

So excited and thankful to be celebrating the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Spartanburg Horseman's Association! We as a team, members, and Board, have experienced a year like never before. Together we battled a pandemic and showed just how resilient we are. We were met with many challenges. I'm so proud of the all the members of the Board for their willingness to be flexible and meet these challenges head on.

I am as equally proud of the members of this club who were willing to bring their families and horses to the different venues which enabled us to grow stronger and provide our community with a much-needed outlet for our equine athletes and families. I truly believe that we are only as strong as our membership, and that strength was tested with the struggles of the pandemic this past year. From all of us on the Board, we thank you for pulling together and supporting us as we made the decisions to keep us going, and for the grace you showed us as we made those decisions.

We are all excited for this upcoming year and truly believe the best is yet to come! We, as a Board, are looking to continue the legacy of the Spartanburg Horseman's Association making it stronger and better each year for our members.

Thank you to each and every one of the Board members this year. I am so thankful to be a part of such a great team and just can't express how much I appreciate your dedication and perseverance. To the outgoing members, thank you for all your hard work. You won't be forgotten. To the new members coming on this year, thank you for your willingness to serve and help to make the 53<sup>rd</sup> year a success.

To all the members and equine athletes, get ready for a banner year! Saddle up, and let's do this!

Charles Oglesby  
President

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

Helen Van Order.....	1968-1969
John Van Order.....	1969-1970
William Biggerstaff.....	1971
Wayne Pugh.....	1972
Lillie Brown.....	1973
Ann McKinney.....	1974
Dixie Pinson.....	1975
Gerald Pack.....	1976
Ruth Slavin.....	1977
Jimmy Wofford.....	1978
Oscar Corbin.....	1979
Rita Ingram.....	1980
Art Slavin.....	1981
Olynda Stretcher.....	1982
Bo Woolbright.....	1983
Ken Pearson.....	1984
Mike Ennis.....	1985-1986
Duveen Woolbright.....	1987-1988
Wanda Kirby.....	1989
Art Slavin.....	1990
Gary Biggerstaff.....	1991-1992
Nicholas Zatorsky IV.....	1993-1994
Wanda Kirby.....	1995
Doug Bortone.....	1996-1997
Roy McCulley.....	1998
Doug Bortone.....	1999
Barry Petty.....	2000-2001
Joe Walker.....	2002
Mark Corwin.....	2003-2004
Barry Petty.....	2005-2006
Darren Scott.....	2007-2009
Terri Knox.....	2010
Stefanie Gagliardi.....	2011
Crystal Reese.....	2012
Deb Burgess.....	2013-2017
Judy Schlager.....	2018-2019
Charles Oglesby.....	2020-2021

**HONARARY LIFETIME MEMBERS**

Helen Van Order	John Van Order	William Biggerstaff
Wayne Pugh	Lillie Brown	Ann McKinney
Dixie Pinson	Gerald Pack	Ruth Slavin
Jimmy Wofford	Oscar Corbin	Mary Ellen Singleton
Art Slavin	Doug Borton	Barry Petty
Joe Walker	Roy McCulley	Daren Scott
Deb Burgess	Judy Schlager	

## **2021 OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT	Charles Oglesby
VICE PRESIDENT	Holly Jewell
SECRETARY	Stephanie Senchantixay
TREASURER	Deb Burgess

## **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Judy Schlager

## **2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Robin Richardson  
Andy Senchantixay  
Shannon Gault  
Hannah Roark  
Rene Joyner  
Chris Joyner  
Brooke Smith  
Lydia Israel

## **2021 YOUTH BOARD MEMBER**

Andrew Jewell

## **ACTING PAST PRESIDENT(S)**

Deb Burgess, Judy Schlager

To be determined if the immediate past president is unable to preside.

**SPARTANBURG HORSEMAN’S ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**As Amended 2020**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:**

**Section 1.**

The Organization shall be known as Spartanburg Horseman’s Association, Inc. as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation duly issued by the Secretary of State of South Carolina.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES:**

**Section 1:**

The objectives and purposes of the Organization shall be to promote in persons of all ages an interest in horses of all breeds and their use for pleasure and related activities.

**Section 2:**

To instill affection, respect and proper methods for the care and use of all such horses and to encourage true sportsmanship in all horse activities.

**Section 3:**

To engage in and further such other related activities as may enhance such objects and purposes.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1:**

Any person interested in the objects and purposes of said organization shall be eligible for membership application.

