Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

(adopted January 23, 1999)

Article I

Name: The name of the association shall be: TEXAS EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this association shall be to promote all phases of trail riding as a family activity; to educate the public as to the care and conditioning of the horse for trail activities, environmental responsibilities, trail etiquette and safety; to establish/improve, and maintain trails and to preserve the love of equine in Texas.

Membership: Membership shall be open to all persons interested in trail riding and equine activities.

The Board of Directors shall establish categories and dues for membership, which shall be reviewed annually.

Article II

Officers and Directors:

A. Officers

- 1. **President** Elected annually by a majority of members voting. Should such person be unable to fulfill his term, the 1st Vice-President shall fill the unexpired portion of said term.
- 2. 1st Vice-President Elected annually by a majority of members voting. Should such person be unable to fulfill his term, the 2nd Vice-President shall fill the unexpired portion of said term.
- 3. 2nd Vice-President Elected annually by a majority of members voting. Should such person be unable to fulfill his term, or should he/she be required to fill the term of the 1st Vice-President, a successor shall be named by a majority vote of the Executive committee to fulfill the unexpired term of the 2nd Vice-President.
- **4. Secretary** Elected annually by a majority of the members voting. Should such person be unable to fulfill his term, a successor shall be named by a majority vote of the Executive committee to fulfill the unexpired term.
- **5. Treasurer** Elected annually by a majority of the members voting. Should such person be unable to fulfill his term, a successor shall be named by a majority vote of the Executive committee to fulfill the unexpired term.

B. Regional Directors

One (1) Director shall be elected for a three-year term by the members of each respective region at the annual general membership meeting. In order to provide continuity of management and control, only one-third of the directors will be elected

annually. (Note: The first year elected directors will hold a lottery to determine duration of term of office, i.e., one year, two years, three years.) Should a director be elected to an officer position, the respective regional members shall designate a new Director to fulfill the unexpired term.

C. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers, Immediate Past President, and the Regional Director from each of the designated regions. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association and shall have the power and responsibility to conduct, manage, supervise, and control all the business and activities of the Association.

Article V

Committees:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

B. Standing Committees

- 1. Legislative
- 2. Advertising/Publicity
- **3.** Finance
- **4.** Fund Raising