

CONSTITUTION,

BY-LAWS

&

RULES

DRAFT - REVISED 2/01/16

Incorporated: March, 2013

Ratified: April 15, 2013

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

KATE BABOLA

9 Brandt Beach Ave Mattapoisett, MA 02739 klb921@hotmail.com 508-287-4966

MARY CHARETTE (Treasurer)

516 Spencer Street Fall River, MA 02721 jumpmud@aol.com 774-930-7081

RONALD CLOHECY

Honorary

47 Glen Farm Road Portsmouth, RI 02871 RonClohecy@aol.com 401-862-2121

ANNIE DOTOLI

1470 Putnam Pike Chepachet, RI 02814 anniedotoli@yahoo.com 802-503-5797

SAMANTHA CRAIG

Member at Large

76 Beech Avenue Cranston, RI 02910 samantha.craig40@yahoo.com 401-359-5344

JESSICA ROBERTS

Member at Large

16 Rhodes Street
Plainville, MA 02762
jlrhfs228@yahoo.com

401-595-9892

JENNIFER WALL

7 Katie Circle Attleboro, MA 02703 jlwall123@yahoo.com 401-529-8178

PATRICK MARCH

30 Sandy Point Farm Road, Apt. 2 Portsmouth, RI 02871 pm81499@hotmail.com 802-585-4460

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of the organization shall be "Rhode Island Equitation Championships" (Hereinafter referred to as "RIEC".)

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

Section 1

To organize and manage a yearly state championship horse show called "The Rhode Island Equitation Championships".

Section 2

To conduct RIEC activities as a non-profit, tax exempt organization as provided under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue code.

Section 3

To provide educational scholarships/grants to RIEC competitors as determined, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4

To provide Recognition and Awards for RIEC competitors.

ARTICLE III-OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1

- A. The Board of Directors of the RIEC shall consist of a minimum of six (6) Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of people who adhere to the high principles of the RIEC and who, in general, have demonstrated by example good citizenship in the general community. Criteria for board membership shall include, but is not limited to, high ethical and moral values; demonstration of loyalty to the "horse community"; strict adherence to the laws of the United States, the State of Rhode Island, and the municipalities; regular attendance at directors' meetings, and the willingness and ability to perform the duties necessary to organize and manage a successful state championship horse show.
- B. The Board of Directors shall manage the business and affairs of the RIEC.
- C. One (1) Director shall be designated as the Treasurer.
- D. One (1) Director shall be designated as the Secretary.
- E. Treasurer and Secretary positions may be held by one and the same person.

Section 2

A. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, new Directors shall be appointed by a majority vote of the existing Directors at the September meeting of the RIEC. New Directors shall assume their duties as of October 1st.

B. In the event a vacancy occurs in the Treasurer or Secretary position, a new Treasurer or Secretary shall be appointed by a majority vote of the existing Directors at the September meeting of the RIEC. The new Treasurer or Secretary shall assume his/her duties as of October 1st.

Section 3

In the event a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, the Treasurer position or the Secretary position prior to the normal expiration, from any cause whatsoever, it shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Such appointments shall assume their duties immediately.

Section 4

- A. Any Director failing to attend two consecutive Board of Directors' meetings may be relieved of his/her duties as a Director.
- B. A meeting of the Board of Directors shall vote on the issue of removal from office of said Director and said Director shall be removed upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of those cast in the affirmative. Written notification of this action will be sent.

Section 5

- A. Any Director may be relieved of his/her duties as a Director should that Director:
 - 1. Be convicted of any felony, or
 - 2. Be convicted of the most serious class of misdemeanor, or
 - 3. Become mentally or physically incapacitated, or
 - 4. Fail to perform his/her duties in a satisfactory manner, or
 - 5. Bring into disrepute the reputation of the RIEC.
- B. The removal of a director shall be by the sole discretion of the directors of the RIEC by a closed vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the directors (with a quorum being present) at a regular or special meeting called for said purpose. A director so removed shall be ineligible to serve for three (3) years after removal. Written notification of this action will be sent.

