

By-Laws of the Copper Basin Riding Club Ducktown, Tennessee

Adopted January 5, 2010 by majority of members present.

Article I

- Section 1:** The club shall be known as the Copper Basin Riding Club.
- Section 2:** The headquarters of the club shall be Ducktown, Tennessee.
- Section 3:** The club will be a non-profit organization operated exclusively for the enjoyment of club members and their families.
- Section 4:** On dissolution, the obligations of the organization shall be met, with assets dispersed by a roll call vote of the membership at the time. A one-hundred percent (100%) vote of the total membership is necessary for official action on this matter. Asset dispersion is subject to legal requirement as governed by corporate law.

Article II

MOTTO

- Section 1:** The motto shall be: **“Striving to build a horse community focusing on family fun in the mountains.”**

Article III

COLOR

- Section 1:** Dress will be long- or short-sleeve shirt, with collar, for all judged events. Western hat or helmet and jeans or chaps will be worn in western classes. The flag shall be white trimmed in black.

(Amendment to above Section 1 (“equestrian attire” replaced with new dress code) - January 5, 2010

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership shall be open to individuals of Polk County and surrounding counties. Any person desiring membership in our club must be voted on and accepted by a majority of the voting membership present.

(Amendment to above Section 1 (“adjoining counties” replaced by “surrounding counties”) - January 5, 2010)

Section 2: The club shall not be held responsible in case of injury. The club shall not be held responsible for accidents to its members and others while on the club’s premises or during sponsored activities.

Section 3: The Copper Basin Riding Club may bestow honor upon any deserving person. Honorary members must be nominated by a regular paid voting member and the nomination must be approved by the board of directors before being brought before the voting membership.

Section 4: New members to the Copper Basin Riding Club will have voting privileges 30 days after joining the club.

(Amendment - Above Section 4 added - January 5, 2010)

Article V

DUES

Section 1: The membership dues shall be \$20.00 per family, per year, effective as of January 1 to December 31 each year, allowing any family member 14 years or older a voting right. Anyone 18 or older must pay membership dues. Family membership is husband, wife and children under the age of 18. Membership renewal dues will be paid by the first Tuesday in February. If renewal dues are not received by the first Tuesday in February, membership and all rights and privileges in the Copper Basin Riding Club, for the remainder of that year, will be lost.

(Amendment to above Section 1 (\$35.00 replaced with \$20.00) - January 5, 2010)

Section 2: The holder of the membership card shall be admitted without charge to all horse shows sponsored by the Copper Basin Riding Club on presentation of membership card at the gate.

Section 3: All important legislation in the regular monthly meetings of the club shall be on

show of hands of the eligible voting membership and recorded as such in the official minutes of that meeting at the time.

Section 4: A majority of the voting membership present is necessary for transaction of official business.

Article VI

OFFICIALS

Section 1: **Officers:** President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, Public Relations and Chaplain. They shall serve for twelve months, from January 1 to December 31st each year.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected each year at the regular December meeting and will take office the first meeting in January.

Section 3: The President shall appoint a nominating committee from the membership for drawing up a slate of officers to be voted on at the December meeting each year.

Section 4: The club may make nominations from the floor at the regular December meeting for any or all official positions in the club.

Section 5: The nominating member shall give much study, foresight and vision for submitting a slate of the best type of leadership in the club, in order for the club to grow and move ahead with its purpose of providing good, wholesome entertainment, while growing in stature, necessary to discharge its responsibilities.

Section 6: All officers shall be elected by a roll call vote, by show of hands, at the time of election.

Section 7: The Secretary and Treasurer shall count and report the election results to the club at the time of the election and meeting.

Section 8: The President is automatically a member of all committees.

Section 9: The elected officers of the club shall constitute the Board of Directors, along with five regular members appointed by the President.

Section 10: Officers may succeed themselves from year to year in any of the offices when the club membership feels they are doing a good job in the best interest of the club.

Section 11: The five members from the club to serve that year on the Board of Directors shall be so appointed by the President at the first meeting in January and thereby assume official position on the Board of Directors at that time for one year's tenure.

Section 12: The Board of Directors shall prepare business for submitting to the club at regular meetings and be charged with the responsibility of making decisions necessary outside the regular meetings.

Section 13: The officers shall maintain order at meetings and other places where the club is concerned and are empowered to appoint as many assistants as are needed for discharging their job.

