



## **CHAMP BY-LAWS**

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### Article I. NAME

The name of this organization is CORRALES HORSE AND MULE PEOPLE, a non-profit, voluntary organization referred to as CHAMP. Place of business and mailing address of CHAMP will be as designated by Board of Directors.

### Article II. PURPOSE

CHAMP actively seeks participation from all interested horse and mule people to further community participation in equine activities in the Village of Corrales. In so doing, CHAMP actively supports the Village of Corrales and its local businesses reflecting pride in the history, traditions, and rural lifestyle that make Corrales truly unique.

### Article III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Prospective members apply by submitting a completed CHAMP Membership Application Form along with payment of dues and subsequent acceptance by a majority of Board of Directors.
  
- B. Dues are established and adjusted by the Board of Directors for:
  1. Individual Membership
  2. Family Membership
  3. Patron Membership
  
- C. Annual dues may be waived by a majority of Board of Directors for special contributions made to CHAMP.
  
- D. Membership in CHAMP may be revoked for good cause by a vote of the majority of Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled, properly noticed General Membership Meeting and the notice shall state the terms of the proposed revocation.

#### Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. Board of Directors shall consist of an odd number of no less than seven and no more than eleven members.
- B. Board Members shall serve for a two year, staggered term.
- C. Board Members shall be elected by a majority of CHAMP members attending a regularly scheduled, properly noticed, general membership meeting held annually in February.
- D. At least seven Board Members shall be residents of Corrales, be 18 or over, and committed to CHAMP Mission, Values, and Code of Ethics, Appendix A. One ex-officio youth member under 18 may be elected to serve on Board in a non-voting capacity.
- E. A quorum of more than 50% of existing Board Members may take action at any regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting of Board of Directors. Action may also be taken via a telephonic or electronic vote of a majority of existing Board Members.
- F. A Board Member may be recalled by a majority of CHAMP members attending a regularly scheduled, properly noticed, general membership meeting that states the terms of the proposed recall.

#### Article V. OFFICERS

- A. Officers shall be elected annually for a one-year term by majority of existing Board Members.
- B. Officers shall include:
  - (1) President – whose duties shall include preparing meeting agendas and conducting meetings.
  - (2) Vice President – shall fill in for President when President is unavailable.
  - (3) Secretary – shall record and maintain minutes from Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings as required.

(4) Treasurer – shall keep and maintain CHAMP financial records and membership records.

(5) Same Board Member may serve as both Secretary and Treasurer.

(6) Officers may form and appoint Committees with approval of majority of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VI. GENERAL MEETINGS

CHAMP membership meetings shall be held at a time, date, and place determined by Directors with notice given at least seven days in advance. Normally, Annual Membership Meeting will be held in February.

#### ARTICLE VII. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of Members at a regularly scheduled, properly noticed general membership meeting stating the terms of the proposed amendment(s).

#### ARTICLE VIII. CHAMP MISSION, VALUES, AND CODE OF ETHICS

See attached Appendix A.

APPENDIX A  
CHAMP BY-LAWS

CHAMP MISSION

CHAMP (Corrales Horse and Mule People) is a voluntary association, actively seeking participation from all interested horse and mule people, to further community participation in equine activities in the Village of Corrales. In so doing, CHAMP actively supports the Village of Corrales and its local businesses reflecting pride in the history and rural traditions that make Corrales truly unique. Since Corrales is the Horse Capital of New Mexico, CHAMP strives to maintain the rights of equine activities within the Village of Corrales.

CHAMP VALUES

CHAMP is built upon a foundation of shared values, including:

- A commitment to the public good of the horse and mule community, particularly in Corrales.
- Accountability to the public for our actions.
- Respect for dignity and worth of individuals within CHAMP.
- Inclusiveness of diversity of individuals, equine breeds, and disciplines.

CHAMP CODE OF ETHICS

- Members protect the viability of the horse and mule community in Corrales through positive visibility and public education.
- CHAMP welcomes and encourages people interested in equines to participate regardless of breed or discipline.
- Members uphold integrity of CHAMP in a positive demeanor at all times. Honesty and transparency is required. Disrespectful, abusive, or threatening behavior or language is not tolerated.
- Violation of this Code of Ethics will result in membership termination.