**Section 2:**

All membership applications will be welcomed and accepted upon registration and dues paid. All participation requires an active membership.

**ARTICLE IV**

**DUES**

**Section 1:**

The annual dues, in the amount fixed by the Organization from time to time, shall be payable from January 1 to December 31 of the same year.

Section 2:

Any person failing to pay annual dues or other assessments, if any are imposed by the Organization, and such non-payment continues for a period of thirty 30 days after due notice thereof, shall cease to be a member of the Organization unless the time of such payment is extended. Such extension, however, shall not exceed a period of thirty (30) days.

**ARTICLE V**

**MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE**

Section 1:

The Board of Directors may expel from the Organization any member charged with acts of conduct detrimental to said Organization, provided such charges are sustain after a due and proper hearing before the Board at which the accused has been afforded an opportunity to defend himself on such charges.

**ARTICLE VI**

**YOUTH MEMBERS**

Section 1:

Youth members under the age of fourteen (14) shall be under the supervision of their parents or guardians at all Organizational functions or activities unless such supervision or directions is delegated by the Organization to another adult member thereof.

**ARTICLE VII**

**TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS**

Section 1:

**Single Membership** will consist of one (1) person.

**Family Membership** will consist of one (1) or more persons in the same family, living in the same household.

**Barn Membership** will consist of up to ten (10) people including the Head person of the Barn as a contact person. Members of this barn membership must remain the same during the year. Once the person is listed on the membership they will remain on the membership until said membership expires. Barn memberships will be awarded up to ten (10) banquet meal tickets at the member price; additional tickets will be at the non-member price.

Section 2:

**Honorary Member:** Any person, who has rendered outstanding, notable service on behalf of the Organization, may be recommended for Honorary Membership by a member of said Organization. The Board of Directors and a majority of the membership at the next membership meeting however, must approve such honorary membership.

## ARTICLE VIII

### OFFICERS

#### Section 1:

The Officers of the Organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, eight (8) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be a Youth member. The Executive Officers, i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by simple majority (at least fifty percent plus one vote). The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a plurality (the greatest number of votes). These officers shall be installed at the Annual Banquet and take office following such Banquet.

#### Section 2:

All sitting, active board members have one (1) vote and a responsibility to contribute such vote within a timeline designated by the acting President.

#### Section 3:

No member shall be elected as an Officer or Director of the Organization unless he or she has been an active Board Member for at least one (1) year. No member shall be elected as a Board Member of the Organization unless he or she has been an active member of the Organization for the previous year.

#### Section 4:

No person shall hold more than one (1) elected office, nor serve in that capacity for more than two (2) consecutive terms unless deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 5:

No two (2) members of the same family shall hold elected offices at the same time, except for the Youth Board Member, unless deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IX

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### Section 1:

The President shall be the executive officer of the Organization and preside over all Membership and Board of Directors meetings. He or she shall appoint Standing Committee Chairperson(s) as defined in ARTICLE XII of these Bylaws and serve as ex-officio member thereof, except the nominating committee. In an emergency, the President may authorize an expenditure of no more than \$100. The Board of Directors must approve all other expenditures.

#### Section 2:

The Immediate Past President shall serve in an advisory and voting capacity.

#### Section 3:

The Vice President shall during the absence or incapacity of the President, perform the duties and functions of the President.

Section 4:

The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of all proceedings and accurate records of the membership. He or she will also conduct all correspondence for the Organization and perform such other secretarial functions as may be required by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 5:

The Treasurer shall be the fiscal officer of the Organization and custodian of the funds thereof. He or she shall notify and collect from the membership all dues and assessments and deposit the same in the name of the Organization in the designated banking institution. He or she will maintain an accurate count of all finances and financial transactions and make all authorized disbursements. The Treasurer will submit and present the number of entries and new memberships at the Annual Meeting and make such interim financial reports during the year as requested by the President or Board of Directors. No funds shall be withdrawn from the Organization depository except by check and only when signed by the President or Treasurer.

Section 6:

The previously mentioned officers shall perform the duties and functions prescribed by the Bylaws and such other duties and functions as may be adopted and implemented by the Organization accordance with proper parliamentary procedure.

**ARTICLE X**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the four (4) elected officers of the Organization, the Immediate Past President, and eight (8) elected directors, one (1) of whom shall be a youth member, who should preferably be thirteen (13) years of age but not to exceed eighteen (18) years of age as of January 1 of the service year. All terms of office shall be for one (1) year, except for the elected directors who shall serve two (2) years, which will run on a staggered basis, and the Treasurer, which is also a two (2) year term that can be held indefinitely. The Youth member shall serve only one (1) year term.

