



***LET'S KICK IT UP!***

***Our First Gymkhana of the season is August 28<sup>th</sup>!***





*Please take our 2016 Online Survey at:*  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9Q9NX6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9Q9NX6)

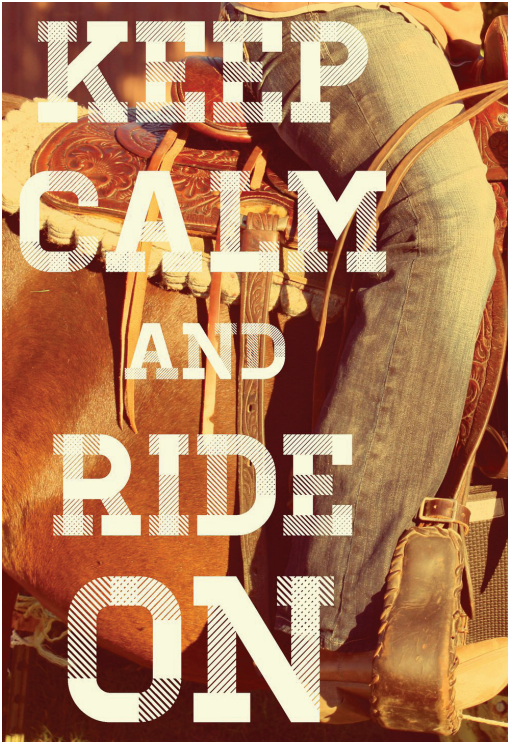
## G&M MEETING BRIEFS

**OPEN MEETING JULY 27TH:** An Open Meeting was held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Wallkill Community Center in Middletown, NY at 7:45pm. Attendance was again light. Motions were made to accept the previous meetings minutes along with a report of the Juniors Financials and a general number of the Club Financials as a full report was unavailable at this time. Correspondence was light but included receiving a newsletter from the Orange County Horse Council, more “invoices” from Westrock for the Bonding of the Treasurer, and discussion as to why we have not received anything in regards to the status of our 501-C3. This last issue would be followed up on with Deb Corr. Topics then switched to the committees, Jae Samuels presented a brief show report (more can be found on page 4) and Trish Hetman reported that she had 2 eligible candidates for the Junior Endowment award for this year. Also discussed briefly was the Bylaws (found starting on page 9) which have been going out to all of the members. Please make sure to look these proposed revisions over. Unfinished business for the evening included the Barrel Bumpers which have come in, they are nice and soft for anyone worried about leg bumping, the Timer for Gymkhana’s has been fixed but it needs a new power cord, and Alyson Schiraldi reported the survey is going ok with a few responses. New business consisted mostly of things needing to be done to prepare for our first Gymkhana of the season on August 28th, but also included a report that the Prize Point System is going well at shows. The meeting rounded out and was called to an end at 8:30pm.

**BOARD MEETING AUGUST 8TH:** A Board Meeting was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Wallkill Community Center in Middletown, NY at 7:39pm. As usual motions were made to accept the previous meetings minutes along with a report of the Juniors and Club Financials. There were no new correspondence for this meeting, but the topic of Bonding the Treasurer was discussed again. Trish Hetman had reached out to our current Insurance Company for a quote, but they do not provide this as an option. She will look into more quotes and the topic will be discussed again at a later date. In the way of Committees, President Trish Hetman presented Olivia Turcott and Mya Hebbard their awards for the Junior Endowment Award. Congratulations Ladies! Qualifications for next year will start at the next Horse Show. In old business, Alyson Schiraldi presented a more full report of the Survey to the Board from all of the feedback it received. Thank you to those who have filled it out, we will be keeping it available online longer for those who haven’t had a chance to complete it yet. Also discussed was the upcoming Gymkhana and reaching out to Christian to get the report of the last Horse Show online, it was discussed that for points this should be done more promptly and Trish Hetman will reach out to him. New business briefly touched on the Joint Award with Southern Tier and the status and development of Orange County Horse Park via an email that went out. Jae Samuels and Alyson Schiraldi will also be teaming up for special ribbons and a pumpkin raffle for the Costume Classes at both October Events, so look out for that. The meeting drew to a close at 8:20pm.

