

Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club, Inc. By-Laws

Article I – Name

The name of this club is the **Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club Incorporated.**

Article II – Object

The object of the Club is to encourage and promote the breeding and use of the registered Morgans as versatile pleasure horses and show horses; to standardize the requirements and specifications and to assure fair play for showing and judging; to exchange ideas on and promote knowledge of the Morgan horse; to cooperate with other organizations in working for the advancement of the breed

Article III – Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the Morgan horse and the purpose for which this club was organized may become an active member in good standing upon receipt of one (1) years dues.

Section 2. There shall be three (3) classes of members as follows:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP - Eighteen (18) years and older with current dues of \$15.00 paid in full, and is entitled to one (1) vote

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – Husband and wife, and/or immediate family. Members living in the same household, with current dues of \$20.00, paid in full, and entitled to Two (2) votes, providing voters are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – Under eighteen (18) years of age with current dues of \$10.00, but not entitled to vote.

INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP – Given by a MVMHC member to a new Morgan owner, fee only good for one (1) year \$5.00

Section 3. Termination of membership. The Executive Committee, by an affirmation majority, may suspend or expel a member for just cause after offering an opportunity for an appropriate hearing at a regular meeting.

Section 4. Abandonment of Membership. When a member fails to pay current dues by April 1st, he/she is considered to have abandoned his/her membership.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of Officers and Directors of the Club.

Section 2. The officers of the Club shall be; PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PUBLICITY SECRETARY, AND HISTORIAN.

Section 3. Five (5) Directors shall also be elected as voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. A minimum of four (4) Ambassadors shall also be elected. One (1) Youth Representative shall be elected as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The election of Officers, Directors, Ambassadors and Youth Representative shall be held at the annual November meeting and shall be elected for a period of one (1) year beginning January 1st.

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Article V – Vacancies in Elected Offices

Section 1. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elected office, prior to the normal expiration of said office, from any cause whatsoever, it shall be filled by appointment by the President, such appointment shall continue until the next regular election.

Section 2. Any officer who, in the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee, is inactive or uncooperative may be removed from office and a successor appointed.

Article VI – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The duties of the Executive Committee are to carry out the purpose for which the Club is organized and to manage all business. It shall exercise the management of current and ordinary business of the Club in accordance with the instructions of the Club members. It shall devise ways and means to achieve the object of the Club.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings and act as the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and perform all other duties usually assigned to this office. The President shall have the authority to appoint area reporters to gather news for the newsletter, “Morgan Tales”, with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President is responsible for keeping the club flag.

Section 3. The Vice President shall, in the absence or inability of the President, perform all the duties of the office of President. In addition, the Vice President will be present at all Committee meetings and shall be responsible for planning the regular club meetings and programs.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record the transactions of all meetings including Executive meetings. He/She shall conduct general correspondence of the Club, send all notice of meetings other than those announced in the published newsletter, and shall have access to the Club’s bank account.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and keep records of debts and obligations of the Club. He/She shall deposit all monies of the Club in a bank designated by the Executive Committee as a depository. He/She shall make a financial report at each Club meeting, and also an annual financial report at the January meeting showing in detail all monies received and disbursed. All checks issued shall be signed by party designated as Treasurer.

Section 6. The Publicity Secretary shall maintain and edit the newsletter, whose name shall be MORGAN TALES, the official publication of the Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club, Inc., and the news in the MORGAN HORSE (Breed publication), shall take care of publicity correspondence, advertising, and publicity of the Club. MORGAN TALES shall be published on a regular basis, the first week of the month, with not less than six (6) issues a year. In the event MORGAN TALES is not published, the Publicity Secretary shall notify the Secretary so that post cards announcing the meeting can be mailed.

Section 7. The Historian shall keep a complete file of newspaper, magazine clippings, program material dealing with the Club or its activities; he/she shall also be responsible for the safekeeping of trophies and similar Club property. The Historian shall encourage and purchase, where desirable, pictures and motion pictures of club activities.

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Section 8. The duties of the Directors shall consist of promoting Morgan interest and activity in the various areas, and assisting in the management of the Club.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Ambassadors to represent out Club in their vicinities, spread good will, and gather news for the Morgan Tales under the supervision of the President.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of every officer to engage actively in Club activities and in the discharge of his/her official position.

Section 11. The Youth Representative shall represent the youth interests of the Club and promote youth participation in the Club functions.

Article VII – Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be the calendar year.

Section 2. Members joining the Club on October 1st or thereafter shall automatically receive a paid membership card for the following fiscal year.

Article VIII – Meetings

Section 1. A Minimum of ten (10) Club meetings or functions will be held during the year.

Section 2. Meeting notices will be sent to members only if the newsletter does not carry the information.

Section 3. A member may be represented by a written and signed proxy presented to the President at the beginning of the meeting.

Section 4. Order of Business shall be as follows:

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer's report

Reports of the Publicity Secretary

Reading of Communications

Old Business (election of officers at the annual meeting.)

New Business

Discussions

Adjournment

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of the majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee. The President, or anyone acting in his/her behalf, in conducting the meeting shall vote only in case of a tie.

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Article IX – Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint from time to time such working committees as may be necessary, and all such committees shall make full reports of their regular meetings.

Section 2. During the month of September, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members who will select and report on a slate of officers at the October meeting.

Article X – Amendments

Section 1. Suggestions for additions, or amendments of the By-Laws, or repeal of a By-Law, may be made by any member. Each such suggestion shall be considered by the Executive Committee who will recommend it for adoption or rejection.

Section 2. Following consideration by the Executive Committee, the proposed change of By-Laws will be published in the Morgan Tales, together with the Executive Committee's recommendation.

Section 3. Proposed additions or amendments to the By-Laws, or repeal of By-Laws shall be acted upon at the next regular meeting following publication in the Morgan Tales. A favorable vote by two-thirds (2/3) of those members present shall be required for the adoption of the change to the By-Laws.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet following the October club function in each odd numbered year to review the By-Laws. Recommended changes resulting from such a review will be further acted upon as stated in Section 2 and 3 of this Article.