected shall take their office at the next meeting.

(b) Regular meetings shall be held at monthly, or as needed.

(c) Special meetings of the members which may be called by the President, need not have written notice, but must be notified by phone, email or other 24 hours prior to the meeting.

#### **Article 6. Amendments**

(a) Proposed amendments to the By-laws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary so that they may appear on the notice of the next meeting.

(b) The By-laws may be amended at any meeting as publicized, by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

#### **Article 7. Monies Received**

The Treasurer shall pay for all legal obligations of the Association by expending Club Funds, and shall account for all monies received and paid out at each meeting in a Treasurer's Report.

Any monies received from dues or any project sponsored by the Association, shall be turned over to the Treasurer for said Treasurer to pay all bills contracted from any project.

**Article 8.** No part of the net earnings of this Association shall accrue or be distributable to any member or private person, except that the Association shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Upon dissolution of the Association, and after paying and making provisions for all liabilities of the Association, the Association shall dispose of all assets of the Association to another organization having like purposes and which is an exempt organization pursuant to Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Service law).

Dated at Dexter, Maine, this 13th day of December, 2000.

Revised at Dexter, Maine, this 27th day of February 2002.

Revised at Dexter, Maine, this **Wednesday, March 25, 2009**.