# JULY JUNIOR'S REPORT

*Submitted by Jr. President Mya Hebbard*



Well, our July show was eventful! We had many wonderful showings from our members. Of course, we met the night before to set up jumps and were assisted by our 4-H friends who had a two day show prior to our event. Thanks to our G&M leaders, we had a few new riders and members attend our last show. We had a great meeting over a fabulous sub sandwich and watermelon.

Our junior meeting at Nickel-O has been postponed due to rain, and the new date will be determined. It will be exciting to see our members at their barns. Thanks to our friends at Nickel-O for extending a us warm welcome. We still need members to sell 50/50 tickets. Our last drawing was not as outstanding as it could have been. It is really important for us juniors to volunteer our services to run shows. We had just a few volunteers working Saturday night and Sunday! Many thanks to Mya, Ashley, Olivia and Hope who were ring stewards, as well as Julia, Brinley and Samantha for their help with ribbons, Sydney, Kyle, Holly and Samantha C., along with many helpful parents!

Our October 1st meeting will be at OC Park where we will be setting up for the Oct. 2nd show. We will be accepting nominations for next year's junior officers that day and at the show. So, if you are interested in running or nominating someone, please make sure you attend! On October 29th, the meeting will be held at West Point, will also be going pumpkin picking that day! So, until we meet again... enjoy the rest of your summer and keep riding!

## 2016 G&M DATES

Horse Shows	Gymkhana
<del>JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup></del>	AUGUST 28 <sup>TH</sup>
<del>JULY 24<sup>TH</sup></del>	SEPTEMBER 4 <sup>TH</sup>
OCTOBER 2 <sup>ND</sup>	OCTOBER 9 <sup>TH</sup>

*The next awards  
banquet will be held  
January 21 at the  
Mountainville Manor  
in New Windsor, NY*



# JULY HORSE SHOW REPORT

*Submitted by Jae Samuels*

Our second horse show of the 2016 season had a much better turnout than I was expecting. July has traditionally been vacation time for many families and we were in the middle of a miserable heat wave. All of us on the Show Committee would like to thank everyone who braved the heat and came out to support our club, workers, watchers and riders.

In the English booth Renee Turcott and MJ Hebbard shared announcing duties and working the gate. Judy Connolly handed out ribbons and filled in at the gate, and of course Trish Hetman was traffic control in the ring. Hope Connolly was our morning ring steward, Mya Hebbard and Olivia Turcott worked in the booth handed out ribbons. These girls are always there to help even before I look for them. Samantha Budney helped with ribbons along with Julia Diefenbach who created her own system for keeping track of who got what, we would like her to teach the class. The Diefenbach boys sold 50/50 tickets, the winner never came forward so the juniors may have added \$80.00 to their account.

In the afternoon two of our junior western riders, Jaelynn Barberi and Ashley Retcho, came over to help take over ring steward duties, thanks girls!

Sharon O'Dowd again kept things moving along in the Western ring, I knew she could handle it. Gordon Hubbard again announced, he does a great job. Many thanks to the Nickel-O parents who set up the trail, tore down the trail, and put it away. Jim Alise, Donald Osgood, Rick Brega; and thanks to Rosemary Budney, Renee Turcott and Kyle Hetman for jumping in to help. Kyle Hetman was my special "pick that up for me" for the day.

Deb Schiraldi was our western ring steward, again I apologize for leaving you out there too long in the sun. Donna Alise and Susan Osgood handled all the other duties in the western ring.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the October show and upcoming Gymkhanas. This year we will be pinning the costume class for both the show and the gymkhana. Alyson Schiraldi and I also have something special in mind.





