

# **THE ONTARIO MORGAN HORSE CLUB INC.**

## **BY-LAWS – 2006**

**ARTICLE I – NAME:** The name of this Club shall be The Ontario Morgan Horse Club, (OMHC) headquartered at Toronto.

**ARTICLE IA – BOUNDARIES:** The boundaries of the OMHC are consistent with the boundaries of the Province of Ontario. All OMHC activities will take place within these boundaries.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the OMHC shall be:

- 1) To promote appreciation and understanding of the Morgan as the ideal family horse, while at the same time preserving the romance and tradition of the breed.
- 2) To encourage improvement in quality Canadian Morgan stock through good breeding programs and introduction of recognized bloodlines.
- 3) To establish a respected public image of the Morgan as “The Versatile Breed”, as demonstrated by member participation of all types of shows, classes and events; and by utilization of their Morgans for family enjoyment.
- 4) To co-operate with The Canadian Morgan Horse Association in working for the advancement of the breed.
- 5) That any and all funds raised solely by fundraising efforts of the OMHC shall be deposited into a separate fund raising account and that the funds shall be applied solely toward the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the OMHC. The books of the account shall be open for inspection by the board and OMHC members at any time during the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:**

### **Section 1:**

- a) Individual Adult OR Senior Youth – one vote.
- b) Family/Farm – two votes.
- c) Individual Youth (17 years of age & under) – no vote.
- d) Life – one vote
- e) Associate – no vote.

### **Section 2:**

- a) Any INDIVIDUAL, 18 years of age & over, residing in Ontario, may become a voting member upon payment of one year’s membership dues.

- b) Any SENIOR YOUTH, 18 to 20 years of age, residing in Ontario, may become a voting member upon payment of one year's membership dues. He/she is also considered a member of the Just-In-Tario Youth Club. However, a maximum of two Senior Youth will be allowed to hold office on the Just-In-Tario Youth Club executive at any one time.

**Section 3:**

- a) Any FAMILY/FARM, residing in Ontario, may identify two adults voting members upon payment of one year's membership dues. The YOUTH of that family of farm are automatically members of the Just-In-Tario Youth Club.

**Section 4:**

- a) Any INDIVIDUAL YOUTH, 17 years of age & under, residing in Ontario, may become a non voting member of the OMHC; And a member of the Just-In-Tario Youth Club upon payment of one year's membership dues.

**Section 5:**

- a) Any INDIVIDUAL, 18 years of age & over, may become a LIFE member upon payment of the life membership dues. A LIFE member must be a resident of Ontario at the time of registration only, and is entitled to one vote, even if they do not continue to reside in Ontario.

**Section 6:**

- a) Any INDIVIDUAL, not residing in Ontario, may become a non voting ASSOCIATE member upon payment of one year's membership dues.

**Section 7:**

- a) Annual membership fees shall be set, from time to time, by majority vote at a regular general members' meeting. Dues are payable January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Age restrictions apply as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. There will be not partial fees for portions of a year.

**ARTICLE IV – VOTING:**

**Section 1:**

- a) Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote at all regular and special meetings of the OMHC or on questionnaires circulated by the OMHC.

**Section 2:**

- a) A member may vote by proxy on a specific decision through representation by an officer or other member in good standing. A signed authorization of such representation must be presented to the Secretary of the OMHC before the opening of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

### **Section 1:**

- a) The Officers and Directors shall constitute the Board of the Directors of the Ontario Morgan Horse Club, (OMHC).
- b) The Board shall be responsible for general management of the OMHC and shall devise ways and means to achieve the objectives of the OMHC within the scope of these by-laws.
- c) The Board shall be responsible for the formation of OMHC policy, general progress of OMHC affairs, approving and co-ordinating of shows & events for OMHC members.
- d) An Individual that has been a OMHC member in good standing for two consecutive years can hold a position of office on the OMHC board.
- e) No more than ¼ of the OMHC board shall be comprised of non purebred registered Morgan horse owners.
- f) Owners of part-bred Morgans have the same rights to sit on the Board as purebred Morgans owners until such time part-bred Morgans number one-third of the Board.
- g) Only one member per household may stand on the Board of Directors.
- h) The term of office for members of the Board shall be two years. No person shall be eligible to hold the office of President for more than two consecutive terms (four years.)

### **Section 2:**

- a) The officers of the OMHC shall be: A President, A Vice President, A Secretary, and A Treasurer. The executive shall also include the Past President in an advisory capacity.

### **Section 3:**

- a) Seven Directors-At-Large shall be elected by popular vote of the membership.

## **ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

### **Section 1:**

- a) The President shall be the Chief Co-ordinating Officer of the OMHC and when present shall preside at all meetings. The President shall perform all duties commonly associated with this office and such additional duties as the Board of Directors shall designate.

### **Section 2:**

- a) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to act, shall be directly responsible for OMHC activities, and shall carry out the objectives of the OMHC,

**Section 3:**

- a) The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be responsible for general correspondence on behalf of the OMHC, and have the powers and duties commonly associated with this office.

**Section 4:**

- a) The Treasurer shall receive monies paid to the OMHC and shall be responsible for the deposit of same in the proper bank account. The Treasurer shall account for the funds of the OMHC and shall keep such records and books as may be directed by the board of Directors. A detailed report of all receipts and disbursements will be made whenever requested by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall arrange for an impartial auditing of the books annually. The treasurer shall have the powers and duties commonly associated with this office and shall be responsible to ascertain that all disbursements from the OMHC funds are fully authorized before payment.

**Section 5:**

- a) The Directors-at-Large and/or Chairpersons from the general membership shall be assigned various portfolios to meet the objectives of the OMHC (see job descriptions document)

**ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS:**

**Section 1:**

- a) At least three general meetings will be held annually. Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the President. Board of Directors meetings will be held as required.

**Section 2:**

- a) Notice of all general meetings, stating the time and place thereof, shall be sent by mail to each member at least 14 days before the meetings.

**Section 3:**

- a) A special meeting of the Board of Directors must be called to authorize expenditures of \$1000.00 or more, if required between regular meetings.

**Section 4:**

- a) A quorum will be considered to be at least ten members at any general meeting; and six out of eleven at board meetings.

**ARTICLE VIII – VACANCIES:**

**Section 1:**

- a) Any Officer or Director of the OMCH may resign during their term by giving written notice to the Secretary of the OMHC. Such a vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors until the next normal election.

**Section 2:**

- a) The members may, by majority vote, remove from office any Officer or Director. Such a vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors until the next normal election.

**Section 3:**

- a) The members may, by majority vote, remove a member from a committee which has been appointed by them.

**ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS:**

**Section 1:**

- a) These by-laws may be subject to amendment or repeal by a majority vote of members after a general circulation of the requested amendment.

**Section 2:**

- a) The Board of Directors will be obligated to give due consideration to a request for Amendment when submission is filed with the OMHC Secretary and bearing the signatures of not less than six voting members in good standing.

January 26, 2006

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Signature of President

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Signature of Secretary

Ontario Corporation Number 399383