

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
FOR THE
GENE AUTRY ROPING CLUB
GENE AUTRY, OKLAHOMA

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation shall be the Gene Autry Roping Club. The object is to encourage ownership of good horses, to foster the pioneer spirit of Oklahoma, promote good will, sportsmanship, and cooperation of the various communities throughout the state. This corporation shall be a nonprofit entity with tax-exempt status.

ARTICLE II
Membership

SECTION 1.

Each application for membership into the Club shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Club and voted upon by the general membership.

SECTION 2. Active membership shall be given all rights and privileges for which this body is organized, including the privileges of the floor, right to vote on all questions brought before the floor, and the right to hold office after being an active member for six months with the following stipulations:

- (A) Must be 18 years of age to vote or hold office.
- (B) Shall participate in the activities of the club, such as parades, play days, rodeo, trail rides, barrel races and work days. (Participate as a worker, not just as a contestant or spectator.)
- (C) Must attend at least 4 monthly meetings throughout the calendar year in order to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall enforce the rules of membership. If any member fails to abide by the rules of this club, they may be suspended from membership privileges. A member may be suspended or removed from membership by a two thirds vote of the general membership present at any regular meeting, if a notice of suspension has been sent to all members at least 10 days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE III

Fees

1. Membership fees shall be \$15.00 for single person or \$25.00 per family membership for calendar year.
2. Membership fees shall be paid at the time of acceptance into this club.
3. Family membership shall be defined as a couple living together or legal guardian and any minor children living with them.
4. Annual renewal fees shall be due at the annual business meeting and before participating in any official business of this Club.
5. Any new member who joins during the months of October, November or December shall be considered to have paid dues for the coming year.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Directors

SECTION 1. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Each officer shall serve for a term of one year and relinquish such office to his or her successor at the close of elections at the next annual meeting unless he or she is re-elected. Officers shall serve no more than 2 consecutive terms in any one office.

SECTION 2. The government of the organization, the direction of its work, and the control of its property shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of seven members, four of whom shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It shall also include the outgoing President plus two members at large elected at the annual meeting.

The first election of members at large will be as follows: The first member elected shall serve for a term of one year or until the next annual meeting, whichever occurs first. The next member elected shall serve for a term of two years or until the second annual meeting, whichever occurs first. Should the President be re-elected to a second term of office, the past president shall remain on the Board.

(Each Member at Large position shall be for a term of two years. They will be elected on alternating years so that one member will be carried over each year.)

Any Board member missing three consecutive meetings will have to be re-instated or replaced by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Thirty days prior to the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, one of whom shall be designated as Chairman by the President, which at the annual meeting shall present to the membership nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Board of Directors.

However, additional nominations may be made from the floor by any active member in good standing. All officers and directors shall serve for their term of office or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Any person elected to a Gene Autry Roping Club office must be present when elected or have signed a statement that he or she will accept an office if elected.

SECTION 4. Any officer of this Club may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular meeting if a notice of recall has been sent to all members at least 10 days prior to such a meeting.

SECTION 5. Two members of the same household are not allowed to hold office simultaneously. This rule may be waived if there are not enough eligible members to hold office. It is still preferred that the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary do not live in the same household.

ARTICLE V Duties and Responsibilities of Board of Directors

SECTION 1. The general supervision and direction of the affairs of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall audit all bills against the organization and shall fill any and all vacancies which may occur among the officers or on the Board of Directors, and the members so appointed to such vacancy shall hold office until his or her successor is elected at the next annual meeting. All officers of this corporation shall perform the duties of such office without compensation from the Corporation.

SECTION 2. The President shall have the power to appoint committees, as he deems necessary from time to time. The Vice President shall act for the President in his absence.

SECTION 3. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep a record of all meetings of this Corporation. He or she shall report monthly to the membership, report upon the activities of the Corporation, have the custody of all books, papers, and property of this Corporation, except those strictly pertaining to the Treasurer when separate from Secretary. He or she shall deliver all records to his or her successor within ten days following the election.

