

# MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS

P.O. Box 1329  
Mariposa, CA 95338

## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I Name

Section 1: **The name of this association shall be Mariposa Mountain Riders, a non-profit organization.**

### ARTICLE II Objects and Purpose

Section 1: **The objects and purpose of this organization shall be:**

1. To preserve and acquire riding trails.
2. To promote better horsemanship.
3. To support legislation which benefit horsemen.
4. To support horse related activities; i.e., horse shows, gymkhanas, trail rides, camp-outs, etc.
5. To support social activities for our members.

### ARTICLE III Membership and Dues

Section 1: The organization shall have four classes of annual membership: Family (to include family members or persons who are living at the same permanent address, but limited to 2 adults and all persons 17 years or younger); Individual Senior (any member who is 18 years or older); Individual Junior (any member who is 17 years and younger), and Individual Life. A life member may be awarded to an individual by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. This membership covers the individual only. The individual is exempt of yearly membership dues and has all the privileges of a member in good standing.

Section 2: An applicant for annual membership shall be admitted by making application to and being elected to membership by the Board of Directors. Applications for membership shall be in such form as shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors shall be required for election to annual membership. Alternatively, an applicant for annual membership may be elected to membership for a period of 60 days upon the affirmative vote of a single director, or officer, subject within those 60 days to an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors.

Section 3: All dues shall be payable upon application for annual membership and annually on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year thereafter. Any new member joining between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$5.00 reduction off the annual dues rate. Any new member joining between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> will pay the full annual amount, however the membership will roll over and will be applied to the following year. Members who have not renewed their membership by March 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered delinquent. Their names will be removed from the roster and the mailing list.

Section 4: Membership dues shall be in an amount set by the Board of Directors. A two-thirds vote of the directors shall be required to set or change the dues structure.

Section 5: Each member shall be entitled to one vote of matters submitted to a vote of the general membership. Each person included in a Family membership shall be entitled to one vote, as will each Senior and each Lifetime member.

Section 6: Any member may be dismissed for misconduct or abuse of horses. The accused must

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receive a written notice stating in detail the charges against him and be given the right to be heard before the Board of Directors, with Counsel if desired, before any action to dismiss is taken. Dismissal will require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV

#### General Meetings

- Section 1: Meetings of the general membership shall be held on at least a semi-annual basis at such time and place as set by the Board of Directors. One such meeting shall be held in the last quarter of the year and shall include election of officers, awards presentation, and installation of new officers.
- Section 2: Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or not less than ten (10) percent of the voting members. Written notification of the place, time, and purpose of such special meeting must be sent to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for such meeting. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the organization. If sent via electronic mail it shall be deemed delivered unless a notice of non delivery is received by the sender.
- Section 3: A quorum for the purpose of conducting business at a general membership meeting shall consist of a minimum of four members of the Board of Directors or twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership.
- Section 4: At any meeting of the general membership a member may be entitled to vote by proxy for another voting member by a proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney. No proxy shall be valid more than thirty (30) days from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

### ARTICLE V

#### Board Meetings

- Section 1: There shall be one (1) Board of Directors meeting held monthly (with the exception of a month in which a General Meeting is held, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors) at a time and place as set by the Board of Directors. All board meetings shall be open to attendance by the general membership, but only the duly elected officers and directors as set forth in these bylaws shall have the right to vote on business matters.
- Section 2: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any two (2) officers or directors. Notice of such meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for such special meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail. If sent via electronic mail it shall be deemed delivered unless a notice of non delivery is received by the sender.
- The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.
- Section 3: A quorum for the purpose of conducting business at a Board meeting shall consist of a majority of the officers and directors.