# G&M Riding Club

## 2016 Open Show Registration

### Office Use Only

G&M Member? Yes ☐ No ☐

Coggins ☐ Rabies ☐ EHV-1 ☐

Date received:

### Personal Information

Rider Name

Junior DOB

Entry #

Address

City

State  Zip

Telephone

E-mail

Name of Horse

Name of Owner

Name of Trainer

In consideration of the acceptance of the foregoing entry, it is understood and agreed that I/we are aware of the risks and exposures to personal injury involved through horsemanship activities and I/we hereby release the G&M Riding Club and/or Orange County Park and all officers and members thereof, from any and all claims for damage which may occur to me or my horse at anytime hereafter. Neither myself, my heirs, representatives or dependants will charge said association, its officers or members with any fault for any injury, loss or damage which may be suffered by me or them due to any manner, thing or condition, negligence or default whatsoever, and I hereby assume and accept the full risk and danger of any injury or damage to myself, family members, livestock and equipment while attending an event sponsored by this organization. ASTM HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR RIDERS 18 AND UNDER, and are highly suggested for ALL riders.

Signature of Rider  Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Owner  If you do not wish G&M to use pictures taken at their events in any advertising (including website) please initial here. ☐

Pre-entries can pick up their numbers at the registration booth on show date. Copies of current **rabies** and **negative coggins** (both dated within one year) and proof of **EHV-1** vaccine within six month of event must be sent with pre-entries or presented before the start of each show. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Stall Fee** is \$20.00. A stall deposit fee of \$50 due at registration. If you pre-enter, send a separate check for \$50 that will be returned to you if your stall is clean. Day of show entries must leave a \$50 deposit (cash or check), returned as stated above.

Please **CHECK** the classes you are entering. Unless noted, price per class is **\$13 for Members** or **\$18 for Non-Members**.

ENGLISH DIVISIONS	Class #'s					Total	WESTERN DIVISIONS	Class #'s					Total	
Walk/Trot	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>		Beginner Western	106 <input type="checkbox"/>	117 <input type="checkbox"/>	133 <input type="checkbox"/>	134 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Short/Long Stirrup	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	18 <input type="checkbox"/>	19 <input type="checkbox"/>	20 <input type="checkbox"/>	21 <input type="checkbox"/>		Childrens Western	105 <input type="checkbox"/>	116 <input type="checkbox"/>	131 <input type="checkbox"/>	132 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Beginner English Rider	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	13 <input type="checkbox"/>			Novice Western Rider	103 <input type="checkbox"/>	113 <input type="checkbox"/>	125 <input type="checkbox"/>	127 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Cross Rail Hunter	14 <input type="checkbox"/>	15 <input type="checkbox"/>	16 <input type="checkbox"/>	17 <input type="checkbox"/>			Green Western Horse	114 <input type="checkbox"/>	123 <input type="checkbox"/>	124 <input type="checkbox"/>	126 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Novice English Rider	22 <input type="checkbox"/>	23 <input type="checkbox"/>	24 <input type="checkbox"/>	25 <input type="checkbox"/>			Junior Western	104 <input type="checkbox"/>	115 <input type="checkbox"/>	128 <input type="checkbox"/>	129 <input type="checkbox"/>	130 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Schooling Hunter	26 <input type="checkbox"/>	27 <input type="checkbox"/>	28 <input type="checkbox"/>	29 <input type="checkbox"/>			Adult Western	102 <input type="checkbox"/>	112 <input type="checkbox"/>	121 <input type="checkbox"/>	122 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Junior/Adult Equitation	30 <input type="checkbox"/>	31 <input type="checkbox"/>	32 <input type="checkbox"/>	33 <input type="checkbox"/>			\$\$\$ Open Western \$15	101 <input type="checkbox"/>	111 <input type="checkbox"/>	118 <input type="checkbox"/>	119 <input type="checkbox"/>	120 <input type="checkbox"/>		
\$\$\$ Open \$15	34 <input type="checkbox"/>	36 <input type="checkbox"/>	37 <input type="checkbox"/>	38 <input type="checkbox"/>			Leadline 7 & under	108 <input type="checkbox"/>	109 <input type="checkbox"/>	110 <input type="checkbox"/>				
Leadline 7 & under	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>				OCHF Benefit \$25	135 <input type="checkbox"/>	136 <input type="checkbox"/>					
OCHF Benefit \$25	35 <input type="checkbox"/>	39 <input type="checkbox"/>					<b>*COMBINED DIVISIONS*</b>							
<i>*Costume Class*</i>	33 <input type="checkbox"/>	October show only. \$5					<i>*Open All Breed Halter*</i>	107 <input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>Participation in Challenge Series</b> <input type="checkbox"/>													Total Entry Fees	
													Pre-entry discount -\$5	
													Office & EMT Fee	\$10
													Stall Fees	
													Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Check # <input type="text"/> Payment received by: <input type="text"/>													<b>TOTAL</b>	

