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# WELLS GRAY RIDERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

*Effective-January 1, 2014*

## **Item 1: NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

*Wells Gray Riders Association*

*Area: Clearwater, Wells Gray Country, North Thompson Valley*

### **Philosophy:**

*To provide a safe and fun environment for members of the horse community in the Wells Gray Valley.  
To promote educational and competitive activities and events in a safe and professional atmosphere.  
To provide activities that encompasses all riding disciplines.*

## **Item 2: MEMBERSHIP**

*Individual*

*Family – Living at the same address*

*By Donation*

### **Eligibility:**

*Any person wishing to join a Club event and who will be willing to work for or at a Club Function when available.*

### **Voting Membership:**

*To be at least 16 years of age, with paid membership for the current year.  
Horse Council British Columbia membership is also a requirement for any rider participating in a club event.*

### **Fees:**

*To be set by the executive*

### **Expires:**

*Annually on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Memberships are non-refundable.:*

## **Item 3: OFFICERS**

### **Available Offices:**

*President*

*Vice President*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

*PR/Event Coordinator*

*Trail Riding Director*

*Insurance Director*

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### **Term of Office:**

*Annually, terminating at the AGM meeting. Nominations and elections to be held at the AGM.*

*Voting:*

*Each voting member (with paid membership for the current year) may nominate ONLY ONE person for each office.*

### **Duties**

**President:** *-To chair meetings, to act as club spokesman,*

**Vice-President-***To substitute for the President when required, to arrange Executive meetings as required, with a minimum of one p.a., to assist the President.*

**Secretary-***To take minutes of each club meeting; to take care of club correspondence, to maintain a book of minutes to be signed by the secretary and the president. To maintain a list of current members and supply the Treasurer with a copy.*

**Treasurer-***To receive all club monies, issue receipts (if required), pay all club authorized expenses, maintain a record of all expenses and income and provide a Treasurers Report and Bank Balance for each meeting.*

**PR Director/Event Coordinator** – *To act as liaison for all matter of PR and marketing. To co-ordinate club activities.*

**Trail Riding Director-** *To organize trail rides throughout the year with the assistance from the PR Director*

**Insurance Director** – *To ensure the club is in compliance with insurance requirements.*

### **Item 4: FINANCES**

*Cheques must be signed by two of the following executive: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary  
If the club folds, all equipment and money will be put on hold. The disposal of equipment to be decided by the membership at a meeting called for this express purpose. All monies to be given to a charity(s) of the club's choice. All decisions concerning the spending of club money will be left to the discretion of at least 3 members of the executive up to a maximum of \$100. If any one item is to cost in excess of \$100, a general membership vote is to be held.*

### **Item 5: COMMITTEES**

*To be nominated and elected at the annual meeting.*

*Each committee to elect its own chairman who is responsible for maintaining an active committee. The Chairman to report to the club and the Executive.*

*Any member who misses 3 consecutive meetings may be replaced. Each instance to be judged by the committee chairman on an individual basis.. (Note: It is wise to keep in mind when electing the Executive and committee members that-all will be within reasonable distance from each other permitting convenient phone, fax calls if possible and travel time to meetings. Also that ability, experience and compatibility is maintained as necessary to continue the viability of the club.)*

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**Item 6: MEETINGS**

*Meetings to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday or each month or as required.*

*Annual meeting for nomination and election of officers*

*There must be at least four members and the Chairman present in order to constitute a regular meeting at which decisions can be made.*

*Any business shall be made as a motion from the floor, seconded and then discussed. A vote will be taken on it. If the second amendment fails, then return to the original motion and vote on it.*

*Agenda*

*Call to Order*

*Record of Attendance*

*Minutes of Previous Meeting*

*Business Arising from the Minutes*

*Treasurer's Report*

*Correspondence*

*Committee Reports*

*New Business*

*Announcements*

*Adjournment*

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BYLAWS**

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*Any horse or rider whose conduct is unacceptable, can and will be asked to leave the event by the Chairman or member of the Executive.*

*Stallions will not be allowed on trail rides unless approved by and at the discretion of the Executive. If approved they must be in an area where they will not disturb other riders. If there is an overnight stay, they must be kept in the trailer during the night. Stallions must be under the control of a responsible adult at all times.*

*Next meeting date to be set at current meeting*

*Copy of the Club Constitution & Bylaw to members*

*Every member is to have access to the above which will be posted on the website and on the Club's Facebook page.*

*The Wells Gray Riders Association is a non-profit association formed in 2013 by a few horse lovers in the Clearwater area. The club works together as a group to give more meaning to horse ownership and to provide activities that encompasses all riding disciplines. The Club organizes many social activities throughout the year, such as trail rides, poker rides, fun days and clinics. During its first year, the club achieved 51 members and it is hoped to attract as many local equestrians to our club over the coming years. We encourage all of our members including the non-riding members to join in at our events and fundraisers.*

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