

Brushy Creek Saddle Club, Incorporated

By-laws

ARTICLE I – BASIC CHARTER

Section I: Title

This organization shall be known as the “Brushy Creek Saddle Club, Incorporated” (BCSC), a member of the American Association of Sheriff’s Posses and Riding Clubs (AASP&RC), District 8 of Region 7, and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit.

Section II: Objectives

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage the motto of “Horsemanship, Sportsmanship, and Citizenship” and keep alive the “Spirit of the Old West” through equine riding sports events. It shall promote the acquaintance, and friendship among clubs, posses, and interested individuals through the sponsorship of playdays, parades, trail rides, horse shows and other mounted sports.

Section III: Place of Business

Address: Brushy Creek Saddle Club, Inc
 PO Box 365
 Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Arena: Various leased arenas in Georgetown, Texas and within a 100-mile radius of Georgetown, Texas.

Meeting Place: Location designated by officers on a per need basis

ARTICLE II – MEMBERS

Section I: Membership

A. Each member of BCSC may choose to be a:

1. BCSC / AASP&RC member – Has all voting privileges and right to hold office.
2. BCSC member only – Can hold Secretary or Chairman office, but cannot vote on By-law changes.
3. BCSC Associate member – Allowed all voting privileges, except holding an office, but may hold a chairmanship position. (To be an associate member you must be a member of the AASP&RC at another club.)

4. All members, regardless of choice shall be subject to all BCSC By-laws, Operating Procedures, and General Rules.

B. Membership shall be made up of families or individuals recommended by a member in good standing.

1. Member families or individuals in good standing will be members that:

a. Have received and read a copy of the current BCSC By-laws and General Rules and agree to abide by both.

b. Have submitted their annual club dues and updated their application form.

c. Do not owe any monetary amounts to BCSC for returned checks or any outstanding debts.

d. Have not been suspended for conduct unbecoming a member or for any outstanding debts owed to BCSC.

e. Members participate and volunteer for club activities such as the playday work roster, club committees, and other functions deemed necessary. Members of minors are responsible for participating and volunteering for the minor member.

f. All new members are subject to all of the above.

2. Qualifications for New Members

a. Must submit an application that has been signed by the applicant and a current officer of BCSC.

b. Must have read the By-laws, including the Operating Procedures, and agree to abide by them.

c. Must be willing to support and help operate the club in activities and functions through participation, loyalty, and enthusiasm, and serve as a member of a committee.

C. All members in good standing shall have equal rights, interests, and responsibilities with respect to the club and its property excluding voting privileges. Members "not in good standing" have no rights pertaining to club activities.

D. The annual membership dues per family or individual are set by BCSC with consideration of AASP&RC dues as well. Due dates will be set by the AASP&RC. Late fees will be assessed after those dates. (See General Rules for due dates.)

1. A family will include parents, domestic partner according to Texas law, or legal guardian and unmarried children living as a household, or sponsored child. When a child marries or reaches the age of 21 years, unless in the military or full-time student, a new immediate family is formed. If they are in the military or full-time student, an individual membership starts at age 25.

2. An individual is any one of legal age to sign a standard release of liability.

3. Any individuals that are of minor age must have a parent or legal guardian sign a standard BCSC Release of Liability and have all parent or guardian information on file.

4. All minors must be accompanied by parent or legally assigned guardian at all times.

E. Intermediates

1. An Intermediate (ages 16-24) can be a member of the club, even though their family does not participate or attend. They must be sponsored by their family and carry their share of the workload.

2. Intermediates with BCSC, as Home Club, shall have voting rights.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND CHAIRPERSONS

Section I: Officers

Officers will consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They will be elected by popular vote. The most immediate past President serves as a current officer, if available to do so.

Section II: Delegates

Delegates will consist of two home club members and one alternate, in good standing, elected by popular vote. Delegates must be able to represent the club at District, Region and at AASP&RC functions as required.

Section III: Committees

A. Standing Committee

1. Standing committees may consist of Playday, Parade, Trail ride, Horseshow, Sweethearts, Nominating, Reporter, Awards, and Scrapbook.

2. Committees will be elected by officers. To serve on a committee, member must be in good standing.

B. Special Committees

1. The President may appoint special committees on an as needed basis with clearly defined goals and purposes of such committees.