Section 2:

The Board of Directors shall be the administrative, policy and rule making body of the Organization, subject however to the direction of the Organization as a whole and not in conflict therewith.

Section 3:

The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings, a minimum of six (6) meetings a year, to be held at intervals on the dates and places designed by the President. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.

Section 4:

The Board shall fill by appointment any vacancy on the Board, provided the unexpired term does not exceed a period of three (3) months. In all other events, the person who received the second highest votes from the yearly election shall fill the vacancy. A member appointed or elected to the Board as previously mentioned, shall complete the unexpired term, as deemed necessary.

Section 5:

The Board shall declare a vacancy in its membership when any member without just cause shown, fails to attend two (2) consecutive Board meetings.

Section 6:

A majority of the Board members are requisite for the transaction of Board business and shall contribute.

**ARTICLE XI**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Section 1:

Regular, periodic meetings shall be called at the direction of the President. The annual meeting for the election of officers however shall be held at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Section 2:

Due written notice of all meetings shall be given to the membership, setting forth the date, time, and place of such meetings; in the event, however, that an emergency meeting is required, oral notice of such meeting shall be deemed due notice thereof.

Section 3:

The presence of at least twenty (20) members in good standing shall be required for the transaction of business at any membership meeting.

**VOTING**

Section 1:

In family members, all members of that family at least fourteen (14) years of age shall each be entitled to one (1) vote. There shall not be any voting by proxy.

**ELECTIONS**

Section 1:

The President, prior to the Yearly Membership meeting, can appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members in good standing, none of whom is an executive officer of the Organization, and direct such Committee to prepare and submit to the annual meeting a slate of officers for the ensuing year. Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor, prior to the voting on the submitted slate. The manor of voting shall be by voice, show of hands, or secret ballot provided either an independent observer or a person not running for election be responsible for the counting of the votes.

Section 2:

The member elected as President, shall thereafter attend all Board meetings. Newly elected Board members shall have the right to attend such meetings.

Section 3:

The officers and members of the Board for the ensuing year shall be encouraged to have at least one (1) informal meeting prior to installation to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

**ARTICLE XII**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section 1:

There shall be the following:

- a. Audit Committee – including rules and by-laws.
- b. Points Chairperson
- c. Monthly Show Coordinator
- d. Membership Chairperson

Section 2:

The President upon taking office shall appoint chair people of the aforesaid committees and any additional committees that in his/her judgment may be requisite such as:

- a. Publicity and Program Chairperson
- b. Social and Refreshment Chairperson
- c. Parliamentarian

Section 3:

The Chairperson of each committee shall submit for approval his respective program to the Board of Directions and in addition report his or her program to the membership.

**ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURE**

Section 1:

“Roberts Rules of Order” shall constitute the parliamentary authority when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

Amendments of the within Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting of the Organization at which there is a quorum present, provided also the due written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section 3:

The Organization may be dissolved by a resolution duly adopted upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor thereof at a meeting called for such purpose and upon specific written notice of at least ten (10) days and at which meeting there is at least a quorum present. Upon such dissolution, obligations shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the

Internal Revenue Code relating to the dissolution of Membership Corporations and as further set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the within Organization.

**SPARTANBURG HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION RULES**  
**AMENDED 2020**

**Disclaimer:** *In unforeseen circumstances, the current officers and Board Members reserve the right to temporarily amend the SHA rules to proceed as deemed necessary*

