

# Way Out West Miniature Horse Driving Group

## **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

Way Out West is an organization whose members share their love of horses and their passion for participating in horse related activities in the Northwestern U.S. and beyond. Way Out West members are committed to provide service, talents and/or monetary support to events and activities that offer driving opportunities for miniature horses.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board shall consist of three Directors of equal standing and two additional charter members, five total. Should a position become vacant the remaining Directors will nominate a replacement from the current general membership. The nominee must be approved by a majority of the general membership at the next meeting where there is a quorum. Should the nominee fail to obtain a majority vote, the directors will select another candidate to submit to the membership until the position is filled.

### ***General duties of the Executive Board:***

Preside over meetings of the membership and enforce these Bylaws and other rules of the group.

Appoint committees, organize fund raising and work parties.

Collect dues and other funds, maintain the checking account and financial records, pay bills, and perform other duties incidental to the position. Any combination of two of the Director signatures will be required on checks.

## **MEETINGS**

The Executive Board as necessary or practicable may schedule periodic general or special meetings. Notice of the meeting will generally be via e-mail prior to each scheduled meeting. A quorum shall be needed to pass any changes to the Bylaws or other issues presented to the membership for a vote. A quorum will be defined as a simple majority of members present at a meeting or a simple majority of votes returned in the case of a mail-in ballot.

**Action Without A Meeting:** The Executive Board may take actions of an urgent nature without a meeting or vote of the membership. The membership will be apprised of the necessary action(s) by e-mail or at the next scheduled meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to those who subscribe to and participate in the Group's purpose and objectives, abide by the Group's Bylaws, complete an application and pay dues.

**Membership Term:** Unlimited providing the member stays in good standing within the group.

**Membership Dues:** Each member shall pay annual dues, due in January in support of the Event Support Fund in an amount not less than \$10. Members will be responsible for forwarding the required dues to the Executive Board each year.

**Membership Rights:** Members in good standing will have equal rights and responsibilities with respect to the club. Each shall obey and be bound by all Bylaws; shall have the right to attend meetings; have floor privileges; head committees, vote on changes to the bylaws and other matters presented to the membership.

**Membership Responsibilities:** Members agree to abide by the Bylaws; conduct themselves in a respectful manner towards others at meetings and functions; and display and promote good sportsmanship at all times. Pay annual dues in support of the Event Support Fund. Act as sponsor and mentor to any person he/she presents to the Executive Board for membership.

**Termination of Membership:** Any member of the club may be terminated by a unanimous decision of the Executive Board for failure to abide by the Bylaws as amended from time to time by the membership or for any other conduct derogatory to the best interests of the Group.

## **EVENT SUPPORT FUND**

Money and donations shall be distributed in support of equine events that offer driving opportunities to miniature horses, and to outstanding drivers who apply for the achievement recognition program. Money collected for this purpose includes members' annual dues, fund raising profits, sponsorships, and any reciprocally-donated award winnings.