

**BYLAWS
OF THE GOLDEN HILLS MUSTANG CLUB**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this club is “Golden Hills Mustang Club” (hereinafter referred to as “GHMC”), a nonprofit, charitable organization.

ARTICLE II: OFFICE

There shall be a principal office for the transaction of the business of GHMC, located at the address of the current President.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

A. To make a positive difference in our community through the following:

1. To raise funds from an annual car show, where a portion of the net proceeds are donated to a local charity selected each year.
2. To collect donations of food from members attending monthly membership meeting or other events to be donated to local food banks or homeless shelters.
3. To collect donations of food, supplies, gifts and toiletries from members to be sent to our overseas troops.
4. To raise funds for educational scholarships for local high school students through the Fairfield-Suisun School District Assist-A-Grad or other scholarship programs.
5. To support our local Veterans by donating time and resources to their programs.

B. To encourage and promote the admiration, ownership, care and maintenance of all Ford Mustang automobiles.

1. To provide a social group for club members whereby they can meet, socialize, and maintain a spirit of good fellowship, and participate in activities including the use of their Mustangs.
2. To serve as a medium of exchange for ideas, information, and parts to aid owners of Mustangs in maintaining, restoring and preserving these automobiles in their original condition.
3. To further the interest of Mustang ownership, by promoting the enjoyment of its safe and courteous operation in all phases of motoring.

- C. To engage in any other activity related to the above as approved by the Board of Directors or members of the club.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

- a). There shall be one class of membership. The rights and privileges of all members shall be equal. In cases of membership granted to household families, all licensed family members shall have all rights and privileges of membership. The terms “member” and “member in good standing” are equivalent, and are defined as one who is current with annual dues payment.
- b). Dues per registered owner(s) living at the same address are payable during the first month of each year. Dues become delinquent one month after renewal date, and nonpayment shall result in automatic termination of membership.
- c). The Board of Directors is hereby granted the exclusive power to reject the application for membership of any person, and to expel any member, when that person’s association with GHMC is not considered in the best interest of the club.
- d). All licensed drivers participating in any GHMC function that involves the use of any motor vehicle shall have in possession a valid driver’s license, current registration of vehicle, and proof of current automobile insurance equal to the minimum requirements of the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles.
- e). All members shall receive a copy of the Bylaws with their membership, and updated copies when amendments are made.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a). All elected officers shall be members of the Mustang Club of America (MCA).
- b). The administration and management of GHMC is hereby vested in the Board of Directors, subject only to the limitations provided in these Bylaws or by California law. The Board of Directors shall consist of four elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), the outgoing President, and not less than three (3) or more than six (6) members in good standing. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of same.
- c). The membership shall present its nominees for the Board of Directors and officers at the October meeting. Any nominations duly seconded and accepted shall be added to the ballot. Nominations may be submitted to the Secretary in writing, if received prior to the October meeting and signed by two (2) members in good standing. Only one family member shall be nominated to serve as an elected officer.
- d). Election of officers and board members shall be held at the November monthly meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot and submitted to the Secretary. Ballots shall be mailed to each member by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the election date. Mail-in ballots will be counted at the meeting if received prior to the election. In the case

of a tie, a secret ballot election shall be held at the November meeting for the two persons the tie is between and shall be resolved by close of meeting.

e). The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the members. He or she shall sign all contracts and other instruments of writing which shall have been first approved by the Board of Directors.

f). In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside in his or her place.

g). The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of all the proceedings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the members; shall make service of such notices as may be necessary and proper; shall supervise and control the keeping of these books and accounts of the club; and shall discharge such other duties as pertaining to his or her office, or as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

h). The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the club, and deposit same only into the club's bank accounts. Such funds shall be paid out only on the check of the club, signed by at least two officers.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

a). There shall be a GHMC meeting monthly.

b). The President shall hold a minimum of six (6) meetings of the Board of Directors during the calendar (fiscal) year.

ARTICLE VII: REVENUES

a). The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January of each year.

b). Dues for each member are assessed for the calendar year. Dues are payable January 1 of each year and are delinquent February 1. Only members in good standing can vote, and only members in good standing can hold office.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING

a). For the purpose of GHMC, a quorum shall be defined as the average number of members in good standing attending each meeting during the immediate past six (6) months.

b). A majority hand vote of a quorum will be required for passing any motion made during a regular meeting, except where a secret ballot is required.

c). Voting for Board of Directors: each member in good standing shall receive one ballot. Household memberships shall receive ballots equal to the number of licensed family members, provided household membership dues were paid.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- a). Notice of proposed amendment of the Bylaws shall be mailed to each member by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which voting on the amendment is to take place.
- b). The portion of the Bylaws as set forth by the Mustang Club of America cannot be amended.
- c). Notice of proposed amendment shall contain the text of all proposals for the amendment.
- d). Proposals for amendment of the Bylaws may be submitted to the Board of Directors by three (3) members in good standing.
- e). Voting on amendments of the Bylaws shall be by secret ballot. Mail-in ballots received by the Secretary prior to the meeting designated for the voting shall be accepted and counted at the meeting.
- f). These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing, or
- g). by vote of at least 80% of the Board of Directors, subject to a majority vote of the club members present, plus absentee ballots.
- h). Bylaws shall be reviewed at or near the start of each fiscal year for changes.

ARTICLE X: DISCLAIMER

GHMC and its members shall not be held responsible or liable for any injuries or property damages that occur as a result of or during a club event, function, or outing.