ARTICLE IV-DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes, substantially similar to those of the Corporation as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of Washington County, or its successor, exclusively for such purpose or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE V-AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be added to, altered, or amended at any meeting of the RIEC by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI - INDEMNIFICATION

Persons who are, or shall be, or shall have been a Director of the RIEC and their personal representative shall be indemnified by the RIEC against all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by or imposed upon them in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceedings to which they may be a party by reason of their being or having been a Director of the RIEC, except in relation to such matters as to which they shall have finally been adjudicated in such action, suit or proceeding to have acted in bad faith and to have been liable by reason of willful misconduct in the performance of their duties as such Director of the RIEC. "Costs and expenses" shall include, but without limiting the generality thereof, attorney's fees, damages and reasonable amounts paid in settlement.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-DUTIES OF THE TREASURER, SECRETARY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

- A. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected as the first order of business at the September meeting of the Board of Directors, by and from the membership of the Members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors; call special meetings of the Board of Directors; perform all other duties usually assigned to this office. In the absence of the Chairman, the order of succession will determine who shall preside.
- B. Order of succession shall be as follows:
 - 1. Treasurer;
 - 2. Members of the Board of Directors as determined by longevity on the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The Secretary shall take minutes, including all persons originating motions, at all Board of Directors' meetings, and distribute them within two weeks after the meeting, and keep the correspondence and all records of the Association, and have the responsibility for all outgoing correspondence which has the Board of Directors' approval.

Section 3

The Treasurer shall collect all funds due to the RIEC, shall have the care and custody of these funds; shall deposit same in a checking account maintained in the name of the RIEC. He/she shall keep proper books of account, showing the funds received and the disposition of such funds. A Treasurers Report must be provided to all Directors at least 2 weeks prior to all board meetings by the Treasurer and whenever requested to do so by the Board of Directors. He/she

shall present said report at each meeting and whenever requested to do so by the Board of Directors. He/she shall act as a statutory agent for the RIEC.

Section 4

Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services, but nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 5

- A. Any Director may request an emergency leave of absence for a period not to exceed 3 months. Should the Board of Directors, upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the votes cast, grant a leave of absence to any Director, said absence shall not be construed as grounds for removal under Article III of the Constitution.
- B. Should the Board of Directors grant a leave of absence to either the Secretary or Treasurer, the Board shall appoint a member of the Board to fill that position during the absence of that Officer.
- C. Should the Board of Directors grant a leave of absence to any Director, that Director may grant his/her written authority of proxy to another Director during his/her absence.

ARTICLE II-QUORUM

A quorum of the Board of Directors at a meeting of that body shall consist of five (5) voting members present.

ARTICLE III-MEETINGS

Section 1

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in September, April and August. The Chairman of the Board or the Board of Directors may call additional meetings, as warranted.

Section 2

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the request of the Chairman or any three Members of the Board. Notice of the time and place of any special meeting of the Board shall be given at least one week prior thereto.

Section 3

Conference calls may be used as a form of special meeting. All rules governing special meetings shall apply. Notice of the time and call-in numbers of any conference call special meeting of the Board shall be given at least one week prior thereto.

Section 4

All meetings of the RIEC Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV-AMENDMENT

These By-laws may be added to, altered, or amended at any meeting of the RIEC by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors at the following scheduled Board of Directors meeting, or at a specially convened meeting prior to the next scheduled meeting.

RULES

ARTICLE I - RIHA AFFILIATION & RULES

Section 1

The RIEC show is affiliated with the Rhode Island Horseman's Association (RIHA) and adheres to all RIHA rules as directed in the RIHA Rulebook.

Section 2

The RIEC will support the RIHA in any disciplinary action against exhibitors, and will extend these actions to the RIEC.

Section 3

RIEC must obtain insurance for the RIEC show and the RIHA must be listed in the liability statement.

Section 4

Every exhibitor or his agent and trainer must sign an entry blank at the RIEC show. In the event of his failure to do so his first entrance into the ring as an exhibitor shall be construed as his acceptance of the rules of the RIEC show and of the RIHA and shall ipso facto render him subject to said rules.

Section 5

RIEC show management must save all entry blanks, judge's cards, class sheets and/or any other documents in connection with the competition for a period of three (3) years. The RIHA may request copies of these documents at any time during this 3-year period.

ARTICLE II - ENTRIES & FEES

Section 1

An exhibitor who fails to pay for his/her entries at the RIEC will not be eligible to show in any future medal qualification classes at RIHA horse shows and will not be eligible to compete at any future RIEC show until entries are paid in full. All managers of future RIHA horse shows holding medal qualification classes shall be notified of this indebtedness.

Section 2

All horses shall be charged an additional Two Dollars (\$2.00) for their entry at the RIEC to be paid to the RIHA.

ARTICLE III - PROTESTS

Section 1

All protests must be referred to the Show Steward on the day of the RIEC show AND/OR to the RIHA Rules Committee within 48 hours of the competition's completion accompanied by a

deposit of \$50 dollars and a complete statement of facts relating to the reasons for the protest including the names and addresses of all witnesses.

