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CONSTITUTION OF THE UVM HORSEMAN, INC.

ARTICLE ONE* PURPOSES

Statement of Purposes: To promote horses, horsemanship and horse management on the UVM campus.

Section one- To develop and promote good fellowship among horse lovers.

Section two- To promote and develop good horsemanship together with the knowledge, interest and application of the care and training of good horses.

Section three- Through the activities of this club, to interest and to educate the public in the recreational possibilities and benefits of the use and ownership of horses.

ARTICLE TWO* MEMBERSHIP

Section one- Members in this organization shall be limited to active members only. Active membership will be defined as:

- a) those members keeping horses on the UVM campus.
- b) those members with an interest in horses and saddle club purposes.

Section two- To be a member of the UVM Horsemen, Inc., a person must be a student, employee, or member of the faculty of UVM.

Section three- Only active student members shall be eligible to vote.

Section four- Only active student members shall be elected as club officers.

Section five- All members shall abide by the rules as stated in the Stable Rules of the UVM Horsemen, Inc.

ARTICLE THREE* TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section one- Membership in the club will be terminated by non-payment of dues as described in the Stable Rules.

Section two- Membership will be terminated for any action or conduct detrimental to the interests of the club by a majority vote of the quorum membership of the club. However, such member or officer must first be given an opportunity to defend himself before such a vote is taken. Said vote is to be in the nature of a secret ballot.

Section three- Members whose membership is terminated will forfeit their dues.

Section four- All complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant within five days of the incident. All complaints must be sent to an officer of the club.

ARTICLE FOUR* MANAGEMENT

Section one- Management of the Club shall be vested in the Club officers.

Section two- The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section three- Officers shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting held at the end of May. If an officer does not complete his term, a new officer will be elected by a quorum at a special Club meeting.

Upon the incompletion of the President's term, the Vice-President will take over the office of President, and a new Vice-President will be elected.

Section four- No officer shall hold office unless he or she is a student member in good standing (good standing as defined in Article Five.)

Section five- The president shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Section six- The duties of the President are:

- a) to preside at all meetings.
- b) to create committees by appointment of a chairman, who, with the assistance of the President, shall select committee members and make appointments known to the membership. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees and shall have a vote.
- c) to be responsible for enforcing the Stable Rules and maintaining Club standards.

Section seven- The duties of the Vice President are:

- a) to assist the President in the discharge of his duties.
- b) to act for the President in his absence.

Section eight- The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer are:

- a) to keep all accounts of the Club; keep a record of all meetings of the organization, conduct the correspondence, read all documents and correspondence, receive all fees and bills, and to give official receipt of the same, notify all members of each meeting, report annually on the activities of the Club.
- b) to receive, record, and deposit all monies.
- c) to sign all checks, this duty is extended to the President also.
- d) to make an annual report upon the financial affairs of the organization and all funds coming into his or her possession.
- e) to close the books and deliver all funds and records to his or her successor within 15 days following the end of the school year.
- f) to keep the books open to all of the membership.

Section nine- Any officer proven unqualified to hold office will be dismissed from said office. Action will be instituted by a written statement from a member, submitted to any officer, and voted upon by the Club. Three-fourths of the membership must be present to vote, and a simple majority vote of that three-fourths is necessary to remove the officer in question from office.

ARTICLE FIVE*

Section one- The constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of the quorum membership of the Club.

Section two- Quorum membership shall be defined as one-half of the active members.

Section three- A member in good standing shall be defined as one who abides by both the Constitution of the UH Horsemen, Inc., and its Stable Rules.

STABLE RULES OF THE UVM HORSEMEN, INC.

ARTICLE ONE* DUES

Section one- Dues must be paid within the first two weeks of each quarter.

Section two- Dues will be determined by: a) those members having a horse on campus- \$2.00 per quarter b) those members having no horse on campus- no fee.

ARTICLE TWO* STABLE RULES

Section one- The Club member shall feed, water, and care for his or her horse every day. The horse shall be kept well-groomed. Stalls shall be kept clean. A halter and lead shall be kept at each horse's stall. Each horse shall have an information card in front of its stall. The information card shall include: Horse's name, Feed amounts and time of feeding, Breed and sex of horse, Club member's name, School address and phone number, and Home address and phone number.

If an owner will be absent for one or more feedings, he or she shall arrange to have the horse cared for in his absence.

Section two- Horses may be turned out to pasture during the day, but all horses must be in at dark.

Section three- Each member keeping a horse on campus shall be responsible for the following: keeping aisles swept and clean, keeping the feed and tack rooms in order, hauling and stacking of hay and straw, general orderliness and maintenance of the facilities, seeing that manure is properly disposed of.

Section four- Each horse owner will have a key to the tack and feed rooms.

These rooms will be kept locked at all times. All feed and equipment shall be kept in the tack and feed rooms.

Section five- Requirements for stabling a horse on the UVM campus are as follows:

a) must be a member of the UVM Horsemen, Inc.

b) must be prepared to pay the annually set deposit for hay and straw purchases or provide own hay and straw.

c) each horse owner must sign a waiver of liability.

d) each horse must have a recent Bill of Health before being stabled in the facilities.

e) all horses must have tetanus and sleeping sickness shots, and be Coggins tested. A rabies vaccine is recommended, but not required.

f) the Club reserves the right to have a veterinarian examine any horse showing signs of ill health. Such action shall be instituted by notification of a Club officer, who shall notify the horse owner and a veterinarian. The owner of the suspected horse will be responsible for payment of the resulting bill.

g) Stallions or studs colts over six months of age are not allowed.

Section six- Should it be felt that a person is mistreating or abusing his horse, or that the horse is not being properly cared for, the person will be brought up before the Club, and the problem dealt with at that time.

Section seven- Club equipment is for the use of all members. Each individual will be held liable for any damage done to Club equipment.

Section eight- Absolutely NO SMOKING will be permitted in the barns. Emergency numbers will be posted in the barns for Veterinarian, Inc Department, and Police.