**GENERAL**

1. All exhibitors must be current members of Spartanburg Horseman's Association subject to the conditions of Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws. Additionally, if an application is denied or a member expelled under conditions of the Bylaws, all points earned shall be forfeited. A current membership list shall be in the secretary booth at each show. This is the responsibility of the membership chairperson. All yearly memberships expire on Dec 31.
2. South Carolina State Law requires that each horse show original or valid copy for proof of Negative Coggin's Test (test performed within the last 12 months). These are checked at the show booth.
3. A copy of the Bylaws and Rules is available to all members. It is the responsibility of each member to know and follow the Bylaws and Rules.
4. No Individual under 18 years of age may exhibit a stallion in any class. A stallion is any male horse that is not gelded, regardless of age.
5. The Class Sheet for the monthly shows may not change during the year.
6. Only exhibitors and show officials allowed in the show ring. Only show officials allowed in the booth.
7. Horse and Rider Combination must use the same number for each class. Do Not change numbers during the show.
8. Proper attire is required for showing. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to know what proper attire is and equipment for his/her style of showing. Refer to the appropriate Rulebook. Judge or show officials will deduct points or excuse an exhibitor for improper attire and equipment. No shorts, cutoffs, halter-tops, tank tops, tennis shoes, etc. will be allowed.
9. Unnecessary roughness or discourteous acts will dismiss the exhibitor from further competition in the show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail always. Abuse to the horse (at the judge's or show officials discretion) will dismiss a rider from further competition. No abuse or unmannerly behavior will be permitted. If the exhibitor's family or friends are unmannerly or discourteous towards officials, exhibitor will be dismissed from competition for that show.
10. There will be ten (10) SHA shows a year. They will be held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday of each month, February through November. No show will be held in January or December, unless deemed necessary by the Board. The show may be postponed in the event of extremely inclement weather. The President has the discretion to reschedule the show. If cancelled, the park superintendent will be notified by 6:30am on the day of the show and information will be posted on the SHA website, Social Media outlets and time permitting, an email notification will

- be sent to those who receive the emailed newsletter. The Treasurer has the authority to pay up to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars traveling expenses to the judge of a cancelled show.
11. Your age as of January 1 of the show year determines your age for classes: No cross entry allowed. Exhibitor can move up to next age bracket but cannot move back down.
    - Pee Wee: Exhibitor must be 12 years of age or under on January 1
    - Youth: Exhibitor must be 13 to 18 years of age on January 1
    - Adult: Exhibitor must be 19 years of age or over on January 1
  12. Entries and scratches are required at least one class prior to the class you are entering. You may scratch a class and receive a refund \$2 less than the entry fee paid if cashier is notified one class in advance. No entry or refund once the class has begun.
  13. We adhere to a one (1) minute gate call for all classes. Booth must be notified two classes in advance for tack changes.
  14. All English, Western and In Hand classes follow American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) rules; Gaited Classes will follow USEF, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association (TWHBEA) and the American Racking Horse Breeders Association (ARHBA) rules; Timed events will follow National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) rules. If any of these rules conflict with SHA rules, SHA rules will prevail.
  15. The ring steward will be an SHA member, or someone approved by the Board of Directors. Only show officials allowed in the booth.
  16. A judge may judge only one (1) monthly show per calendar year, unless deemed necessary by the Board.
  17. Neither Spartanburg Horseman's Association nor Croft State Park is responsible for accident or injury.
  18. The definition of a Green Horse or Green Rider is a Horse or Rider, in their **FIRST** year of showing. SHA will consider a horse or rider to be Green if they showed no more than three (3) times in the previous year. Maximum of 2 show seasons in this class.
  19. As per AQHA rules – Any horse of any age showing in any Novice Class (AQHA Level 1), may be shown 2 handed with a Snaffle Bit. For SHA rules, all classes in the showbill are Novice (AQHA Level 1) classes.
  20. No Cross Entry allowed in Western Pleasure or Ranch classes. Go as you please classes are open to riders in either Division.

21. Good Sportsmanship will always prevail and is encouraged. Unnecessary roughness, discourteous acts or behavior will dismiss exhibitor from further competition in the show. We do not tolerate abuse to any horse or person. If an exhibitor, exhibitor's family, or friends are discourteous towards show officials or others, exhibitor will be dismissed from any further competition for that show. We encourage open communication with our Board and appreciate any feedback from concerns. Slanderous speech and disparaging remarks (to include Social Media) could result in dismissal from SHA showing for the remainder of the show season.
22. Horses exhibiting lameness or injury may result in disqualification at Judge or show official's discretion.
23. Any SHA member has the right to protest illegal equipment or actions. Protests must be filed, in writing, with a \$25.00 deposit within 10 days after the show to the President. The next official Board meeting will evaluate the protest. If the finding favors the Protestor, the deposit will be refunded and any alterations to the points made. If the protest was determined unjustified, the \$25.00 will be kept by SHA.
24. The Board of Directors will approve the Judge's list each year.
25. The Judge's decision is Final. There shall be no discussion of the show placement results with the judge by anyone other than the show officials during the show. If an exhibitor would like to discuss the results of a class, the exhibitor shall request that an Officer or Board member request that the Judge talk with him/her after the show.
26. If you write a bad check to SHA, you will forfeit your points for that month and will be responsible for paying the outstanding fees and penalties before you can enter another show.
27. All timed events will use digital or electronic timers for scoring. The time will be transmitted to and announced by the announcer after each contestant completes the pattern. If digital or electronic times cannot be used, two (2) stop watches will be used and the times averaged.
  - a. POLE BENDING: Exhibitor may start to the right or left of the first pole, then run the rest of the pattern accordingly. Knocking over a pole shall carry a five (5) second penalty for each pole knocked over.
  - b. BARREL CLASSES: Exhibitor may run to the right or left with the rest of the pattern run accordingly. Knocking over a barrel shall carry a five (5) second penalty for each barrel knocked over. Texas Barrels shall run in a Figure 8 pattern with barrels placed 21 feet apart.
  - c. Reruns allowed only in case of timer failure.
  - d. All timed event exhibitors must start and finish each run inside the closed ring. (No running in the gate)