Section 2

Any Director who is in attendance at an RIHA show or at the RIEC show shall be authorized to represent the RIEC and to interpret its rules in any dispute that comes under the jurisdiction of the RIEC.

ARTICLE IV - QUALIFYING CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Note: In all Medal classes and finals only one rider per horse is allowed.

The same horse may compete with another rider in a different class, qualifying or at the finals. Riders may qualify until the published date of the finals. Horse shows that hold RI Medal qualifying classes must be held in Rhode Island. Consecutive (multi) day shows may have RI Medal qualifying classes each day.

In any RI Medal Qualifying Class where 12 or more riders complete the course, it may be split Californiastyle.

Any affiliated show wishing to include this class in its prize list must send the fee of \$10.00 per class to The Rhode Island Horseman's Association, Inc. for each Medal class, including California Splits.

Contestants are required to be current members of the Rhode Island Horseman's Association, Inc. and meet requirements to qualify for the finals as noted for each division. Finals will be held at a designated show in the fall. Once the contestant has qualified, they are no longer eligible for the preliminary classes. Entering after qualifying will be disqualification from the finals (exception-RIHA Adult Mini Medal). Each contestant will receive a medal by mail upon qualifying. The winner of a Medal Finals is no longer eligible to compete in that medal.

MEDAL QUALIFYING CLASSES

The qualification year begins the day after the Medal Finals until the day preceding the following years' finals. Competitor changing age group cannot compete in the medal for the new competitive year until after December 1st in accordance with the December 1st to November 30th riding age rule.

In ALL divisions, 3 to fill a class; 1 win to qualify; Can continue to show in it once qualified; Standby list will be kept for non-qualifiers for possible invitation to compete. Points are calculated as follows: 2nd=6, 3rd=4, 4th=2. Qualification ends 2 weeks prior to the Finals.

1. RIHA Hunt Seat Mini-Medal

C239

Open to junior members of the Rhode Island Horseman's Association who have not reached their fifteenth birthday and to riders 15–17 years of age who are eligible for limit equitation over fences as of December 1 in current show year and have not competed in classes in which the entry may be required to jump higher than three feet. All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding eight fences and not less than six fences, excluding combination fences, at a height not to exceed 2 feet 6 inches, with at least 1 change of direction. One or more individual tests may be requested, at the judge's discretion. (USEF Current test 1-8). To fill a class at least three competitors must complete the course.

Contestants are not allowed to cross enter into any medal classes with fences 3' or higher or compete in a division or class with fences over 3' at any show during the year. Violation of this requirement disqualifies the competitor from the finals. The second place competitor shall qualify if the first place rider is disqualified and the class requirements are followed. RIHA Mini Medal Finals the top six contestants are to be tested (USEF Current Test 1-8).

2. RIHA Hunt Seat Medal C240

Open to Junior members of the Rhode Island Horseman's Association who have not reached their eighteenth birthday. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences not to exceed 3' with at least 1 change of direction. One or more individual tests of the top four contestants may be requested at the judge's discretion. (USEF current tests 1-19). To fill a class, at least three competitors must complete the course.

Note: For the finals, the judge shall be required to work-off the top four contestants.

3. RIHA Amateur Adult Hunt Seat Medal

C241

Open to adult amateur members of the Rhode Island Horseman's Association. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences not to exceed 3', with at least one change of direction. One or more individual tests of the top four contestants may be requested at the judge's discretion. (USEF current tests 1-19). To fill a class, at least three competitors must complete the course.

Note: For the finals, the judge shall be required to work-off the top four contestants.

4. RIHA Amateur Adult Hunt Seat Mini-Medal

C242

Open to adult amateur members of the Rhode Island Horseman's Association who, as of December 1st of the current show year, have not won six blue ribbons at a RECOGNIZED show in Adult Equitation

classes, including Adult Medal Classes, but excluding Modified Adult Classes. For amateurs who have won six blue ribbons, they are eligible for Modified Adult if, as of December 1st of the current show year, they have not shown in classes with fences 3' or higher within the past two show years. Potential qualifiers will be asked to perform over at least six fences not to exceed 2'6" with no combinations. USEF Tests 1-8 may be asked at the judge's discretion. A minimum of three exhibitors must complete the course.

RIEC SHOW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Note that class entry fee and order of classes shall be determined and published by the RIEC Board of Directors each year at least 3 months prior to the RIEC show.