Section 14: The Chaplain shall discharge the Devotional at meetings and wherever called upon to perform his duty.

Article VII

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1: **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer** shall perform duties common to the office each holds.

- A. **Secretary** shall keep minutes of all meetings, roster of membership, including correct addresses, phone numbers, etc., notices for club meetings, correspondences necessary for promoting the best interests of the club and discharge any other duties as assigned by the President. **Treasurer** shall receive all funds, deposit all funds, pay all bills by check, and give a financial report at each meeting; stating receipts, expenditures, balances, with detail of each receipt, purchase and expenditure.
- B. Audit of the records of the club shall be made at the request of the President and full and clear audit of the books by three members so designated by the President.
- C. The **Treasurer** shall collect all funds related to the club and thereby deposit in the bank; with all expenditures to be by check.
- D. The **Treasurer** shall pay bills as ordered by the membership. All bills must be signed by the purchaser for the club's consideration for payment to be honored. Unsigned bills will not be paid by the club Treasurer.

Section 2: **Public Relations Officer** (If none, President)

- A. Shall keep publicity moving necessary for the promotion of the activities and best interest of the club.
- B. Shall be constantly thinking of methods in which the club may be favorable brought before the public.
- C. Insure club activities are given maximum publicity in newspapers, radio, TV and news media.

Article VIII

MEETINGS

- Section 1:** The club shall meet on a night that is agreeable to a majority of the membership present. Meetings will be held once each month of the year at the Copper Basin Riding Club (or designated place) between 7:00 p.m and 8:00 p.m.
- Section 2:** Meetings shall be facilitated so as to transact the business within a limited time element and not to be retarded by unnecessary discussion or disturbance, etc., but discharged in an orderly manner each month.
- Section 3:** Each eligible voting member shall have one vote and only one vote on any issue pertaining to the Copper Basin Riding Club (Ref: Article V, Section 1).

Article IX

AMENDMENTS

- Section 1:** Any proposed change in the By-Laws shall be presented to the club Secretary in writing before being brought to the floor for action. A majority of the voting membership present will be required to enact the change.
- Section 2:** By-Laws to be read, studied and amended by the Board of Directors between the regular December meeting and the regular January meeting, and presented to the club Secretary in writing to be brought before the club at the January meeting.

Article X

CONDUCT

- Section 1:** Club members are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times. They shall respect the rights and property of all others during all activities engaged in by the club.
- Section 2:** Members indulging in alcoholic beverages/drugs will be terminated by the Board of Directors.

Article XI

EXPENSES

- Section 1:** The expenses incurred by the President, Secretary and Treasurer conducting Copper Basin Riding Club business shall be paid for by the organization and limited to the following items: stationary, stamps, postage, telephone, publicity, anything approved for promoting the club and any expenses pertaining to assets of

the club.

Section 2: The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all other elected officers and directors shall be paid for any necessary expense for advancing the club as approved by voting membership of the club in regular meetings.

Section 3: All purchases must be signed by official club members to be honored for payment.

Article XII

TERMINATION

Section 1: Membership in the Copper Basin Riding Club may be terminated by the Board of Directors for deliberate violation of club rules and for conduct unbecoming.

Article XIII

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Section 1: The Club calendar of events shall be drawn at the first meeting in January each calendar year.

Section 2: All events set for public participation shall be well presented with all membership giving full support for carrying out their part of the specific assignment in making for a success.

Section 3: Committees shall be appointed from time to time to work out details of various activities.

Section 4: The Club shall present Horse Shows, Rodeos, Wagon Trains, Trail Rides, Parades and the like in its yearly activities.

Section 5: Horse Shows shall be open to the public with the sponsoring club going all out to make people enjoy the event. One person shall be admitted at the gate for each horse.

- A. The **Secretary** shall provide the necessary help for taking entries at Horse Shows, provide forms and back numbers. He/she shall furnish the Master of Ceremonies with a worksheet at the show.
- B. The **Ribbon Marshall** shall be in charge of ribbons and girls during the show and other special awards.
- C. The **Treasurer** shall furnish change for all necessary stations at the show, writing checks for prize money in the classes, receive all funds taken in at the show, with an itemized designation of source for each station, also itemized expenditures at the show and how much, what for, etc.
- D. The club's **Board of Directors** shall be the central force of the horse show

at the time of presentation and any question needing an immediate answer or decision will be rendered on the spot by the Board of Directors.