**Note: Any and all refunds are made by mail and are subject to a \$15 office fee.**

Print Form

E-mail Pre-Entry form and copy of current coggins, rabies certificate and EHV-1 vaccine to christianjauntig@aol.com or mail to: Christian Jauntig, P.O. Box 1105, New City, NY 10956



# COMMUNITY BOARD

If you would like to submit something for the next newsletter you can email [gandmridingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:gandmridingclub@hotmail.com) or contact Sec. Alyson Schiraldi



Please take our 2016 Online Survey at:  
[surveymonkey.com/r/W9Q9NX6](https://surveymonkey.com/r/W9Q9NX6)

In an effort to improve our club we have created a feedback survey online. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey linked below to help us better our community and club. Your honest feedback is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATS!



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## SALISBURY MILLS FIRE COMPANY HAUNTED FIREHOUSE

Fri. Oct. 21 & Sat. Oct. 22  
2128 Rte 94 • Salisbury Mills, NY

7pm-10:30pm • \$5 per person  
50/50, Shirt Sales & Candy available

Join us as the creatures and spirits  
of darkness take over our firehouse.  
Costumes may protect you,  
but remember

**WE MAKE HOUSE CALLS**

This is a scary event, children under 10 admitted under parents discretion



# G&M Riding Club

## Office Use Only

Membership Fees

Date received:

## 2016 Membership Application

### Personal Information

☐ New

☐ Renewal

First Name

State

Last Name

Zip/Postal Code

Address

Telephone

City

Email

### Membership Benefits:

All members receive the following benefits:

- Reduced entry fees at the open shows and gymkhanas
- Club newsletter by e-mail
- Eligible for year-end awards (subject to requirements)
- Free line ads in the club newsletter and club webpage

Requirements and additional benefits for the individual membership categories can be reviewed on page two or at [www.gandmridingclub.com](http://www.gandmridingclub.com).

**ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR-END AWARDS MUST BE MET BY THE OCTOBER MEETING! SPONSORSHIP FEE WILL DOUBLE IF NOT PAID BY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> OPEN SHOW FOR OPEN SHOW EXHIBITORS, OR THE 2<sup>nd</sup> GYMKHANA EVENT FOR GYMKHANA EXHIBITORS.**

### Membership Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> \$160 Non-Active Family			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Non-Active Adult			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Non-Active Junior with an Adult Sponsor	Name of Adult Sponsor		Junior DOB
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Active Adult			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Active Junior with an Adult Sponsor	Name of Adult Sponsor		Junior DOB
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Active Family	Name of Adult Voter 1		
	Name of Adult Voter 2		
	Name of Junior		Junior DOB
	Name of Junior		Junior DOB
	Name of Junior		Junior DOB

Signature of Adult Member

### Payment

☐ Cash

☐ Check # (Payable to G&M Riding Club)

Mail Membership form with payment to:  
G&M Riding Club, c/o Jae Samuels  
1476 Route 6, Port Jervis, NY 12771



# G&M / NYSTQHA 2016 Challenge Series

## 3 Prizes Valued at \$300!

*Awarded to a horse/rider combination in English, Western & Gymkhana*

This is a new combined year-end high point champion award from G&M and NYSTQHA. To be awarded as outlined above for 3 prizes valued at \$300. See below for Challenge criteria and refer to the club websites for information on show dates, rules, class schedule and order of go.