1. AMATEUR ADULT EQUITATION CLASSIC

\$50.00

Fences not to exceed 3'. Test in the first round 1-19. Riders may not cross enter classics.

2. OPEN EQUITATION CLASSIC (UNDER 18)

\$50.00

Fences not to exceed 3'. Test in the first round 1-19. Riders may not cross enter classics.

3. RIHA ADULT MEDAL CHAMPIONSHIP

\$80.00

Open to qualified Adult RIHA members. Fences 3'. Tests 1-19.

4. RIHA JUNIOR MEDAL CHAMPIONSHIP

\$80.00

Open to qualified Junior RIHA members. Fences 3'. Tests 1-19.

5. JUNIOR MINI EQUITATION CLASSIC (11 & UNDER)

\$50.00

Fences not to exceed 2'6". Test in the first round 1-8. Rider may not be qualified for the RIHA Junior Medal or have shown over fences exceeding 3'. Riders may not cross enter classics.

6. JUNIOR EQUITATION CLASSIC (12 – 17)

\$50.00

Fences not to exceed 2'6". Test in the first round 1-8. Rider may not be qualified for the RIHA Junior Medal or have shown over fences exceeding 3'. Riders may not cross enter classics.

7. AMATEUR ADULT MINI EQUITATION CLASSIC

\$50.00

Fences not to exceed 2'6". Test in the first round 1-8.

Rider may not be qualified for the RIHA Adult Medal. Riders may not cross enter classics.

8. RIHA JUNIOR MINI MEDAL CHAMPIONSHIP

\$80.00

Open to qualified Junior RIHA members. Fences 2'6". Tests 1-8.

9. RIHA ADULT MINI MEDAL CHAMPIONSHIP

\$80.00

Open to qualified Adult RIHA members. Fences 2'6". Tests 1-8.

10. RIHA JUNIOR MINI HORSEMANSHIP AWARD

\$45.00

To be awarded to the Mini Medal rider who exhibits knowledge of horse care as well as riding ability. To be scored 60% from a written test and 40% from the Junior Mini Equitation Classic round.

11. RIHA ADULT MINI HORSEMANSHIP AWARD

\$45.00

To be awarded to the Adult Mini Medal rider who exhibits knowledge of horse care as well as riding ability. To be scored 60% from a written test and 40% from the Adult Mini Equitation Classic round.

12. RIHA ADULT HORSEMANSHIP AWARD

\$45.00

To be awarded to the Adult Medal rider who exhibits knowledge of horse care as well as riding ability. To be scored 60% from a written test and 40% from the Adult Equitation Classic round.

13. RIHA JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP AWARD

\$45.00

To be awarded to the Junior Medal rider who exhibits knowledge of horse care as well as riding ability. To be scored 60% from a written test and 40% from the Junior Equitation Classic round.

DOVER SADDLERY HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE

Sponsored by Dover Saddlery, N. Kingstown, RI

JOSEPH FERRUCCI MEMORIAL HIGH POINT TRAINER AWARD

All classes count towards trainer's award including the Horsemanship Classes. To be retired after being won by the same trainer three times in a row. Trainers must be current RIHA members to be eligible for the award.

Sponsored by Mark Deblasio & Heritage Equestrian Center

THE RIEC HIGH POINT AWARD

Presented to the rider with the highest score in any classic or medal class.

Sponsored by Mariel Saccucci & Arlene Davis

THE DAVID CHARETTE MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Presented to the person who is the embodiment of true sportsmanship.

