

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
BOULDER VALLEY DRESSAGE CHAPTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE SOCIETY**

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be BOULDER VALLEY DRESSAGE CHAPTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE SOCIETY (BVD).

ARTICLE II

Objectives

This Chapter is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and/or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, (or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code). These purposes shall be to:

1. Promote and encourage a high standard of accomplishment in dressage through educational programs; in furtherance of this goal, the Chapter will work closely with local, regional, and national organizations to:
 - a. Improve the general understanding of dressage through educational clinics, forums, and seminars; and to promote these and other activities to effect this goal;
 - b. Assist and cooperate with local and regional dressage organizations in matters of common concern;
 - c. Cooperate with other organizations having an interest in training horses, riders, and judges through the principles of dressage.
2. To represent the interests of the Chapter's members in forming the policies of and in managing the "Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, Inc."

ARTICLE III

Address

The address of this Chapter shall be determined by the Chapter Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. Any member in good standing of the RMDS shall be eligible for membership in the Chapter in accordance with the provisions of the RMDS Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV.

Section 2. The Chapter membership year shall be the same as the RMDS membership year.

ARTICLE V

Dues

Section 1: Basic dues:

Basic dues for this Chapter shall be in the amount specified in the Standing Rules of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, Article VIII.

Section 2: Supplemental dues:

Supplemental dues may be levied on the Chapter members by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Dues collection:

Chapter basic dues will be paid to the Chapter from RMDS. Supplemental dues will be collected by the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1: Officers:

The Chapter Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Qualification:

Chapter Officers shall be members in good standing.

Section 3: Election and Term:

Chapter officers shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Article X for a term of 1 calendar year or until a successor has been duly elected.

Section 4: Vacancies:

In the event of a vacancy in any elected position, the remainder of the term shall be filled by a general election in accordance with the provisions of Article X.

Section 5: Records:

At the conclusion of his/her term of office, each officer shall transfer all records pertaining to his/her office to the succeeding officer within a period of two (2) weeks.

Section 6: Duties of the Officers:

A. The President shall:

1. Preside at all official club meetings and functions.
2. Break ties in a vote of the Executive Committee.
3. Appoint Committee Chairmen.
4. Serve on the RMDS Executive Board.

B. The Vice-President shall:

1. Assist the President in the performance of duties and act for him/her in his/her absence.
2. Be responsible for calculating and determining the year-end awards (RMDS sends print out of results)

C. The Secretary shall:

1. Handle and keep a record of all transactions, businesses and correspondence.
2. Keep minutes of the meetings.

D. The Treasurer shall:

1. Receive Chapter Dues from RMDS treasurer.
2. Collect all other moneys and act as custodian thereof.
2. Pay all bills authorized by the Executive Committee.
3. Keep a complete record of all financial business.
4. Maintain an active file on all members, addresses, etc.

E. Removal from office:

Any Chapter office shall be declared vacant upon the petition of 40% or more of the Chapter members. This petition must be delivered to the President, or, if the petition is to vacate the office of the President, to the Vice-President. The vacated office shall be filled by election in accordance with the provisions of Article X.

Section 7: The delegates are elected at the October meeting or appointed by the President after the election and before the RMDS Board of Governors meeting in November. The Delegates serve as the Chapter delegates to the RMDS Board of Governors' meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Chapter Executive Board

Section 1. Members:

The Chapter Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Chapter and the Appointed Committee Chairmen.

Section 2: Responsibilities:

The Chapter Executive Board shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the BVD Chapter and for the implementation of motions adopted by the membership.

Section 3: Meetings:

The Chapter Executive Board shall meet as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings:

The Chapter shall hold a minimum of five (5) meetings with the banquet being held between November 1 and January 31. All meetings are open to the membership. Notice of the meetings will be in the newsletter.

Section 2: Special Meetings:

A special meeting may be called by a quorum (1/3) of the members or announced by the Executive Board. Time and place shall be announced by mail to all members at least seven (7) days in advance.

Section 3: Quorum:

The quorum for any Chapter meeting shall be 2 members of the Executive Board plus three (3) additional members. A majority of the votes received shall determine the officers elected.

Section 4: Adoption of Motions:

Except as otherwise specified in these By-laws, a majority vote of the members present and voting shall be required for adoption of a motion at a properly called meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX

Delegates to the RMDS Board of Governors

Section 1: Selection:

Delegate/s to the RMDS Board of Governors shall be elected by the Chapter and shall meet requirements specified by the RMDS Constitution and By-laws.

Section 2: Decreased Voting Rights:

In the event the Chapter's voting rights at the RMDS Board of Governors meeting is less than the number of elected delegates, the Chapter President shall select from the elected delegates those who will represent the Chapter at the RMDS Board of Governors.

Section 3: Increased Voting Rights:

In the event the Chapter's voting rights at the RMDS Board of Governors meeting is greater than the number of elected delegates, the Chapter President may either appoint additional delegates or distribute the voting rights equally amongst the elected delegates.

ARTICLE X

Elections

Elections shall be held annually at the October regular meeting for the purpose of choosing Chapter Officers and delegates to the RMDS Board of Governors. In the event of a vacancy in a Chapter Office, elections shall be held to fill the office at any regular meeting or any special meeting, provided a notice of the pending election was stated in the written notice of the special meeting. New officers will begin their duties January of the following year.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided written notice of the purport of the proposed amendment was provided to the membership at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of this Chapter, all of its assets shall be paid or transferred to one or more exempt organization of the kind described in Section 501©(3) or the Internal Revenue Service Code.

ARTICLE XIII

Parliamentary Authority

Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all meetings of the Chapter to the extent they do not conflict with these By-laws.