

## BY-LAWS OF THE PINE ISLAND SADDLE CLUB

Dated February 20, 1960

Incorporated December 1960

Revisions:

February 15, 1964

October 10, 1970

April 10, 1971

November 9, 1974

February 11, 1978

January 12, 1980

February 14, 1981

March 13, 1982

February 11, 1983

March 14, 1987

February 18, 1990

September 8, 2007

May 8, 2021

**ARTICLE I Name:** The name of this organization shall be "The Island Riders Saddle Club".

**ARTICLE II Purpose: Section 1:** To promote and develop good horsemanship, together with the knowledge, interest, and care and training of horses.

**Section 2:** To cultivate a social life among it's' members and add to the health and happiness of its members and persons interested by promoting and encouraging the use of and interest in horses.

**Section 3:** Through the activities of this club, to interest the public in the recreational possibilities and benefits of the use and ownership of horses.

**Section 4:** To promote and cultivate the formation of, association and friendly relationships with similar clubs.

**ARTICLE III Members: Section 1:** Membership in this club shall not be open to anyone under 10 years of age, and application of persons less than 18 years must be accompanied by parent or written permission of their parents or legal guardian. Any child under 10 years of age, riding a horse, must have parents on the grounds.

**Section 2:** Memberships in this club shall be granted to all persons who have attended a previous meeting and are approved by majority of the members present at a meeting and upon payment of dues.

**Section 3:** All members must conduct themselves at all times so as to keep up the good name of the club.

**Section 4:** Participation in the activities of this club shall be restricted to members only unless otherwise stated as in Article III, Section 1.

**Section 5:** Members must be age 14 as of January 1 to vote.

**ARTICLE IV Dues: Section 1:** Annual membership dues shall be set annually for the coming year by a majority of the members present at the November membership meeting. If dues are not paid by the March meeting, membership is automatically terminated.

**Section 2:** The membership and dues structure shall include:

2.1: Annual Individual Membership – persons 10 years of age and older

2.2: Annual Family Membership: Includes up to 2 adults and any/all

children ages 10 through 17 living at home.

**Section 3:** The fiscal and membership year shall conform to the calendar year.

**ARTICLE V Officers: Section 1:** The elected officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter.

**Section 2:** All officers of this organization shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for one year. No officer shall hold office more than two consecutive years. Only one member of a family may hold an office the same year. The VicePresident automatically becomes President the following year.

**Section 3:** The board of Directors will consist of all officers plus one other member; said Board to be the nominating committee.

**ARTICLE VI Duties of Officers: Section 1:** The President shall preside at, all meetings of the club and shall perform all duties to this office. The President shall have power to appoint the yearly auditing committee and such committees as he/she may deem necessary from time to time. The Vice-President shall act for the President in his/her absence.

**Section 2:** The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of all meetings of the club. The Secretary shall report at each meeting upon the activities of the organization.

**Section 3:** The duty of the Treasurer shall be to keep a record of and have custody of all funds. The Treasurer shall have charge of all income and disbursements. A report shall be made at monthly meetings on financial affairs of the club.

**Section 4:** The duty of the Reporter shall be to report all items of interest to the paper and to take care of all publicity.

**ARTICLE VII Elections: Section 1:** The officers shall be elected at the December meeting; there will be no other formal business at this meeting except the election of officers and the new officers shall take office on January 1.

**Section 2:** All voting for officers of the club shall be by written ballot.

**Section 3:** Only members in good standing whose dues are paid in accordance with these by-laws shall be eligible to vote at any election. Each eligible member shall be entitled to one vote.

**ARTICLE VIII Amendments: Section 1:** These by-laws may be altered and amended at a meeting of the club, by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voting members present; and that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing and read by the secretary at a previous meeting.

**ARTICLE IX Ground Rules: Section 1:** Stallions may be brought in, but must not be left alone at any time, except when they are in a truck/trailer securely tied, with end gate closed. Each person, member or nonmember, shall be liable for him/herself and his/her animals on the premises.

**ARTICLE X Meetings: Section 1:** The Island Riders Saddle Club will have monthly meetings on the second Saturday of every month in the Pine Island area or using an online meeting platform. The meeting time(s) and location(s) to be set by the majority of the membership present at the April and October meetings. The board of officers reserves the ability to change

the meeting location when in person meetings are not feasible. In such events, the secretary will inform the membership as soon as possible of the location change.

**ARTICLE XI Reimbursements and Incentive Payments:** Reimbursements and incentive payments shall not be made to individual members, insofar as they are made for the purpose of influencing the participation of the individual in an activity or function. This shall include/ but not be limited to: Horse shows, Club representation as a delegate to parent organizations, etc. This article will in no form or manner affect payment of expenses incurred by a member while engaged in committee activities, an officer performing authorized club duties, financial support of our queen or other situations requiring the expenditure of club assets for the benefit of and with the approval of, the club membership.

These by-law have been voted on and approved by a quorum of the Island Riders Saddle Club on February 12, 1960

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