

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be **EASTERN ONTARIO CARRIAGE DRIVING ASSOCIATION.**

2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Association is to encourage and promote the sport of carriage driving through education, participation and the practice of safety by:

- a. Sponsoring educational driving clinics
- b. Providing recreational opportunities
- c. Competitions held will be governed by the rules of American Driving Society
- d. Sponsoring classes at selected shows; donation of trophies; providing equipment to be used in course set-ups; and providing general expertise. It may involve advertising and providing help and assistance.
- e. Co-operating with other organizations interested in the sport of driving.
- f. Participating in exhibitions or displays at National, Provincial, Municipal and breeder or trainer shows
- g. Striving to make everyone, members and equine partners, feel welcome and safe by offering encouragement and support to the beginning and advanced driver. Promoting a respectful environment in which discrimination, interference, retribution or harassment of any kind is not acceptable.
- h. The Association will not restrict or assist persons engaging in competition.

2.1 The Association business shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Association shall be used for promoting its purposes.

3. DIRECTORS

3.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) to eight (8) elected members, as well as the past president who ex officio.

3.2 Directors shall serve without remuneration and no Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from their position.

4. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The Association shall have three classes of members:

Individual Members – those members over the age of 19 years as of January 1st. Each individual member will have one vote.

Family Members – consisting of parent(s) and all children living in the same household at the same time and under the age of 19 years as of January 1st. Family Membership is entitled to two votes at Meetings.

Life Members – special Life Membership may be granted upon approval of members at a general meeting upon the Board's recommendation in recognition of an individual's contributions to the association. Each Life Member shall have one vote.

5. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining assets shall be distributed or disposed of to charitable equine organizations which carry on their work solely in Eastern Ontario.

6. HEAD OFFICE

The Head Office will be located at the President's address.

7. DEFINITIONS

- a. The term equine will include horse, pony, VSE, mule or donkey.
- b. The term carriage will include a wheeled conveyance or sleigh pulled by an equine.