2. Upon affecting the appointment of such committees, the President shall clearly outline the purpose of the committee, the task to be accomplished, and the beginning and terminating dates of the appointments. The appointments shall not interfere with the permanent committee's responsibilities.

Section IV: Executive Board / Board of Directors

Shall be composed of the current officers, delegates, and standing committee chairpersons.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS

Section I: Officers

A. A candidate for the office of president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer must have been a member of BCSC for two uninterrupted years prior to the election.

1. An officer at BCSC cannot hold an officer's position as an associate member of another club.

2. To hold office you must claim BCSC as your home club and have full membership with BCSC and AASP&RC for President, Vice President and Treasurer, all other positions can be club only but still have no voting privileges on by-law changes.

B. A candidate for the office of delegate must be a BCSC home club member in good standing and a member of AASP&RC.

C. A standing committee chairperson candidate must be a BCSC home club member in good standing. If there are no nomination acceptations, the current BCSC President may make appointments until position is filled by officer vote.

D. Nominations will be called for from the general membership in September with elections to be held at the final awards banquet (usually in October/early November) by ballot vote. One vote allowed per family or individual membership. All nominees will be notified by the current president or nominating committee chair. If nominee accepts, they will be placed on the ballot.

E. The election of the club Junior and Senior Sweethearts, which is open to female riders in Pee Wee, Junior, and Intermediate classes, will be held at the Year-end

Awards Banquet. Candidates for Sweetheart must be a member in good standing and have been a BCSC member for at least one year prior to election, with one vote per family.

F. The election of the club Wrangler, which is open to male riders in Super Pee Wee, Pee Wee, Junior, and Intermediate classes, will be held at the Year-end Awards Banquet. Candidates for Wrangler must be a BCSC member in good standing and have been a member for one year prior to election.

G. All other requirements for Sweethearts and Wrangler are determined by the BCSC Sweetheart / Royalty Chairperson.

ARTICLE V – AUDITING MONIES

Section I: Auditing / Year

A. This club shall conduct its affairs on a calendar year basis, beginning January 1st and ending December 31st of any year. The Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement at the end of the year to be presented to the executive board for approval at the February meeting.

B. The books shall be audited by a committee, which will be appointed by the President, no later than the February meeting, with the Treasurer who prepared the statement present.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section I: Stated Meeting

BCSC will hold membership meetings for the purpose of conducting business, at a place designated by the BCSC President. There will be scheduled meetings in January, February, March, September, October, and November.

Section II: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by two-thirds of the officers or membership. The general membership must receive a 10-day notice by telephone, letter or e-mail, stating the business to be discussed, location and time of meeting. Executive board meetings may be called on an as needed basis if requested by two or more board members. Special meetings called by the executive board to carry out the business of the club that requires immediate action or attention do not require notification to the general membership.

ARTICLE VII – CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Section I: Conduct

A. All members of BCSC shall conduct themselves appropriately through Horsemanship, Sportsmanship, and Citizenship when representing the BSCS, District 8, Region 7, or AASP&RC.

B. Any violation shall be subject to an official warning following an investigation.

C. Formal complaints of member conduct need to be put in writing, signed, dated and presented to any executive board member. Complaints / Protests on playday events must be presented to the Playday Chairperson at the time of issue and accompanied with a fee (see General Rules). The Playday Chairperson has the final say.

D. Misconduct may include profane language, public display of drinking, not following facility use rules, cruelty to horse or a lack of horsemanship, sportsmanship or citizenship at any BCSC activity and will not be tolerated. An official warning can place the member family on probation/suspension and any warnings beyond that may cause member family to be dismissed from the club.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

In order to amend the BCSC By-laws, amendments must be presented to the general membership via electronic mail (e-mail) (if available) or regular mail if member does not have e-mail. Amendments will be laid on the table for 15 days and then voted on at the next regular meeting by the majority vote of members present. If no meetings are scheduled within a reasonable amount of time after 15 days, then a vote by electronic mail or mail may be called for. A vote will be in the form of a yea or nay response. Results will be available to all members by request.

ARTICLE IX – LIABILITY

BCSC will in no way be responsible for injury or damage to any rider, horse, equipment, or anything in any way connected to parades, playdays, or any activity of the group. All participants must sign a general release of liability waiver and all participating minors must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

ARTICLE X – CONFLICT WITH THE ASSOCIATION

BCSC By-laws will in no way conflict with the AASP&RC By-laws or rules.