



MISSION & BY-LAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the welfare of children and youth in their desire to spend their recreational hours in the company of each other and with their noble animal friends—their horses.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1). The name of this organization shall be Northwoods Saddle Club, Incorporated, a.k.a (NSC Inc.).

Section 2). This organization shall be based in Northern Itasca county, MN and Membership is open to all regardless of residence, and does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.

Section 3). The organization shall declare its colors to be teal/turquoise and white.

Section 4). Horse herein refers to all equine species.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization are:

A). To exercise activities that help teach and train both equestrians and horses, all aspects of care, handling, riding and driving in all disciplines and breeds.

B). To administer humane treatment and adequate welfare of horses.

C). To provide for the adult members an enjoyable kinship with youth and to provide the satisfaction reflected in this old saying by Winston Churchill familiar to horseman for many years: “There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”

D). To promote good **sportsmanship** among club members.

E). To promote horse events as a family activity for all family members to enjoy.

ARTICLE III
POLICIES

Section 1). The program of this organization shall be educational, recreational and shall be developed through regular meetings and riding activities.

Section 2). It will be the policy of this organization to follow all city rules and regulations set forth the city supervisors, governing the meeting places of all events.

Section 3). It will be the policy of all club members to respect the rules set forth by his organization.

Section 4). It will be the policy of this organization to refrain from all alcohol and illegal substance at any organizational functions, unless arrangements for such have been made at a previous meeting.

Section 5). It will be the policy of this organization to not loan out any property of said organization to anyone without a vote of members and a deposit to cover replacement costs.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND REVENUE

Section 1). All members of this organization in good standing on the date of incorporation are automatically said charter members of Northwoods Saddle Club, Incorporated.

Section 2). Any person willing to promote the objectives as set forth in the Article II may become a member of this organization anytime from January 1st through December 31st upon payment of dues.

Section 3). Persons under **18 years of age** in order to become a member of this organization must have on parent or legal guardian assume responsibility for the said minor and sign a waiver excluding organization from responsibility.

Section 4). The number of members shall be unlimited.

Section 5). Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st

Section 6). No individual member shall have right to organizational property.

Section 7). Membership can be terminated by 2/3 majority vote of any members at any regular organizational meeting. Said member must be notified of such pending action in advance of said meeting.

Section 8). The annual dues shall be \$10.00 for single membership, \$15.00 for a couple (any two people residing in one household, partners, married couples, parent and child) and \$20.00 for families (3 or more and children under 18 and/or high school student).

Section 9). If renewing member's dues are not paid in full by April Meeting, a penalty of \$5.00 will be added to the cost of membership.

Section 10). Only members in good standing with dues paid in full will have voting rights. All members **12 years & older** shall have equal voting rights.

Section 11). The organization secretary shall notify other officers at April meeting of all members in good standing and delinquent members.

Section 12). Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes including for such purposes, the making of distributional to organizations that

qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501c3 if the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Section 13). No part of the net earnings of this organization shall incurr to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustee, officer or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the proposed set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaigns on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170c2 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Section 1). The officers of this organization shall be made up of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. These four officers shall constitute the executive board of the organization and shall serve a one year term beginning January 1st of each year. Officers may be re-elected.

Section 2). The officers shall be nominated from the floor of members in good standing during the month of November and elected at the annual meeting in December.

Section 2). All adult members who are in good standing are eligible to be officers and will be included on the ballot for elections that will be held at the annual meeting in December.

Section 3). The organization will elect a photographer.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, OTHER ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1). The president shall: Prepare an agenda for each meeting. Preside at all meetings of the organization and of the executive board. Be an ex-officio member of all committees. Report periodically to the membership regarding the progress and standing of the organization. This will include an updated list of all major organizational assets and will become a part of the secretary's minutes for the month they are compiled. Act as custodian of all the properties of the organization.

Section 2). The vice president shall: Act as aide to the president with their duties and perform the duties of the president in their absence.

Section 3). The secretary shall: Be responsible for keeping a correct record of meetings and other duties as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order. Compile new membership packets and communicate with the treasurer on member standings. Review meeting minutes from previous meetings to keep members abreast of changing events. Organize and keep an up-to-date calendar of events and make available to members at each meeting.

Section 4). Treasurer shall: Be responsible for keeping correct financial records, receipts and expenditures of all monies. All expenses will be presented during the monthly meeting to be approved by the club. Any checks drawn in the excess of \$500.00 will require the signature of two club officers. An audit of club books must be conducted by both the incoming and outgoing officers. Results should be reported at the next regular meeting and entered in the secretary's minutes. In case of a discrepancy an emergency meeting should be called.

Section 5). The photographer shall: Be available for organizational events to record images for publications or advertising.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1). Regular meeting of this organization shall be held once a month as scheduled by a vote of the executive board with ratification of the members.

Section 2). Special meetings of the organization may be called by the president as needed and all club members will be notified.

Section 3). There shall be proper and adequate notice of all regular and special meetings of this organization.

Section 4). Six voting members (including the executive board) present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5). A horse activity or special event may be held at least once a month or as scheduled by a vote of the members and executive board.

Section 6). The regularly scheduled meeting for the month of December shall be designated as the annual meeting at which time officers shall be elected and the annual accounting shall be presented.

Section 7). This organization shall follow the Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Section 1). In order to be a member of this organization in good standing one must, abide by articles stated the By-Laws, and annual dues must be paid in full.

Section 2). Members must actively participate in club events.

Section 3). Members are also required to wear an official organization western shirt (Winter or Summer, which ever you choose. Please keep in mind, attending as a member to our events is for positive exposure of our organization.

ARTICLE IX BY-LAW REVISIONS

Section 1). Amendments to the organizations By-Laws shall be proposed to the membership at a regular meeting and ratified by a majority vote of members present.

Section 2). All members shall be issued a set of the organizations By-Laws.

Section 3). It is the responsibility of this organizations members to know and follow the articles in the current By-Laws.

ARTICLE X
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1). Dress Code for public events: consists of organizational purchased long sleeve shirt,s (tucked in and buttoned) jeans or western pants, western boot or riding heel type boot or shoe, western hat or approved riding helmet and a belt on pants. All of these should be clean, free from major stains, holes, tears and inappropriate language.

Section 2). Rules and regulations governing all play days, trail rides, sleigh rides and other scheduled events for that year will be discussed and/or amended at a regular monthly meeting and voted on. All rules and regulations will be issued to each member.

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or shall be distributed to the federal government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.