## **MONTHLY SHOW COORDINATOR**

If you have agreed to run a monthly show, you are responsible for the planning, organizing, and oversight of that show. You must attend the show from start to finish. Monthly show coordinator is an especially important job and involves a lot of detail; but is not difficult. The Show Chairperson will be available to assist you in planning and running your show. A detailed list of instructions will be provided.

The basic responsibilities are:

1. Obtain volunteer workers to handle the positions of Announcer, Announcer's Assistant, Ring Steward, Ring Crew, Gate Crew, Show Secretary(s), Ribbon Crew
2. Clean Up

## **AWARDS**

1. Ribbons are awarded for first (1<sup>st</sup>) through sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) place in all classes.
2. Name of the horse must remain the same during the year because of accuracy of points collected at monthly shows. If horse's name is changed, the points will not apply.
3. To be eligible for year-end awards, a horse/rider combination must show at least five (5) times in the class during the year.
4. Duplicate awards will not be given at the end of the year. Ties will be broken in the following manner:
  - a. Shown against the greatest number of horses in that class.
  - b. Shown in the most shows – same class.
  - c. Consistency of winning over the horse tied with
  - d. Shown in the greatest number of classes.
5. Seven (7) Year End High Point Awards will be awarded to the one horse/one rider team with the highest points at the end of the year in:
  - a. Youth Halter
  - b. Adult Halter
  - c. Hunter/Jumper
  - d. English
  - e. Western
  - f. Ranch
  - g. Timed Events

Classes that do not count toward Year End High Point Awards are denoted on the Class Sheet. For Example, no points awarded for Green Horse/Green Rider/Rusty Stirrup classes.

At the end of each show season, SHA holds an Annual Banquet to present the following awards:

1. Champion High Point and Reserve High Point in each Class
2. Division Awards in Youth Halter, Adult Halter, Jumping, English, Western, Ranch, Timed Events
3. Art Slavin Member of the Year Award (to a current officer or Board member)
4. Sportsmanship Award (any member who donates time to the club)
5. Carolyn Gibson Award (most improved rider in Pee-Wee or Youth)
6. Dynamic Duo Award (best overall horse/rider combination)
7. Any other awards deemed by the Board.

The President of the club chooses the recipients of the Art Slavin Member of the Year and Sportsmanship Awards or at the President's discretion the Board Members can choose them.

### POINTS

Riders earn points towards Year End Class and Division Awards for every class they place in. Points are broken down as follows:

**Class Points:** Points toward Class Awards are awarded on the following basis:

One (1) point for each entry in the class, not to exceed six (6) points for First Place:

Example: If there are ten (10) entries in the class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 6 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives 4 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place receives 3 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place receives 2 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place receives 1 point

If there are four (4) entries in the class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 4 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 3 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives 2 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place receives 1 point

**Division Points:** Points toward Division Awards are awarded on the following basis:

One (1) point for each entry in the class not to exceed ten (10) points for First place.

Example: If there are eleven (11) entries in the class;

- 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 9 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives 8 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place receives 7 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place receives 6 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> place receives 5 points

Division Award points are awarded on a one horse/one rider basis. \*In the case of death or catastrophic ailment, with veterinary confirmation and at the President's discretion, points may be carried to a new horse/same rider combination for the current show season. The transferring of points from one horse to another can only be done **one** time in a show season.

To be eligible for Champion and Reserve Awards, horse/rider must have shown in their class a minimum of five (5) times during the year.