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### ARTICLE VI Officers

- Section 1: The elected officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a minimum of three (3) directors. Refer to ARTICLE VII, Section 5.
- Section 2: A candidate for an elective office must be a current member.
- Section 3: A vacancy in any office, including a vacancy in a director position, because of death, incapacity, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors for the un-expired portion of the term, by a 2/3rds vote of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers

- Section 1: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the organization and shall have general supervision, direction and control of the business and officers of this organization. He/she shall sign all papers, contracts and documents required by the organization which are proper and necessary to carry on the business of the organization. All powers and duties imposed upon him/her by these bylaws may be exercised by him/her. He/she shall preside at all board and general meetings.
- Section 2: The Vice-President, in the absence or inability of the President to act, is vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of President.
- Section 3: The Secretary shall keep a record of all board and general meetings. He/she shall keep a current membership roster. He/she shall be responsible for the correspondence of the organization and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.
- Section 4: The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the organization receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the organization and deposit all such moneys in the name of the organization in such depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall prepare an accounting of all funds for each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all aspects of the association's liability insurance including renewal, operation, interpretation and claims.
- Section 5: Officers and directors shall serve as voting members of the board. Alternate directors will have voting rights at Board Meetings, only when a quorum is needed.
- Section 6: There shall be 4 officers and 7 directors. There also may be 2 alternate directors. See Article VI Section 3 on filling a vacancy.
- Section 7: The term of office for all elected officers and directors shall be for one (1) year, from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Exception: If there are circumstances in which a general meeting and elections are not able to take place in the last quarter of the calendar year, the current officers and directors shall continue to serve until elections are able to be held.
- Section 8: The President shall appoint a nominating committee. The committee shall present a proposed slate of officers and directors for the following year which will be published on

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the web site and sent to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the general meeting in which the election will occur.

- Section 9: Election to office shall take place during the last quarter of the year at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting. In addition to the slate proposed by the nominating committee, nominees may be made from the floor at the general meeting. Exception see Article VII, Section 7.
- Section 10: Any officer being absent three (3) consecutive board and general meetings, without just cause shall have his/her office declared vacant.
- Section 11: No officer shall hold more than one (1) elected office at the same time.

### ARTICLE VIII Committees

- Section 1: Upon taking office the President may appoint the following committee chairpersons:
- a. Activities. It shall be the duty of the Activities Chairperson/Committee to plan and supervise the presentation of all Horse Shows, Gymkhanas, Play Days, Clinics, and similar horse related activities. Such sub-committees as may be helpful may be appointed.
  - b. Membership. It shall be the duty of the Membership Chairperson/Committee to have charge of all matters pertaining to membership, including the procuring of new members, eligibility of members and the reinstatement of members when appropriate
  - c. Website. It shall be the duty of the Webmaster Chairperson/Committee to update the website as needed in order to provide the membership with current information, including but not limited to a calendar of events and meetings, entry information for events, forms and miscellaneous information that is pertinent to the organization.
  - d. Publicity. The Publicity Chairperson/Committee shall submit articles concerning organization activities to the appropriate media (print and online) and handle whatever publicity of the organizations events as is appropriate.
  - e. Trail Boss. It shall be the duty of the Trail Boss to plan trail rides and maintain order and discipline on such rides, The Trail Boss shall also be responsible for the appropriate reporting of the use and condition of trail to the agencies concerned.

and such other committee chairpersons as he/she sees fit.

### ARTICLE IX Limits & Liabilities

- Section 1: Under no circumstances shall any officer, member of any committee, or general member contract for or incur any obligation to this association without first having secured authorization from the Board of Directors.
- Section 2: All checks, drafts, or orders for payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of this association shall be signed by two of the

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following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

### ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended at any regular general membership meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the membership at least ten (10) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be acted upon.

### ARTICLE XI Dissolution

Section 1: Dissolution of this organization shall be by a two-thirds vote of the membership present or by a proxy vote at a special meeting called for that purpose. Notification of such meeting shall be in writing, twice. The first notification shall be at least thirty (30) days prior and the second notification at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, at which time dissolution is to be acted upon.

Section 2: All property and assets of this organization at the time of dissolution shall be donated to an animal related charity or nonprofit organization selected by a majority vote of the general membership.

### ARTICLE XIII Attest

The foregoing bylaws of the MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS were approved and adopted at a general meeting of this organization on April 9, 2022.

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Shawna Dahl-President

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Linda Scroggins-Vice-President

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Karen Kuper-Secretary

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Carol Suggs-Treasurer

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Amelia Maire

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Cindy Love-Director

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Crystal Turck-Director

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Desiree Turck- Director

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Casie Fairbanks-Director

