

JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER



SUBMITTED BY SEC. ALYSON SCHIRALDI



COME RIDE WITH US!
OUR NEXT HORSE SHOW IS JULY 24TH



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G&M MEETING BRIEFS

OPEN MEETING JUNE 29TH: Our Second Open Meeting was held on June 29th at the Town of Wallkill Community Center in Middletown, NY at 7:45pm. Attendance was again rather light. Motions were made to accept the previous meetings minutes along with a report of the Juniors Financials; Club Financials were not available at this time but would be emailed out. Correspondence addressed was an insurance quote submitted by Christian in regards to bonding the Treasurer, following up with Deb Corr in regards to the 501-C3 and passing along the contract for the Awards Banquet to the committee chair. The Nominating Committee reported they were in the works for contacting an additional person to be on the committee, more information would be available when required. The Bylaws Committee presented to the members the revisions they proposed in regards to updating/improving the club bylaws. These suggestions can be found starting on page 9 of this Newsletter and will continue to run until a necessary vote to approve is needed. Jae Samuels then presented a brief Show report from the June Horse Show. She reported it was a very small turn out on a very windy day, more information can be found on page 4. Topics then turned to unfinished and new business. The bumpers for the Gymkhana barrels have not yet been purchased, but Andrea Crawford is looking into more quotes. Following that was a great deal of discussion on how we can boost attendance for our events and the club. Some brainstormed ideas included Facebook Advertising and Polls as well as increasing circulation of the club newsletters. The meeting was called to an end at 8:50p.m.


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G&M DATES

Horse Shows	Gymkhana
JUNE 12TH	AUGUST 28 TH
JULY 24 TH	SEPTEMBER 4 TH
OCTOBER 2 ND	OCTOBER 9 TH



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



JUNE JUNIOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Jr. President Mya Hebbard

OVERNIGHT FUN FOR OUR NEXT MEETING...

Hello again Juniors! Our last meeting was at Orange County Park where several junior members, and so hard working parents helped us clean out the shed. It was dirty work and nearly 90 degrees that day, but we accomplished the task. The jumps were dusted and flowers cleaned, the shed was completely emptied, swept and organized and the jump course was set. Afterwards, we enjoyed some delicious sandwiches, and held our meeting. It was at that moment, when we had a tremendous wind, that blew all our jumps over!!

Nevertheless, we forged on and held our meeting. We welcomed new members, Julia D. and Hope C., in attendance was Samantha B., Ashley R, and of course, yours truly. We have confirmed a date of October 29th, to visit West Point and possibly go pumpkin picking!



Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 23rd to prepare for the July 24th show. We are interested in having a sleep over. Anyone who works Saturday can stall their horses for free overnight and partake in a “pot luck” dinner. (However, if you want the stall for the show, there will be a stall charge for the day.) This should be loads of fun and details will follow. If you are interested, please contact Jae via email to confirm a stall and make sure you have a parent chaperone overnight.

We would love to add new members to our club... please spread the word so we can boost our junior division. There are some big changes in the works for next year so get excited! Don't forget to make

sure you complete you end of the year obligations by working at the next show, please sell 50/50 tickets at each show and continue to work on sponsors as well as bringing in new members. Let's make G&M Riding Club a force to be reckoned with!

ATTENTION JUNIORS

Please note, we would like to have a meeting at Nickel-O, on Saturday August 6th at 1:30. It was suggested that we hold some meetings in other areas since we are so spread out. I realize Saturday afternoon can be difficult for quite a few of us but if you are able to be there, please let me know.



JUNE HORSE SHOW REPORT

Submitted by Jae Samuels

The first G&M show of 2016 was held at Orange County Park on June 12th, and it did not rain. Wind yes rain no. Thanks to Trish Hetman who had the fore sight to grab a crew and put cinder blocks on the jump bases to prevent a repeat of all jumps being blown down.

Our English Judge was Beth Wing, she was totally new to us and I received many good comments about her. Hope to see her back again.

Christian ran a very smooth show with the help of Andrea and Samantha Crawford in the registration booth. Again we called upon Renee Turcott to announce, Olivia Turcott and Carol Depetro split the day as ring stewards. Judy and Hope Connolly and Mya Hebbard handled the gate and ribbons, and whatever else needed to be done to keep things running smoothly.

Thanks to all the Nickel-O parents who did so much again. They worked the gate handed out ribbons, set up the trail class, took it down and put it away. Donna and James Alise, Susan and Donald Osgood and the parents that didn't sign the work sheet. Gordon Hubbard was our Western announcer and I think he liked doing that, so any time he wants the job is his. Kyle Hetman thanks for being my "pick that up for me" man of the day.

Our Western Judge was another new face, Terry Helber, and the ring steward for the day was Ashley Retcho.

Again a very big thank you to everyone who came to our show, competitors and volunteers alike. You are all greatly appreciated.

PS. If I left anyone out I will apologize now. Let me know who you are and I will add it to the next report.



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"/>					*COMBINED DIVISIONS*									
Costume Class	33 <input type="checkbox"/>	October show only. \$5					*Open All Breed Halter*	107 <input type="checkbox"/>								
Participation in Challenge Series <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"/>	TOTAL	<input type="text"/>

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 or contact Sec. Alyson Schiraldi

*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.*



WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/W9Q9NX6

Don't forget to renew
your membership
for the 2016 year.
Form is attached on
the next page.





G&M Riding Club

Office Use Only

Membership Fees

Date received:

2016 Membership Application

Personal Information

☐ New

☐ Renewal

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Telephone

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.

ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR-END AWARDS MUST BE MET BY THE OCTOBER MEETING! SPONSORSHIP FEE WILL DOUBLE IF NOT PAID BY THE 2nd OPEN SHOW FOR OPEN SHOW EXHIBITORS, OR THE 2nd 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	<input type="text"/>	Junior DOB <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Active Adult			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Active Junior with an Adult Sponsor	Name of Adult Sponsor	<input type="text"/>	Junior DOB <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Active Family	Name of Adult Voter 1	<input type="text"/>	
	Name of Adult Voter 2	<input type="text"/>	
	Name of Junior	<input type="text"/>	Junior DOB <input type="text"/>
	Name of Junior	<input type="text"/>	Junior DOB <input type="text"/>
	Name of Junior	<input type="text"/>	Junior DOB <input type="text"/>

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

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 1st 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 1st (October 1st 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 1st. 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 1st through December 31st 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 1st 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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