[www.gandmriddingclub.com](http://www.gandmriddingclub.com)

[www.nystqha.com](http://www.nystqha.com)



### CRITERIA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD:

- Must be a member of both G&M and NYSTQHA (club membership requirements such as work days, mandatory meetings etc. are waived for this award only)
- Must compete in a minimum of 2 G&M events AND a minimum of 2 NYSTQHA Open shows for 2016 (excluding NYSTQHA QH Show)
- Points will only be counted on the same horse/rider combination - NO EXCEPTIONS
- The Rider will indicate their participation in this award at their first G&M or NYSTQHA show of the year (2016). On this form the rider will select one division from each circuit to be counted towards this award and note which section English, Western or Gymkhana (rider can compete for multiple awards, but only one division per section and circuit will be counted). One form will be submitted for each horse/rider. The division to be counted for points cannot be changed once your nomination form has been submitted. It will be up to the rider to ensure your form is filled out correctly. If you have questions please ask when you submit your nomination form. G&M and NYSTQHA will not be responsible for any mistakes on the form.

Year-end tie breakers- In the event of a tie at year's end. The division champion will be decided in the following way:

GYMKHANA- Fastest barrel time from either series

WESTERN – Highest placing in the horsemanship class

ENGLISH – Highest placing in the first fence class.

- For G&M Open Division and NYSTQHA Flat Division the Road Hack Class will be the decider.

- Should a tie include a horse & rider combination that has shown in hunter or equitation, or the G&M Open Division or the NYSTQHA Flat Division, the combination with the best placing in the first fence class will be the year end champion.



**BY-LAWS OF THE G. & M. RIDING CLUB**  
**(Goshen & Middletown Riding Club)**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

1. The name of this corporation, duly organized under the not-for-profit corporation laws of New York State, shall be G. & M. Riding Club, Inc, the latter being included in all letterhead and official documentation. (Goshen & Middletown Riding Club)

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

2. To create, stimulate and maintain interest in horses and their care.
3. To foster social interaction, and to work together for the common advantage of all who ride and drive horses.
4. To promote and encourage interest and proficiency in horsemanship.
5. To promote and sponsor horse shows, **gymkhanas**, exhibits and other horse related functions.
6. To encourage and promote the construction, repair, improvement and management of facilities which may at any time be necessary, useful or advantageous for the use and purpose of the Corporation.
7. The corporation shall be a type B corporation pursuant to Section 201 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.
8. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any further federal tax code.
9. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 7 hereof.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

1. To become a member of the club, the name of the applicant should be proposed by a member of the Club or by signifying his/her desire to become a member of the club by submitting an application and payment of the current dues. New members may request a copy of the By-Laws of the club or view them on the clubs website.
2. A junior who reaches the age of majority (18) during the year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> shall remain classified as a junior for that year.
3. There will be no less than five general membership meetings per year, three of which must be in September, October and November for nominating purposes; which shall be designated by the Board of Directors at the first board meeting of the year.
4. Animal Abuse
  - 4.1 Any member who abuses his animals or fails to follow the rules and regulations governing club events, or who otherwise causes a disturbance at Club events may be subject to a sanction to be determined by the Board of Directors and/or termination of membership privileges. Anyone so charged with violating Club protocol can request a hearing of the President. Failure to appear at such hearing will constitute acceptance of the sanction imposed by the Board of Directors.
  - 4.2 The general board not including the Executive Board (President, Secretary and Treasurer), will hear initial allegations and if a sanction is necessary, the general board would assess said punishment. (Vice President of Club would act as chairman of this committee but would take no active role or vote.)
  - 4.3 If the sanctioned person requires a hearing the Executive Board (President, Secretary and Secretary) would be the panel to which the hearing would go and they, after hearing all the facts, would then make a final determination in said matter. (Vice President or Club would again act as chairman and would take no active part in voting but would present the facts for the Board of Directors to the Executive Board.)
5. If a member of the G. & M. Board is the party that the allegation has been made against, they will take no part in the above process.
6. The membership committee will set standards to determine active and inactive membership status.