SECTION 4. The duty of the Treasurer shall be to have charge and custody of all funds. He or she shall deliver all funds to his or her successor within ten days following the election. The treasurer shall make a financial report at each monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VI
Finances

SECTION 1. Disbursement of funds of this Corporation shall be made in accordance with the budget and such special appropriations as shall be made by the club and shall be by check signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Vice-President. The treasurer shall have the authority to pay all regular monthly bills. All other expense will be reviewed by the Board and presented to the club membership for approval by a majority vote of members present. The Board of Directors may approve emergency spending up to \$500. Emergency spending is defined as equipment repairs and/or facilities maintenance.

SECTION 2. The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the President. Such audit is to be authorized and approved by the Board of Directors and subsequently submitted for approval at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. At each monthly meeting, the Treasurer shall submit for approval by the Board and club membership, a statement of receipts and disbursements, cash on hand and indebtedness of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII
Meetings

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the regularly scheduled January meeting, and notice of such annual meeting shall be issued by the Secretary. Notice shall be mailed 15 days prior to this meeting to all club members on record at such time.

SECTION 2. The regular monthly meeting of the Club shall be the third Tuesday of each month. The time of the meeting shall be decided by the members.

SECTION 3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors or the general membership may be called at such times as deemed necessary by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII
Definition of Quorum

A quorum of this Corporation for a regular monthly meeting will consist of a quorum of the Board of Directors plus membership that equal a total of seven or more present. A quorum of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting consists of the majority thereof.

ARTICLE IX
Amending or Altering Constitution and By-Laws

The Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended in the following way:

1. A By-Laws review committee shall be selected by the President and presented to the club for approval at a regular monthly meeting 90 days prior to the annual meeting.
2. The By-Laws review committee will present their finding to the Club at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting for review.
3. Proposed changes will be presented at the annual meeting for a vote.
4. Each proposed change must receive a two-thirds vote of the members present and eligible at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X
Policies and Procedures

SECTION 1. The Club may, from time to time, adopt rules or policies and procedures to maintain normal functioning of this club. These rules will be posted for the general membership to read and abide by. (These rules may include but not be limited to: no alcohol on premise, dogs on leash and no hunting on club property.)

SECTION 2. It will only take a simple majority of the membership present at any monthly meeting to adopt or change these rules.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors will be expected to enforce these rules.

ARTICLE XI
Miscellaneous

SECTION 1. Any member participating in any parade with the Gene Autry Roping Club, at home or away from home, must be in full dress uniform as has been designated by the Corporation. The club colors shall be Dark Green and White.

The Club uniform shall consist of:

- Long sleeve white or dark green western shirt.
- White or Dark green neckerchief.
- Western Hat – Natural color straw in summer and black felt in winter.

The Club encourages participation in parades by club members. Any member participating is required to wear the dress uniform prescribed by the Club. The Parade Marshall will determine which uniform will be used for an event.

SECTION 2. No minors shall participate in any club activities without a responsible adult agent present.

SECTION 3. Liability Insurance shall be maintained at all times. Any outside group, club or organization who wishes to use Club facilities is required to sign a Facilities Release Agreement where their insurance will be in effect for the period of time they are leasing or using Club property.

SECTION 4. Any previous or future rules or regulations must correspond with the Club By-Laws.

SECTION 5. Access To Club Property. All members are given the combination to the entry locks, however, members cannot reveal the combination to non-members. The combination will be changed annually or more often if needed. A non-member may use the arena as a guest of a member who is present at the arena during its use and any such persons using the arena must clean up any mess before leaving and locking the gate behind them. Non-member guests shall be limited to one or two guests per host member. Non-member guests shall not abuse the privilege of visiting our facilities one or two times. If they intend to come more often they must become a member.

Only the officers and directors shall have a key to the locks on the three light boxes, the concession stand, and the building.

If any officer or director is not re-elected, said officer or director shall turn in the key to the building, concession stand, and light boxes.

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