

BYLAWS

CAROLINA CARRIAGE CLUB, INC.

PO BOX 816 – TRYON, NC 28722

Revised & approved March 13, 2010

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be the Carolina Carriage Club, hereinafter referred to as "the Club:"

ARTICLE II

PLACE: The principal location of the Club shall be Tryon, North Carolina.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Club is to encourage and promote the sport of carriage driving through education, participation, and the practice of safety.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. Eligibility. All persons, 16 years of age or older, interested in furthering the express purposes of the Club shall be eligible for membership and receive a membership card upon payment of dues. Individuals under 16 may become non-voting junior members.

Section 2. Membership Classes. Individuals 16 or over – membership to include a single person, couple or a family. Each membership is entitled to one vote. Individuals under 16, as non-voting junior members. Lifetime and honorary membership candidates may be selected by the board. They shall be determined by factors such as long-time membership and significant support to the CCC. Names of the candidates will be presented for confirmation by the voting membership attending the annual business meeting.

Section 3. Dues. Payable to the Treasurer at the beginning of the fiscal year, January 1, and no later than February 1. The Board shall determine the dues annually. Dues for new members joining after June 1 will be at a reduced fee, as determined by the board each year. When new members are accepted prior to October 1, their dues shall be considered for the current year. Dues for new members joining after October 1 will cover their membership through the following year. Out-of-area members (beyond 100 miles from Tryon) are welcomed and accepted. Currently these dues are \$15, but this to be reviewed by the Board each year. Out of area members are not entitled to a vote.

Section 4. Voluntary Termination of Membership. Membership may be voluntarily terminated by resignation to the Secretary or the President, or will automatically expire through failure to pay current dues after two reminders.

Section 5. Involuntary Termination of Membership. See Article VI, Section 1.

Section 6. Juniors. Juniors under the age of 16 must be in the company of a responsible club member at all organized Club activities.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

Section 1. Quarterly and Annually: The membership shall meet quarterly at such place as designated by the Board of Directors. The first meeting of the year will be considered the Annual Whips Meeting. The purpose shall be the election of officers and directors, establishing the Calendar of Events, presentation of the Treasurer's report and the transaction of other business as may be properly brought before the meeting. Director terms will expire when the membership elects a replacement for an expiring term. The outgoing President shall preside over the election of Directors and the incoming President. The newly elected President will preside over the annual meeting and the Board meetings following the annual meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or by any four members.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of those members attending and two-thirds of the Board.

Section 4. Presiding Officer. In the absence of the President and Vice-President at any meeting, a presiding officer shall be appointed by the members of the Board.

ARTICLE VI

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section I. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of six members, (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large), each member to serve for one year. However, they may be elected for one additional year in their same capacity.

Duties of Board of Directors: It shall exercise all the powers of the Club, subject to restrictions imposed by these bylaws.

It shall request involuntary termination of any member, by a two-thirds vote of the Board, when such action is deemed advisable for the good of the Club. Such action may generally be initiated because of violation of the CCC Code of Conduct.

The Board may approve proposals submitted by members of the Club.

The Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of any Director absent from two consecutive meetings of the Board without an acceptable reason for absence. The reason for absence shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may fill any position on the Board which becomes vacant mid-term. The individual filling the position will serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

Section 2.. Election. Two months prior to the annual business meeting and election, the Board of Directors will select a five-member nominating committee, to choose nominees for election. The Board of Directors shall present at the annual meeting the names they have selected, to be elected by the general membership to replace any vacancies on the board. Names of these nominees will have previously been included in the newsletter, to be included with the notice of the meeting. Proxy voting will not be allowed.

Nominations from the floor will be called for. Such nominations will be acceptable provided the nominee has submitted a letter of intent to the Secretary one week before the election.

Section 3. Meetings.. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly or more often as required, or requested by the membership. A simple majority shall be considered a quorum. The date of the next meeting will be determined at the close of the current meeting.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS:

Section 1. Selection. By vote of the attending members, at the annual meeting, per Article VI,

Section 2. No officer may hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

Section 2. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer and shall, in general, supervise the business and activities of the Club. S/he shall be a member of the American Driving Society and his/her dues shall be paid by the Club. S/he shall perform all duties incident to the office of President, seeing that all actions recommended or required by the Board of Directors are duly expedited. S/he shall appoint chairmen of standing and special committees, with the approval of the Board, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees. S/he shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

Section 3. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in the case of his/her absence or disability and shall have other duties and powers as may be assigned him/her by the Board of Directors and/or the President.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall take and keep the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall issue and attest all corporate documents requiring attestation. S/he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws. S/he shall be a custodian of the records and shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary and shall also have other duties and powers as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and/or the President.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies and securities of the Club and shall do with the same as may be ordered by the Board of Directors. S/he shall supervise the keeping of the financial accounts of the Club. S/he and/or the President only shall be authorized to sign checks for the Club. S/he shall, in general, perform such duties incident to the office of Treasurer and shall also have duties and powers as may be proscribed by the Board of Directors and/or the President.

Section 6. Directors-at-Large. Two Club members, to serve on the Board and render their services to the officers, as needs dictate.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. Safety and Education Chairperson. This person shall be selected by the Board. It shall be the responsibility of this person to encourage the safe practice of the sport of driving in matters pertaining to the driver, the carriage, the harness, the horse or pony and all other matters influencing the safety of the sport. If not available at an event, s/he will obtain a substitute, to conduct safety inspections. S/he may also enlist assistants, when the number of exhibitors warrants. This chairperson shall present a safety awareness clinic/seminar when deemed necessary, for membership involvement, with emphasis on Club-sponsored drives, events, and other activities.

Section 2. Other Committees. As needed, and formed by the board. Examples being Horse Driving Trial or CDE, Pleasure Show.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS:

Section 1. Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern Executive Committee and membership meetings when not in conflict with the Bylaws.

Section. 2. Operating Status. The Club shall be operated as a self-governing, self-supporting, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization. No part of the Club's assets shall adhere to the benefit of any of its officers, directors or members.

Section 3. Operating Limitations. No officer, director, committee chairman or any member of the Club shall contact or incur any debt on behalf of the Club or in any way render it liable unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Liability. No member of the Club, officer, or member of the Board of Directors or committees, shall be personally liable for the acts of the Club, its Board, committees, officers, agents or employees.

Section 5. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 6. Dissolution. Dissolution of the Club can be effected by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting. In the event of dissolution, the Club's remaining assets will be distributed to another non-profit, horse-oriented organization to be designated at that time.

Section 7. Bylaw Amendment. These bylaws may be amended or revised at any meeting of the General Membership by a two-thirds vote of members present, providing the full membership has been previously notified of the proposed changes, in writing, a minimum of one week in advance.

Final Revision Approved by CCC Vote at Quarterly Meeting, 03/13/2010 (BAM - Secretary)