7. The junior membership will follow the By-Laws of the G. & M. Riding Club, Inc.
8. Lifetime Membership Guidelines and Qualifications. Guidelines:
  - 8.1 Nomination Committee will be appointed according to the guidelines set forth in Article V – Elections, Section 1.
  - 8.2 There shall be no more than ten Lifetime Members at a given time within a calendar year.
  - 8.3 Nominations for Lifetime Membership will NOT be accepted from the floor during Club meetings.
  - 8.4 Candidates for Lifetime Membership to the G. & M. Riding Club Inc will be voted upon by sealed paper vote by the Nomination Committee.
  - 8.5 Deadline for nominations shall be May 1<sup>st</sup> (October 1<sup>st</sup> as to correspond with the Awards Banquet in January) of the calendar year. Qualifications:
    - 8.5.1 To be considered for a Lifetime Membership in the G. & M. Riding Club Inc, the following qualifications shall be met:
    - 8.5.2 Candidate will be nominated, in writing, by a current member of the Club. The nominating member shall be in good standing of the Club.
    - 8.5.3 Candidate must be a Club member in good standing, or candidate has excelled in supporting club events, such as by working, or providing guidance and services to members and participants for at least 10 consecutive years prior to nomination,
    - 8.5.4 Candidate will have held a Board position, including that of Junior Advisor, for a minimum of one term ~~within the 10-year period (as in “2” above).~~
    - 8.5.5 Candidate will have attended at least 75% of scheduled Club meetings.
    - 8.5.6 Annually, the candidate will have completed, in entirety, at least three Club events and assisted in other Club activities as directed by the program coordinator.
    - 8.5.7 “Honorary Live Membership” is at the Board of Directors digression and voted on with majority rule, as for dedicated volunteer service which may not include above qualification. “Honorary Live Membership will have limited privileges as not to include voting in election of officers or running for Executive Board Position if service on the Board of Directors has not been met.

## **ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION**

1. The Administration and conduct of business of the G. & M. Riding Club, Inc., shall be vested in the club's elected officers and board members. The Board of Directors shall exercise executive and such other powers as are compatible with the By-Laws of and in the best interest of the G. & M. Riding Club, Inc.
2. In order for business to be conducted at a general meeting there must be ten voting club members present. **A general meeting may be treated as a board meeting should there be no representation of non-board members.**
3. The Board of Directors shall be elected by membership and shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and no less than six, but no more than ten board members.
4. Junior members will elect their own officers. Junior meetings will be held at regularly scheduled club events a/o specific Junior outings to encourage participation. The junior will also hold their own elections. This election is independent from the election of the general membership.
5. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.
6. If a board seat shall become vacated, the President at his/her discretion shall appoint a member to fill the position for the balance of the term.
7. Board members shall make all possible efforts to attend board meetings, but if for any reason they cannot attend they should inform the President or Vice President of their situation. If they do not have valid reasons, they can be removed from their seat on the board.
8. If a board member misses two consecutive board meetings and has not been removed from the board, that member should not take part in any vote involving issues or controversies that were discussed in their absence.
9. Order of business for general meetings shall be opening of meeting, reading of minutes, treasurer's report, reading of correspondence, committee reports, old or unfinished business, new business and adjournment.

## **ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside over all general meetings and shall only vote in event of a tie, except during elections where the President may vote.
2. The President appoints such committees as deemed necessary and shall be



responsible for the proper functioning of all committees. These committees will remain in place until completion of their task even if this means they run into a new President's term and will remain unless the new President can give good cause for this not to occur to the general board.

3. The Vice President shall preside over the Board of Directors and will assume duties in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall vote only in the event of a tie.
4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the general membership meetings and the Board of Directors, attend to the correspondence of the Club, and give all notices required.
5. The Treasurer shall pay bills, have charge of all funds, collect the dues, and perform all duties usually pertinent to said officer that may be required. **It shall be the Treasurer's duty to file any certificate required by any statute, federal, or state.** A report will be made at each general meeting.
6. The Directors shall discuss and consider issues referred to them by the President of the Club and shall make findings and recommendations concerning such issues to the Club.
7. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than five times per year. Any member of the Club may ask to address a Board Meeting. To do this the member should make their request known to the Vice President of the Club so that they may be added to the agenda of the Board meeting.
8. Duties of the Officers
  - 8.1 As the club is entirely run by volunteers, Board Members are requested to work at two of the six events held per year, to ensure the continued success of the club for the future.
  - 8.2 All Board members are expected to work on at least one committee.

