

PRAIRIE DUR ROCHER SADDLE & BRIDLE CLUB
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ARTICLE #1 - Name

The name of this club is the **PRAIRIE DU ROCHER SADDLE AND BRIDLE CLUB**.

ARTICLE #2 - Objective

The object of this club is to encourage and to promote the use of all breeds of horses to be used as pleasure and recreational mounts, and to interest the youth of the community to work and play together in the club activities.

ARTICLE #3 - Membership

Section 1. Individual Membership -

Persons 18 years and older will be entitled to vote upon payment of -\$25.00 dues for new members, and \$20.00 dues for established members. Any individual member who marries may convert to a family membership.

Section 2. Family Membership -

Husband and wife and immediate family under the age of 18 are included.

They are entitled to two votes upon payment of \$40.00 dues for new membership and \$35.00 dues for renewal of established members.

Any child under a family membership who turns 18 prior to January 1 of calendar year is entitled to an individual membership upon payment of dues.

Section 3. Honorary Membership -

This membership may be granted at any time by the Officers and the Board of Directors for that calendar year. Honorary members have no voting rights but are entitled to all other privileges.

Section 4. Termination of Membership -

If a member fails to pay current dues by March 1, membership is considered abandoned.

Membership may also be terminated for violation of club rules as outlined in Article 3, Sections 5 and 6.

Section 5. Trail Ride Rules -

All members will be expected to abide by the following trail ride rules:

1. Saddle club rides are for **MEMBERS ONLY**. Any guest(s) must be invited by **ride host**.
2. Unruly horses are to be kept at the rear of the ride.
3. Flags or ribbons are to be attached to the tails of horses as indicated: **RED** for kicking horses, **BLUE** for stallions.
4. Horses and riders are to stay on the designated trails at all times.
5. Riders are to keep up with the horse(s) in front of them so that riders are together as a group.
6. No littering is allowed on the trails or on ride host's property.
7. Respect other riders, horses and property.
8. Do **NOT** run horses past other riders.
9. Keep horses 10 feet away from refreshment truck.
10. No blatant drunkenness will be tolerated. Such behavior endangers your person and/or horse(s), or other person(s) and/or horse(s).
11. Horses **MUST BE SADDLED** and **READY TO RIDE** by the scheduled departure time or you will **NOT** be welcome to participate in the ride.

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Section 6. *Enforcement of Membership and Trail Ride Rules –*

Any two club Officers (including Board Members) may order a member(s) to immediately cease participating in a club or club sponsored function if, in their opinions, the member's conduct is inappropriate or presents a hazard to other members or participants.

Failure to comply may result in the termination of membership.

The procedure shall be as follows:

- 1.) The matter shall be scheduled for review at the next club meeting.
- 2.) It shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present, whether or not to terminate the violator's membership.
- 3.) If terminated, the former member can apply for a new membership as a new applicant as described in Article 3, Sections 1 and/or 2 of the by-laws.

ARTICLE #4 Officers

Section 1. *Executive Committee*

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and the Directors of the club.

Section 2. *Officers*

The officers of the club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. *Election of Directors*

Three Directors shall be elected; one to be elected each year for a three-year term at the regular January meeting.

Section 4. *Election of Officers*

The election of officers shall be at the regular January meeting and shall be for a period of one year.

ARTICLE #5 Vacancies In Elected Offices

Section 1. *Office Vacancy -*

Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elected office before the normal expiration date, for whatever reason, it shall be filled by the President; such appointment to continue until the next regular election.

Section 2. *Removal of Officer -*

Any officer, who in the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee members, is inactive or undesirable, may be removed and a successor appointed.

ARTICLE #6 Duties of the Officers.

Section 1. *Executive Committee*

The duty of the Executive Committee is to pursue the object of the club by managing all club business.

Section 2. *President*

The President shall preside at all meetings and act as Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall appoint all committees except the Executive Committee, call special meetings, and perform all other duties assigned to this office.

Section 3. *Vice-President*

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the office of the President.

Section 4. *Secretary*

The Secretary shall keep notes on the regular business and executive meetings, keep membership records and write up the minutes promptly and completely in the club record books and carry on all general correspondence of the club.

Section 5. *Treasurer*

The Treasurer shall receive and keep records of all monies, debts and obligations of the club, and shall have the authority to sign checks and make authorized payments for the purpose of meeting financial obligations of the club. The Treasurer shall render a complete financial report at the January meeting.

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ARTICLE #7 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the club shall be the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE #8 Meetings.

Section 1. Schedule of Meeting

A regular monthly meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Section 2. Meeting Program

Order of business shall be as follows:

- Call to order.
- Reading of minutes from the previous meeting.
- Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.
- Unfinished or old business, reports of committees.
- New business and discussions.
- Adjournment.

Section 3. Membership Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 5 percent (5%) of the membership.

Section 4. Special Committee Report

The President shall from time to time appoint special committees and such committees shall make full reports at the regular meeting.

ARTICLE #10 Amendments

Section 1. Suggestions for Change

Suggestions for additions or amendments to the By-Laws or repeal of a By-Law may be made by any member. Each suggestion shall be considered by the Executive Committee, who will recommend it for adoption or discussion.

Section 2. Membership Consideration of Change

Proposed additions or amendments to the By-Laws shall be acted upon at the next regular meeting following discussion of the addition, amendment, or repeal. A favorable vote by 2/3 of the members present shall be required for adoption of the change to the By-Laws.

Section 3. Cash Donations (February 2024)

Cash donations to any charitable donation or institutions can only be presented to vote by membership after unanimous approval by the board.

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