

**MANITOBA MORGAN HORSE CLUB**  
**Constitution**

**Article 1**

The name of this Club shall be the 'MANITOBA MORGAN HORSE CLUB referred to as the MMHC.

**Article 2 - OBJECTIVES:**

- 2.1 To promote, through education, the understanding and appreciation of the Morgan Horse as the ideal family horse, while striving to preserve the tradition of the Breed under the direction of The Canadian Morgan Horse Association Inc.
- 2.2 To recognize and maintain true-to-type breed standards in conjunction with the established system of registration under the (CLRC) Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.
- 2.3 To co-operate with other breed associations and agricultural organizations while promoting the Light Horse Industry in Canada.
- 2.4 To portray the Morgan Horse as the versatile breed as demonstrated by member participation in all types of shows and events while maintaining friendship and goodwill between Morgan owners and relative associations/clubs.

**Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP:**

The membership year shall be from *January 1st* to *December 31<sup>st</sup>* for all members except Honorary.

- 3.1 Any person interested in furthering the objectives of the CMHA and the MMHC, may become a member by paying an annual MMHC membership fee to the Treasurer.
- 3.2 An Individual Annual Membership entitles the bearer to one vote at meetings
- 3.3 A Family Annual Membership is for immediate family adult member(s) including children under the age of nineteen years as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and entitles the bearer to two votes at meetings.
- 3.4 An Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon a past member who has exhibited exceptional service to this organization. Such members shall take no part in the management of this organization and shall have no voting privileges at meetings.

**Article 4 - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- 4.1 The affairs of the MMHC shall be conducted by a Board of Directors who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and consist of a president, an immediate Past-President, a Vice President, a secretary, a treasurer, and four directors, one nominated from each of the four geographical areas of the province as defined in Article 13.
- 4.2 The Board of Directors, subject to any action taken at any time by the members, shall have the entire charge, control and management of the MMHC, its property and business and may exercise all or any of its powers.

**4.3 The Board of Directors shall have control over the following:**

- 4.3.1 To appoint a director for the remainder of a term of office when a director resigns or leaves by any other means. A written resignation to the president or secretary by Canada Post or E-mail is required.
- 4.3.2 To remove a director from office by a resolution passed by three-quarters (3/4) of the members present at a special general meeting called for that purpose.
- 4.3.3 To appoint a director for the remaining term when an individual director ceases to be a resident of Manitoba.
- 4.3.4 To appoint a director for the remaining term of office after the individual has not attended three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the board without providing satisfactory reasons for non-attendance.

4.3.5 To remove any member who has been declared "not in good standing" or has been suspended from the CMHA or the, CLRC. Not in good standing is defined as not abiding by the By-Laws/Constitution of the CMHA, CLRC or the MMHC.

4.3.6 To replace any director who does not renew a membership for the current year.

#### **Article 5 - COMMITTEES AND THEIR OFFICERS:**

- 5.1 The Board of Directors has the authority to establish any committee and can further determine the duties and responsibilities of such committees necessary for the development of the MMHC.
- 5.2 Each Committee will have a chairperson responsible for selecting additional members and carrying out the duties of each committee.
- 5.3 The Nominating Committee will consist of three MMHC members, one of whom shall be a director. Forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting, this Committee shall provide the Secretary with a list of prospective candidates and their corresponding positions. In turn, the Secretary will send this information by E-mail or Canada Post, to all current year MMHC Members within thirty (30) days of the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Article 6 - DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- 6.1 The President shall preside at all meetings and shall provide leadership and supervision, and shall perform additional duties as designated by the Board of Directors. He/She will be an Ex-Officio Member of all committees and may serve as chairperson of any committee.
- 6.2 To provide continuity relating to past and present procedures, the Immediate Past-President shall have voting and membership rights as a member of the Board and may chair a committee.
- 6.3 The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the president and shall perform additional duties as designated by the Board of Directors.
- 6.4 The Secretary shall attend all meetings and record the exact minutes of all proceedings and shall perform additional duties as designated by the Board of Directors.  
The minutes of all meetings shall be printed and available to distribute to all members at the next Meeting or be sent by E-mail or Canada Post prior to the next meeting..
- 6.5 The Treasurer subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall deposit all the monies received to the credit of the MMHC, shall pay all expenses by co-signed cheque only, shall keep proper books of account and shall provide statements in detail of the MMHC affairs when requested by the Board of Directors.  
At each meeting of the MMHC the Treasurer shall present a current report. For the Annual Meeting the report as provided by the Credit Union or Bank will suffice any requirement for an Auditor and shall include the usual statement of receipts, expenditures, assets and liabilities for the fiscal year.
- 6.6 The Directors shall assist the officers in conducting the activities and affairs of the MMHC and assist the officers in performing any additional duties as designated by the Board of Directors.
- 6.7 It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary and/or Treasurer to relinquish all MMHC business and financial records and monies to the President or Vice-President when either term of office ends.
- 6.8 The MMHC Financial Account shall be kept separate from the CMHA Manitoba Zone Account.

#### **Article 7 – MEETINGS AND ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- 7.1 The President, Secretary, or any two Directors, may call a Board of Directors meeting at a selected location, providing seven (7) days notice to all Board members.
- 7.2 The members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.
- 7.3 At a meeting, the Board of Directors may vote by a show of hands, by secret ballot, or by written approval signed by all members of the Board and filed with the minutes of its meetings.

## **Article 8 – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS:**

- 8.1 The Annual Meeting shall be held on or before the end of October each year at such time and place decided by the Board of Directors or the President and shall be for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and officers, receiving committee reports, and for the transaction of business. All current year MMHC members must be given thirty (30) days notice including location of the Annual Meeting.
- 8.2 MMHC committee or special meetings may be called at any time by the President, Secretary, or any two members of the Board of Directors, giving seven (7) days notice of location.
- 8.3 At any meeting of members other than the Annual Meeting, a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of the members present at that meeting.
- 8.4 Voting must take place in person with each Individual Adult Member casting one vote, and Family Members casting a maximum of two votes.

## **Article 9 – NOTICE OF MEETINGS:**

- 9.1 Notice of meetings and their location, shall be given by the Secretary by E-mail or by Canada Post, seven (7) days prior to the meeting, using the last known address of each member. If the office of secretary is vacant, or the secretary is incapacitated or fails to act, notice may be given by the director(s) calling the same.

## **Article 10 – AMENDMENTS:**

This constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Amendments to the constitution must be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting or any General Meeting to permit the Secretary to give thirty (30) days notice in writing by Canada Post or E-mail of the proposed amendments to all MMHC members.

## **Article 11 - LIQUIDATION:**

Should the MMHC liquidate, any remaining assets shall become the property of The Canadian Morgan Horse Association Inc.

## **Article 12 – FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Financial Year of the Manitoba Morgan Horse Club shall be the twelve month period beginning with the first day of January and ending with the last day of December.

## **Article 13 LOCATION OF MMHC MEMBERS CHAIRED BY ONE DIRECTOR IN EACH AREA**

Area 1– from the Saskatchewan and USA borders, South of Highway #2, East to Highway #13.

Area 2 from the Saskatchewan border, North of Highway #2, South of Riding Mountain National Park, East to Highway #13 and #6.

Area 3 -from the Saskatchewan Border, North of Riding Mountain Park, East to Highway #6

Area 4 –East of Highway #6 & #13 to the Ontario Border, South to the USA border.

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