## **ARTICLE VI - SALARY**

1. **No officer shall for reason of his office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation. But nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director for receiving any compensation from the organization for duties other than as an officer.**
2. **The Board of Directors, if deemed necessary for the conduct of business of the organization, shall hire or fix compensation at their discretion for any and all employees.**

## **ARTICLE VII - DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

1. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES**

1. The Board of Directors shall appoint all committees. Their term of office shall be as deemed necessary but no longer than for a period of one year. The President shall at his sole discretion appoint a chairman to each committee.

2. Standing Committees

3. Standing Committees shall be:

- 3.1 Horse Show Committee

The Horse Show Committee shall set forth show rules and regulations, classes and divisions, schedules, entry fees, show awards and year end awards.

- 3.2 Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall set forth dues and membership requirements.

- 3.3 Advertising/Fundraising/Publicity Committee

The Advertising/Fundraising shall propose ideas to promote the club and enroll new members. It shall suggest fundraising goals and activities to maintain the club funds. Fundraising for the junior fund shall be governed by the G. & M. Riding Club juniors.

- 3.4 Banquet Committee

The Banquet Committee shall set forth venue, menu, invitations, seating arrangements, entertainment, and decorations.

- 3.5 Scholarship Committee

- 3.6 Endowment Committee



4. Ad-Hoc Committees shall be:

4.1 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of two Board members and three from the general membership. Said committee shall meet in September, select candidates and consult with these candidates to ascertain their willingness to accept such office.

4.2 By-Law Committee

The By-law Committee is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the organization's bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS**

1. Elections will be held yearly, voting on President, Treasurer and up to five members on odd years. Vice President, Secretary and up to five members of the Board will be elected on even years.
2. The Nomination Committee shall present the slate of officers at the September meeting.
3. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the September and October meetings and a vote will be taken at the November meeting. No nominations will be accepted after the October general meeting.
4. At the regular November meeting, a list of proposed and nominated candidates for office shall be voted upon by membership. Members must be nineteen or older to vote.
5. Absentee Ballot. The list of proposed candidates shall be sent to each member by the Nomination Committee by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Those persons unable to attend the November meeting may vote by using an Absentee Ballot form provided by the Nomination Committee, which must be completed, signed and received by the Nomination Committee Chairperson by the November meeting.
6. In case of a tie for any position, the incumbent President, who shall have no vote otherwise, must make the tie breaking vote.
7. The Officers shall be installed and assume office at the next regular meeting.
8. The Nomination Committee will run the general election and at the conclusion of the general election will become null and void.
9. Proposed and nominated candidates must be members in good standing for one year to serve on the Board of Directors.

10. Proposed and nominated candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must be a member in good standing for two years and have served on the Board of Directors for one year.

## **ARTICLE X - DUES AND FINANCES**

1. The dues of the club shall be set by the membership committee prior to the November general club meeting.
2. The amount of dues payable shall remain the same throughout the fiscal year in which the membership is received. Fiscal year will be January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
3. Members whose dues are not renewed as of the last day of February shall be dropped from the membership rolls.
4. All sums collected by the organization in the furtherance of its business shall be deposited in a regular business bank account.
5. All financial records shall be audited annually or as deemed necessary by the President
6. The President shall be authorized to approve expenses up to \$200 without prior approval from the club.
7. All the monies spent must be approved by membership.
8. The treasurer may sign checks or drafts of the organization. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it. The board may grant signature rights to additional board members, who have been members in good standing for a minimum of five years, to ensure uninterrupted flow of business. It is at the discretion of the board to request background checks of all members involved in financial transactions, or for such members to get bonded.
- ~~9. Two out of three officers must sign checks; they will be the President, Vice President and Treasurer~~

## **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS**

1. By-Laws may be amended annually. Submissions must be delivered to the board by May 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year so that the proposed change can be put in the newsletter and discussed at least two open meetings prior to voting on the



proposed change at the November general election meeting,

2. By-Laws will be reviewed and/or revised by the By-Law Committee appointed by the President as necessary.

G. & M. Riding Club Inc. By-Laws updated and approved by membership on November 19, 20xx.

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