

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION/BYLAWS
POWHATAN RIDING ASSOCIATION
Last Amended December 29, 2019**

Article I: Name

This corporation shall be known as the Powhatan Riding Association

Article II. Purpose of this organization is to promote good relations among owners and lovers of all breeds of equines and all styles of riding.

Article III. Membership and Dues

1. Membership shall run from January 1 through December 31. The fiscal year shall commence the first of the January.
2. Upon payment of initial membership dues new members shall be probationary members for a period of no more than 6 months, and shall be accepted as a full member of the club upon a three-fourths (3/4ths) vote of the members present at a regular meeting.
3. Individual Membership is open to any person (age 15 or older) who owns or is interested in equines, and carries one vote.
4. Junior Membership is open to any person under the age of 15 years who owns or is interested in equines, and does not carry a vote.
5. Family Membership is open to any family members that resides at the same physical address and carries up to two votes. Family members must be at least 15 years old to vote.
6. Membership may be terminated by resignation of the member or by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors or the general membership.

Article IV. Standing of Membership

1. A member shall be considered to be in good standing so long as his dues are paid up to date and his behavior is not judged to be detrimental to the Association. Such behavior may include acts of violence, harassment, unsportsmanship or vulgarity towards animals or people during meetings or a club sponsored function. (Renewal dues are due on January 1). If dues are not paid within 60 days of the date they are due, the member will be dropped from the membership list. If dues are not paid within one year, the former member shall revert to probationary membership status if they reapply.
2. A member who has violated the rules of the club or whose behavior is not in the best interest of the club may be expelled by a majority affirmative vote of the Board of

Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Ten (10) days' prior notice shall be given to the offending member, who shall have the right to be heard in person. Appeal to the membership at a regular meeting within the next 90-days must be submitted in writing to the Secretary within ten (10) days after the decision of the Board of Directors. A three-fourths (3/4ths) vote of the active members present at a regular meeting will override the decision of the Board of Directors.

3. The rights, powers and privileges of membership in this association (a) shall immediately terminate for a member upon the death or dissolution of the member or the member's resignation from this association, and (b) may not be sold, pledged, encumbered, assigned, or otherwise transferred by any member in any manner whatsoever.

Article V. Meetings

1. Annual Meeting – This meeting shall take place during the month of December for the purpose of electing officers for the next year.
2. Called Meetings – These meetings may be called for the purpose of discussing and voting on any matter, which cannot wait until the next business meeting. The meeting may be called at the discretion of any two (2) Board Members and shall require notification to all Board Members of the time and place at least 2 days prior to the meeting.
3. Regular Meetings – These meetings will be held four times a year, or as needed, on a date set by the membership.
4. A quorum (shall be 20% (1/5) of the membership, three of whom shall be Board of Directors, of which one (1) shall be an officer) shall be necessary to conduct a Business Meeting.

Article VI. Committees shall consist of two or more members in good standing appointed by the President.

1. Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers to the Annual Meeting.
2. Special Committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting Association business.

Article VII. Officers and Board of Directors

1. Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Vacancies of office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a member of the Board of Directors or by a special election.

3. Termination of an officer shall be by a vote of a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the membership or by the officer's resignation.
4. President shall be chairman of the Board of Directors and shall preside over all meetings of the Board and members, and supervise the affairs of the club.
5. Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President and perform such other duties assigned to him/her by the President or the Board. One duty is to coordinate programs of the PRA meetings with the meeting's host.
6. Treasurer shall have custody of all Association funds and is responsible for receiving and receipting money paid to the Association and depositing such money in the bank of the Association's choice. Also, for the disbursement of money to pay the bills of the Association. The Treasurer must keep the books of the Association.
7. Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Association.
8. Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Association and two Directors at Large. The Board is responsible for running the Association and conducting its business.
9. Officers and Directors shall serve a one-year term from January 1 to December 31. No officer shall serve more than five consecutive years on the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. Responsibilities of Members

All members shall abide by the rules of the Powhatan Riding Association for that particular activity.

Article IX. Amendments

By-Laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the club by a three-fourths (3/4ths) majority of the members present at that meeting. Each Member must receive notice of any meeting where there will be a proposal to amend the Bylaws. The notice will be sent to the address on file with the club, or by any method that, in the opinion of the Directors, gives adequate notice to the Members. Notices for meetings must be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the regular business meeting upon which the amendments are voted.

Article X. Dissolution of the Club

In the event of dissolution of the organization, the Board of Directors, shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all of the assets of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations as the Directors shall determine to be appropriate. The choice of such organization shall be determined by the majority vote of the Directors of the Organization holding office at the time of such dissolution.