

DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be: Distance Riding Association of Wisconsin (DRAW).

ARTICLE II

DRAW shall be a non-profit organization. No part of any profits or remainder of residue from dues or donations to the association shall be to the benefit of any member or individual. The purpose of DRAW shall be to promote and encourage distance riding in the state of Wisconsin. Year-end awards shall be provided to riders meeting the qualifications stated in these by-laws.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1:

DRAW membership is open to any individual interested in distance riding. Membership shall consist of (1) individual membership or (2) family membership. A family membership shall consist of one or more related or coupled as significant other, adults and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household. Grandparents sponsoring a grandchild less than 18 years of age, residing at a different mailing address, will be allowed to have a family membership listing the grandchild. Memberships will be current for a one-year duration.

Section 2:

Dues are for the period of January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year and are based on the type of membership.

Section 3:

A rider must be a current member of DRAW to be eligible for year-end awards. Points will accrue only after the date of membership.

Section 4:

New members may join DRAW at any time throughout the year. If they wish to join at a ride for which they will receive points and mileage, the Treasurer must receive the form with the proper fees no later than two weeks after the ride for which they wish to attain credit.

Section 5:

You must be a member in good standing to hold an office, be nominated for office, or vote at a DRAW meeting.

Section 6:

For membership purposes only, JUNIORS are those persons under 18 years of age at the start of the ride season.

Section 7:

Termination of membership: any individual or family who deliberately misrepresents distance riding or the DRAW organization by knowingly providing misinformation on sign-up forms, registration forms, or when registering for awards, shall be denied membership or current membership shall be canceled by a two-thirds majority vote of those assembled at any regular meeting.

Section 8:

Any member writing a non-sufficient funds check to DRAW, or having outstanding debt to DRAW, shall have all membership rights and benefits revoked. Membership rights shall be reinstated if all bank charges and the amount of the N.S.F. check or the unpaid debts are paid in full within 60 days of the infraction.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1:

The officers of DRAW shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Points Keeper.

Section 2:

Elections shall be held at the annual meeting each year. Nominations shall be open to the floor and candidates shall be elected by secret written ballot. Nominations can be sent to the secretary before the meeting.

Section 3:

The officers shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election of their office. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office, all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the election.

Section 4:

Rights and duties of the officers:

President:

The President shall preside at all meetings, see that the bylaws of the organization are upheld and enforced, and shall perform such other duties as customarily pertains to the office of President.

Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, or in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President; and oversee and audit the records of the appointed secretary/treasurer.

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all the meetings or appoint someone in his/her absence. The secretary shall forward all official meeting minutes and notices including meeting dates, to the DRAW website editor to be published on the DRAW webpage. The secretary shall handle all correspondence regarding potential DRAW memberships, keep a current membership list as received from the Treasurer, keep current the DRAW bylaws, and handle all advertisement for DRAW.

The Treasurer shall administer the DRAW checking account, pay all bills submitted on behalf of DRAW, accept donations, keep an accurate record of credits/debits of the DRAW finances, collect membership forms and dues, and maintain a current membership list, submit all sanctioning forms and fees, insurance forms and fees, rider fees, and any other forms or fees relating to DRAW sponsored rides with the exception of ride flyers, which are the responsibility of the Ride Manager(s). A year-end annual report shall be submitted at the annual meeting in fall.

The Points Keeper shall maintain points and mileage for current DRAW members for year-end awards and forward the point standings throughout the ride season to the DRAW website editor to be published on the DRAW webpage.

Section 5:

The officers shall handle any problems that occur between meetings, including emergency business.

Section 6:

The officers do not have the authority to change the DRAW bylaws.

ARTICLE V

Annual Meeting

Section 1:

The annual meeting shall be conducted in the last three months of the calendar year and presided over by the DRAW President, or in the absence or disability of, another DRAW officer in descending order, (i.e. VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Points Keeper). The date and place will be established each year.

Section 2:

Agenda items will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. After all agenda items have been considered, the person presiding shall allow other items to be brought to the attention of the membership.

Section 3:

The person presiding may appoint subcommittees to study problems of concern to the membership. These subcommittees must then meet and report to the membership at the time specified by the presiding person.

Section 4:

At any meeting of the membership, twenty (20) members or one-third (1/3) of the adult organization membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5:

The general membership shall be notified of the annual meeting date and time at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.

ARTICLE VI

Year End Awards and Points

Section 1:

Points:

1st place- 11 points; 2nd place- 10 points; 3rd place- 9 points; 4th place- 8 points; 5th place-7 points; 6th place- 6 points; completion- 5 points. These points are based on a twenty-five (25) mile ride. For a fifty (50) mile ride, double the points.

Section 2:

Odd mile ride points:

Points are calculated by dividing the miles into the amount of points then multiplying the number of miles. Example: 22 points for 50 miles = $22/50 = .44$ points/mile. $.44 \times 60$ mile ride = 26.4 points for 1st place.

Section 3:

Ties:

Add the points for both places and divide by two. Example: 2 riders tie for 1st on a LD 25 mile ride. Add $11 + 10$ points (1st + 2nd place) $= 21/2 = 10.5$ points/rider. The next place on the ride would be 3rd place.

Section 4:

DRAW riders only compete against DRAW members for points. There are no weight divisions in DRAW.

Section 5:

Awards:

- Competitive; First thru eighth
- Endurance; First thru eighth
- Limited Distance; First thru eighth
- Versatility; First place
- Junior Divisions; First thru third
- Driving; First thru eighth

Section 6:

To be eligible for year-end awards, a three (3) ride minimum is required.

Section 7:

Awards are given to a horse and rider combination. DRAW members are eligible to win several awards in different categories, or with different horses.

Section 8:

Versatility Award consists of the same horse and rider combination competing in Endurance, LD, and Competitive competitions and gaining the most points. Two rides of each category must be ridden to qualify. In the event of a tie, the horse and rider combination with the most miles will win the award. There will be two divisions awarded, Junior and Senior.

Section 9:

First place in Competitive, LD, and Endurance shall also receive the traveling trophy for one year. The plaque will have the horse's name engraved upon it.

ARTICLE VII

Veterinary Control

Section 1:

All the rides promoted and encouraged by DRAW shall have a licensed veterinarian as head of the judging team and adhere to judging standards established by the Upper Midwest Competitive and Endurance Ride Association (UMECRA). Rides, for the purpose of this Article, are defined as competitive, endurance, and limited distance events.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1:

These bylaws may be amended at a meeting by majority vote of the general membership present.

Section 2:

Proposed bylaw changes must be presented in writing to members, and/or posted on the DRAW webpage, at least thirty (30) days prior to a meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Dissolution of DRAW

Section 1:

In the event of the dissolution of this organization, all assets shall be donated to a qualified tax- exempt, non-profit, equine-oriented organization to be determined by the D.R.A.W. officers at the time