

OFFICAL BY-LAWS
GEORGIA MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF SADDLE CLUBS
Organized March 5, 1967

PREAMBLE:

To inculcate and stimulate love of horse and out of doors; and to bring our clubs into harmony, we unite to form GEORGIA MOUNTAIN SADDLE CLUB ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I

NAME

- Section 1. The organization shall be known as the Georgia Mountain Saddle Club Association. **(SEE AMENDMENT I)**
- Section 2. Headquarters shall be in the state of Georgia.
- Section 3. The Association shall be a non-profit organization, operated exclusively for the promotion of the interest of its members clubs.
- Section 4. In the event of dissolution of the Association, and after discharge of its liabilities, the remaining assets will be equally divided among member clubs in good standing at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE II

MOTTO

"WORK TOGETHER, RIDE TOGETHER"

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to clubs within the approximately seventy-five mile radius of Gainesville, Ga. Subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

COLORS

The Association colors shall be red and white.

**ARTICLE V
DUES**

Membership dues for each succeeding year, after 1967 shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per club. This applies from January 1 to January 1 and it is due for payment within thirty (30) days after January 1. **(SEE AMENDMENT V)**

**ARTICLE VI
HANDLING OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

- Section 1. Banking for the Association will be done each year at the bank of the Treasurers choice. Bank may be changed from year to year if desired by the Treasurer.
- Section 2. Each check drawn on the Association Funds must bear the signature of the Treasurer and President. **(SEE AMENDMENT II)**
- Section 3. Association books will be kept open for audit by a member club at any time, and shall be completely audited at the end of each year, at the discretion of the directors.

**ARTICLE VII
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

- Section 1. **Directors**
The Board of Directors shall be composed of two (2) delegates from each club in the organization. They may be the same delegates each year, or may change each year, as desired by individual club. They shall serve for one year term, from Annual meeting to Annual meeting. Officers shall be considered as part of Board of Directors.
- Section 2. **Officer**
Officers shall be elected from the board members. They shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplin, Sargent-at-Arms.
- A. Officers shall serve a one (1) year term, from January 1 to January 1. They shall be elected at the regular Annual Board meeting and take office at the first regular meeting in January.
- B. Officers shall be nominated from the floor.
- C. Election shall be by secret or open ballot, as desired by directors at the time of election.

**ARTICLE VIII
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. President shall perform duties customary to the office, such as presiding over all meetings at the Association. He shall appoint all committees. The President may call meetings of the Association at his discretion, or upon request of majority of members of the Board of Directors; and giving ten (10) days notice in writing to each board member at last know address.
- Section 2. Vice-President, in the absence of President, shall perform all said duties.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all preceedings, record the same, and shall mail a copy of each set of minutes to each member club. He or she shall perform other duties common to the office. Shall maintain records and reports, and correspondence for the Association. Notify each member of all regular and called meetings.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all funds, deposit all receipts, maintain current record of receipts, purchases and expenditures. Shall furnish report of financial conditions at each meeting.
- Section 5. The Chaplin shall discharge devotion at all Association meetings, and other places where the Association is officially gathered.
- Section 6. Sargent at Arms shall maintain order at Association Meetings, and other places where the Association is officially gathered, such as Association Horse Shows, etc.

**ARTICLE IX
MEETINGS**

- Section 1. **DATE AND TIME**
Meetings of the Association shall be held the first Monday night in each month, at 8:00 P.M.
- Section 2. **PLACE**
Meetings shall be alternated among clubs in the Association, using alphabetical listing. **(SEE AMENDMENT III)**

**ARTICLE X
VOTING RIGHTS**

Each member club in good standing shall have two (2) votes on any issue pertaining to Association affairs. The President shall only vote in the event of a tie.

**ARTICLE XI
QUORUM**

Two-thirds (2/3) of member clubs in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

**ARTICLE XII
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Section 1. Association shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order on all matters not covered by these By-Laws.
- Section 2. Each member club shall sponsor two (2) horse shows each year which will be sanctioned by the Association. These sanctioned shows will be conducted according to the Rules and Regulations governing horse show prepared by the Association. (SEE AMENDMENT IV)

**ARTICLE XIV
TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Association may be terminated for deliberate violation of Association Rules and for conduct unbecoming a club, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of directors.

**ARTICLE XV
EXPENSE**

- Section 1. Any expense incurred by the Directors and Officers in promoting the Association shall be reimbursed by the Association funds.
- Section 2. All bills will be paid by check.
- A. In order for Treasurer to honor a bill for payment, it must bear the signature of an officer or director.

**ARTICLE XVI
AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended at any time, upon approval by the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENTS TO OFFICAL BY-LAWS
GEORGIA MOUNTAIN SADDLE CLUB ASSOCIATION

AMENDMENT I

The name of this Association shall be changed to GEORGIA MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF SADDLE CLUBS, in order to comply with name on state charter.

AMENDMENT II

HANDLING OF ASSOCIAION FUNDS

Checks drawn on the Association funds must bear signature of Treasurer ONLY.

AMENDMENT III

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at a location to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT IV

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Each club shall sponsor only one (1) horse show each year to be sanctioned by the Association.

AMENDMENT V

Membership dues for each year shall be an equal division of the of the Georgia Federation of Saddle Club dues by the number of member clubs in the Association of the given year.

AMENDMENT VI

NEW DELEGATES

Each member club of the Association shall have new delegates elected by the Annual Board meeting.

AMENDMENT VII

POINT KEEPER

The point keeper shall be an elected officer. Duties to keep an accurate and current set of points to be used to award year end awards and for participation to represent the Association at the State Show.

AMENDMENTS MADE @ JUNE 2006 MEETING

1. The Fiscal year to run July 1 to June 1
2. The Vice President is responsible for obtaining the Jamboree Judge but is not responsible for advertising the Jamboree Show.
3. The meeting time to start at 7:00pm.