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Rules and Constitution of the "Mattawa Equestrian Club"

Title

The Club shall be known as the Mattawa Equestrian Club".

Objects

The objects of the Club shall be:

- a. To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- b. To organize instructional meetings, lectures, clinics and competitive events and other activities to further these objects.
- c. To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

Membership

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years (and persons aged seventeen years down to twelve years for the junior section) and, having been accepted by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club. No junior member may be a voting member of the Club. The Junior Committee will discuss matters relevant to the junior membership. This Committee, through the Chairperson of said Committee, may make recommendations to the Adult Committee for their consideration.

Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall send his or her name and address to the Chairperson or President of the Club on the appropriate New Member Application Form. The Committee shall have the right to reject any application for membership it deems unsuitable.

The annual subscription shall be payable on the 1st day of the Club's financial year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the Membership List after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her.

The Mattawa Equestrian Club also known as "MEC" is a non for profit organization whose main objective is to promote commerce and tourism in its community, also to assist and provide



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support to other non for profit organization within the community by means of assistance and support in any future fundraising events.

The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her, the Committee shall call upon him or her for an explanation of his or her conduct and provide a proper opportunity to answer the allegations against him or her.

Administration

1. The Committee

- a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and 5 other Committee members. Three shall form a quorum.
- b) No more than two members of the same household shall be Committee members at the same time, unless the Committee unanimously votes to change the said recommendation as set above.
- c) At the Annual General Meeting the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number.
- d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
- e) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- f) The Committee may formulate by-laws for the detailed running of the Club and these by-laws may be amended by voting during a monthly meeting. The Committee may also elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorize.
- g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.



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2. The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st of January of each year.
3. The annual membership fee shall be \$15 for single and \$20 for family or such other sum as determined by the Committee.
4. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-Presidents. They shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.
5. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the 3rd week of January of each year to transact the following business.
 - a) To receive and if approved, to adopt a Statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - b) To fill vacancies on the Committee by way of voting.
 - c) To deal with any special matters which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with by way of a written agenda. Committee members may request items to be added to the agenda at least 5 days prior to the General Meeting.
6. A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than three members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.
7. The Accounts of the Club shall be audited by an accountant appointed and voted on by the Committee.
8. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post or e-mail to his or her address in the Province of Ontario, Canada registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the Province of Ontario, Canada, such member shall not be entitled to receive any



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notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.

9. These rules may be added to, repealed, or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least one-third of the members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
10. In the case of dissolution of the Club, all assets are to be sold at full market value. Any monies held by the Club shall be dispersed to pay any outstanding debts incurred by the Club. Once all debts have been cleared, the balance of the account shall be turned over to the owners and operators of Freedom Acres namely Diane and Robert Corriveau in order to pay for monies spent for the outdoor riding ring used by the Mattawa Equestrian Club.
11. The Club shall carry Liability Insurance to the amount of two million dollars. The Club shall provide proof of insurance annually to ensure that all Liability Insurances are in force. Any default to carry or give proof of said insurances, shall be notice of cancellation of any equestrian events on said property known as Freedom Acres located at 366 Chénier Road in Mattawa, Ontario, Canada owned and operated by Diane and Robert Corriveau.



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MISSION

The Mattawa Equestrian Club also known as the "MEC" advocates safe horse handling and Good sportsmanship, targeting all levels of riders from children to adults, while promoting That learning can be a healthy enjoyable experience and also to encourage development in all Aspects of horsemanship.

Countersigned at: _____

Dated: _____

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Chairperson/President
Daisy Collins

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Vice-Chairperson/Vice President
Diane Corriveau