Sponsored by Mary & Deborah Charette

PREVIOUS MEDAL WINNERS

RIHA MINI-MEDAL

1980 Kristen Spenser, N. Smithfield, RI

1981 Tara Bryan, Manville, RI

1982 Hillary H. Vars, Ashaway, RI

1983 Natasha Harrison, Portsmouth, RI

1984 Melissa Gifford, Old Mystic, CT

1985 Stephanie Kapstein, Barrington, RI

1986 Kathryn Sayles, Barrington, RI

1987 Alixe Schwartz, Wakfield, RI

1988 Elizabeth Chase, Seekonk, MA

1989 Ericka Patykewich, Newport, RI

1990 Ariana Johnson, Wakefield, RI

1991 Nina Arieta, Providence, RI

1992 Caitlin Venezia, Marstons Mills, MA

1993 Jennifer Hannan, Wakefield, RI

1994 Courtney Root, Duxbury, MA

1995 Erin Barnicle, Cotuit, MA

1996 Amanda Wrobleski

1997 Johanna Denehey, Barrington, RI

1998 Ashley McDonald, E. Greenwich, RI

1999 Alison Hughes, Madison, CT

2000 Amber Woodruff, Mashpee, MA

2001 Mickey Bell, Wayland, MA

2002 Lia Chafee, Wakefield, RI

2003 Annie Gordon, Wakefield, RI

2004 Lindsey Davitt, Wakefield, RI

2005 Michael Janson, Warwick, RI

2006 Hunter Rahlston, Hebron, CT

2007 Dylan Spets, Lincoln, RI

2008 Cortney Sevingny, Thompson, CT

2009 Savanna Hajdasz, Amston, CT

2010 Lauren Alofsin, Middletown, RI

2011 Abigail Brayman, Woodstock, CT

2012 Cara San Fratello, N. Grafton, MA

2013 Emma Fletcher

2014 Emily Chae

2015 Ava LaPlante

RIHA JUNIOR MEDAL

1984 Tara Bryan, Manville, RI

1985 Thomas Hern, Providence, RI

1986 Kathleen Bell, Warwick, RI

1987 Jan Bitzberger, Wakefield, RI

1988 Heather Hoestery, Providence, RI

1989 Jessica Deitz, Portsmouth, RI

1990 William Lowry, No. Scituate, RI

1991 Katheryn D'Angelo, W. Greenwich, RI

1992 Alixe Schwartz, Wakefield, RI

1993 Elizabeth Acton, Concord, MA

1994 Katherine Acton, Concord, MA

1995 Jordan Batty, Cumberland, RI

1996 Melissa Freitas, Fall River, MA

1997 Sara Wytrzes, Wayland, MA

1998 Caitlin Venezia, Marstons Mills, MA

1999 Devon Bessette, Scituate, RI

2000 Lindsey DeCourcey, Richmond, RI

2001 Jennifer Durkin, Weston, MA

2002 Georgina Coolidge, Boston, MA

2003 Michaela LaBlanc, Cotuit, MA

2004 Elyssa Ruschmeyer, Glastonbury, CT

2005 Lauren Duffee, Simsbury, CT

2006 Hunter Rahlston, Hebron, CT

2007 Mariel Saccucci, Wakefield, RI

2008 Miranda Lekacos, Norwich, CT

2009 Adeline Audette, Fall River, MA

2010 Allison Joyce, Medway, MA

2011 Alexandra Keiser, Wellesley, MA

2012 Michael Janson, Berkely, MA

2013 Lauren Henry

2014 Hannah Janson

2015 Emma Fletcher

RIHA ADULT MINI MEDAL

2004 Jackie Dialo, Providence, RI

2005 Kristin McCuin, Quincy, MA

2006 Lisa Westerberg, Wakefield, RI

2007 Deborah LaMontagne, Harrisville, RI

2008 Andrea Vieira, Westport, MA

2009 Sara Juel Larsen, Storrs, CT

2010 Karen Sjogren, Coventry, RI

2011 Shana Johnson, Foster, RI

2012 Raquel Powers, Warren, RI

2013 Rebecca Hein

2014 Amanda Marcaccio

2015 Erica Kalkut

RIHA ADULT MEDAL

1988 Mason Phelps, Jr., Newport, RI

1989 Kathleen Bell, Exeter, RI

1990 Brooke DeAngelis, Providence, RI

1991 Jan Bitzberger, Providence, RI

1992 Louis Barrios, Woonsocket, RI

1993 Holly Canning, W. Kingston, RI

1994 Julia Hardy, W. Barnstable, MA

1995 Karla Galasso, Falmouth, MA

1996 Jennifer Harrington, Rumson, NJ

1997 Amy Davis, Duxbury, MA

1998 Megan Black, Rockford, IL

1999 Emily Unger, Caledonia, NY

2000 Hally Phillips, VT

2001 Sloan Sherman, Providence, RI

2002 Dyanna Rucco, Rehoboth, MA

2003 Genna Ruschmeyer, South Glastonbury, CT

2004 Michaela LeBlanc, Cotuit, MA

2005 Natalie Williams, Fall River, MA

2006 Megan Wilkison, Glastonbury, CT

2007 Kelsey Amedeo, Springfield, MA

2008 Lauren Duffee, Simsbury CT

2009 Kristie Ray Zabbo, N. Smithfield, RI

2010 Victoria Bonanno, Milton, MA

2011 Sara Kelly, Braintree, MA

2012 Mariel Saccucci, Wakefield, RI

2013 Rebecca Shipps

2014 Julie Letourneau

2015 Devon Poeta,