- E. The Copper Basin Riding Club reserves the right to refuse any exhibitors the right to participate in shows sponsored by the club, once action of this nature has been taken for unsportsmanlike conduct. The period of suspension may be temporary or an indefinite period of time. The exhibitors under suspension must be notified through letter by the Secretary.
- F. The show classes shall be balanced to the extent of presenting classes suitable to meet all exhibitors who might want to come and participate.
- G. All club members shall work on getting money for class sponsors and ads for the programs.
- H. The Board reserves the right to change classes during the show at the last minute due to lack of enough entries, etc.
- I. Each exhibitor shall be given a fair chance to man his horse in each class entered for the judge's consideration.
- J. The judge selected by the majority of the membership present will have the final decision of tying each class.
- K. Intoxication, drug use, and carrying of weapons will not be tolerated on show grounds. Anyone caught with alcoholic beverages, drugs or weapons will be asked to leave the premises by the President or a member of the Board of Directors. All means necessary to remove these people will be performed, up to and including calling local law enforcement.
- L. Profanity or unbecoming behavior will not be tolerated on the premises.

(Amendment - Above "L" replaced with the following) - January 5, 2010

- L. Zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct. Any exhibitor displaying conduct unbecoming a member including, but not limited to, cursing, fighting, or inhumane treatment of an animal will be excused immediately from the show grounds by any member of the Board of Directors and all points accumulated during that show will be forfeited. The excused member will have the opportunity to discuss the issue at the next club meeting where it will be decided if the member will remain in good standing by ballot vote of the club.

(Amendment - the following new "M" and "N" added) - January 5, 2010

- M. Point System for year-end awards will be for one horse and rider as a team. Should death or injury occur during the season, the rider may make a request to the Board of Directors to grant a replacement animal. In the case of injury, it must be documented by a licensed veterinarian. The majority of the Board is required for the exception to be granted. This may be done only once during the show season. The replacement animal must be used

for the remainder of the season.

N. High Points will be awarded as follows:

1 st Place	6 points
2 nd Place	5 points
3 rd Place	4 points
4 th Place	3 points
5 th Place	2 points
Participation	1 point

O. Firearms will be allowed on club grounds during turkey shoots and trade days.

(Amendment - Above "O" was changed from "M" - no change to paragraph - January 5, 2010)

Section 6: Wagon Train

Section 7: Trail Rides

- A. Regular rides shall be scheduled.
- B. Each ride shall be well organized and supervised for those participating and enjoying themselves in a manner commendable to the club.
- C. A trail-ride boss shall be designated. The trail boss may designate assistants as he/she sees a need. The trail boss and assistants shall be in complete charge of the ride. They shall wear arm bands for identification.
- D. Precautions shall be taken for insuring maximum safety.
- E. Members shall ride two abreast facing on-coming traffic.
- F. The trail boss shall designate members to ride 150 yards ahead and to the rear of the main body of the riders as a precaution against automobiles, etc.
- G. The speed of the main body shall be regulated by the trail boss.
- H. All riders and horses must clear the road during rest stops.
- I. Intoxication, drug use, and carrying of weapons are prohibited.
- J. All overnight rides shall be organized with proper committees for serving the ride.
- K. No profanity or unbecoming behavior for disturbing the ride shall be tolerated.

Article XIV

RECORDS

Section 1: All records concerning the Copper Basin Riding Club shall be kept on file by the Secretary for a period of three years.

Article XV

OFFICIAL ORGAN - NEWSLETTER

Members (21) Present at the January 5, 2010 Meeting

**Baisden, Danny
Blanche, Bernard
Blanche, Peggy
Callihan, Misty
Cochran, Dawn
Gregory, Mark
Hughes, Scotty
Hyatt, Caitlyn
Hyatt, David
Jacobs, Rhonda
Jones, Wesley
Miller, Stacy
Odom, Sylvia
Reid, Ricky
Reid, Tammy**

**Smith, Isaac
Smith, Jeremy
Smith, Ronnie, Sr.
Smith, Ronnie, Jr.
Smith, Stephanie
Walker, Linda**

Misty L. Callihan
President
Copper Basin Riding Club