

# GRANITE STATE MORGAN HORSE SOCIETY INC.

## BYLAWS

**ARTICLE I NAME:** The name of this organization shall be THE GRANITE STATE HORSE SOCIETY INC.

**ARTICLE II. MEETINGS:** This organization shall meet not less than two (2) times each year, at the call of the President. “25 Members, age 18 and o in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for meetings.”

Special meetings of the organization may be called by the President or Chairman of the Board of Directors when urgency and importance of business warrants such action.

The annual meeting of this organization shall be held during the month of November of each year.

**ARTICLE III FISCAL YEAR:** The fiscal year of this organization shall be November 1 to October 31.

**ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS:** The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting. No member of this organization shall be eligible for office or nominated for any office without his or her consent or unless in good standing.

The President shall appoint a nominating Committee which shall bring in a slate of officers. Members of the organization, in good standing, may nominate eligible candidates for office from the floor.

The membership shall be notified at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting of the members of the nominating committee, and at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting of the proposed slate of officers.

Vote shall be by secret ballot when there arc ti u or more candidates for any office.

Whenever there are two candidates for an office, a majority of the votes for an office shall elect. The officers shall serve for a term of one year or until successors have been duly elected and qualified. All officers shall be eligible for re-election. Those officers and members of the Board of Directors elected at the annual meeting shall take office immediately alter the annual election.

**ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) Members, to be elected at the annual meeting;, the first election to provide one for a one year term, two for a two year term, and two for a three year term. Annually thereafter a member or members shall be elected for a three year term, with not more than two directors elected in any one year.

No director elected by the membership will be eligible for re-election, within one year after the expiration of their term of office.

The Board of Directors shall have the duty of filling vacancies, when they occur, until the next annual meeting.

“The Board of Directors shall have the duty of electing from the Directors a Chairman of the Board.”

**ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP:** The Membership of this organization shall be open to all persons owning or interested in Morgan horses and breed, except that members residing out of the State of New Hampshire shall not be eligible to hold office. *Individual Life* memberships are available.

A *Family* Membership shall consist of husband and wife and children seventeen years of age and under. Husband and wife shall each be entitled to one vote if present,

All active members pledge themselves to abide by the constitution and by-laws of this organization, to accept all offices to which they may be elected, if possible, to perform to the best of their ability all work assigned to them, and to be prompt and regular in attendance. Each active member may vote on all questions pertaining to the management of the organization.

Any member removed from the State and desiring to retain membership in the organization may do so upon payment of the regular dues. Any member wishing to withdraw from the organization may do so upon notification to the secretary.

**ARTICLE VII. DUES:** The annual dues of the organization shall be that amount established by vote of the membership of the organization.

Dues are due and payable January 1st of each year. Membership of an individual will cease if not in good standing by March 1st of that year.

**ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board of this organization shall be the President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary Treasurer, the immediate Past President and five elected board members, which said officers shall constitute the Board of Directors of the organization.

**ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS' DUTIES:** The President, or in his or her absence the Vice President, or in his or her absence the Chairman of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall perform all duties assigned by custom to that office. The President shall appoint all Committees. It shall be the duty of the President to sign all written contracts and obligations of the organization excepting checks.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the organization, and shall expend them subject to its order. The Treasurer shall sign all checks for the organization and pay all bills due when authorized to do so by the organization. The Treasurer shall accept all dues collected by the Secretary and collect all monies owed to the organization, and keep accounts and report thereon at each regular meeting. The Treasurer shall be required to render a full report of all receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Auditing Committee to annually audit the account books prior to the annual meeting. After the annual meeting, the Treasurer cannot change the checking or savings account without approval of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be bonded. The checking account and savings account will have two recorded signatures, but only one of them will be required to make withdrawals and payments.

When officers are elected at the annual meeting they assume their duties at that time.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, collect all dues and membership cards, turn over to the Treasurer all dues collected, revise and keep a list of members, attend to the correspondence, give all official notices and have charge of all records and legal documents of the organization.”

**ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS:** These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of those in good standing, present and voting provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted, in writing, to each active member not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:** Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the authority on all questions of parliamentary law not covered by the By-Laws.