

Bylaws of the Wild Horse Plains Back Country Horsemen
April 13, 2026

PHILOSOPHY

Our use of stock in the back country includes work and pleasure rides/pack trips. We are active in voluntary work projects that provide access to public lands, maintain public facilities and the use of trails. We encourage the common-sense use of stock in the back country by providing education opportunities and promoting active public participation in the uses of public lands.

ARTICLE I

MEMBER/CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All members shall be responsible for themselves and their stock and shall hold other members and WHPBCH harmless.
2. WHPBCH is not responsible for individual membership insurance. WHPBCH will only provide day insurance on projects/functions that include nonmembers/public participation on private land and public lands as required by land use permits.
3. Members sponsoring guests at Chapter functions shall ensure the guest has signed the liability waiver on the annual membership application form. The "Single Day Ride Membership" fee is optional. The sponsoring member is responsible for attaining the form and the guest's signature prior to participating in the function.

ARTICLE II

ETIQUETTE/SAFETY

1. The trailmaster has authority over all matters of trail etiquette. If a problem arises concerning a decision made by the trailmaster and cannot be resolved, then in the interest of safety, the concerned parties are asked to follow the trailmaster's decision and later, at an appropriate time, discuss the problem/question with the Chapter Board and members.
2. No stallions shall be permitted on work projects, trail rides or pleasure trips.
3. Only dogs that are friendly, well-mannered and voice controlled shall be allowed on work projects.
4. Alcohol shall be prohibited on the trail but will be allowed elsewhere in moderation.
5. Firearms shall be kept in saddlebags, scabbards or holstered except in case of emergency.
6. Proper riding/work attire shall be worn on all chapter activities
7. For safety reasons, no member under the age of 18 will be allowed to operate a chainsaw, crosscut, axe, handsaw or any other tool deemed too dangerous.

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ARTICLE III

VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORTING

1. Volunteer hours shall be reported to the Volunteer Hour Coordinator within three days following the completion of a Chapter volunteer function.

ARTICLE IV

STATE CONVENTION EXPEDITURES

1. Chapter may pay full registration, hotel and travel (fuel) expenses for up to three (3) delegates to the State Convention (normally 2-State Directors and Chapter President). Request for reimbursement must be accompanied by legible receipt(s).
2. Chapter may pay all, or a portion, of registration fees up to a total of 8 delegates (3 from above + 5 additional) depending upon available funds. Hotel and travel will not be paid for other than those in #1 above. Request for reimbursement must be accompanied by legible receipt(s).

ARTICLE V

REIMBURSEMENTS

1. Reimbursements must be approved by a majority of current year voting members present at a regular monthly meeting.
2. Reimbursements may be approved for single day activities (e.g. Directors' meetings) or overarching for projects extending multiple days/weeks (e.g. Big Hole Trails Clearing Cost Share Challenge, Poker Ride, etc.).
3. Reimbursement approval may be initiated at the onset, during or immediately following (within 1 week) of an activity by any current year member.
4. Request for reimbursement must be accompanied by a legible receipt.
5. Flat tires will be reimbursed at the full cost of the repair (including mount & balance).
6. Reimbursements for ruined tires will be prorated by the amount of tread remaining on the tire as indicated on the receipt from a tire repair/replacement facility and are for in-kind tires (bias ply for bias ply, radial for radial).
7. Mount and balance of the replacement tire will be reimbursed.
8. Fuel reimbursement shall be for the amount of fuel used during the approved activity (e.g. travel to Director's meetings, travel to State Convention). Participates shall start with a full tank. Reimbursement will be for the amount required to refill at the end of the approved activity. If extended over several days all intermediate fills will be documented with receipts and mileage.
9. Mileage reimbursement from Chapter funds will be calculate on a per mile basis, using the cost of diesel at the end of June of the current year, divided by 10 miles per gallon (average mileage pulling trailers). Example: Diesel cost \$3.70/gallon/10 miles/gallon = \$0.37 per mile.

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10. Mileage reimbursements will only be paid to members that have reported mileage within 3 days of the completion of a revenue generating project. Mileage reimbursements will be paid proportionally to the breakeven point of the project.
11. Vehicle engines, body, transmission, drive train, etc. damage is not reimbursable.

ARTICLE VI

DONATIONS

1. Chapter donations must be commensurate with WHPBCH mission and be limited to a maximum of 5% of available funds.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

1. Notice of proposed amendments or changes to these by-laws shall be presented as a motion of amendment of said article(s) and seconded, motion shall state the proposed amended article in writing, and shall be presented and read at two (2) regular meetings.
2. These by-laws may be amended or changed at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in good standing in attendance following the second reading of said amended article as describe in #1 above.

ARTICLE VIII

EXCEPTIONS

1. The intent of this document is to provide information and procedures for commonly occurring activities. That said, there may be rare occasions where we may want to provide an exception to an article as written for a specific situation. Notice of an exception to these by-laws shall be presented as a motion of exception of said article(s) and seconded, motion shall state the proposed exception to the article in writing, and shall be presented and read at two (2) regular meetings. Following the second reading the exception may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in good standing in attendance of the regular meeting. The vote shall be by written ballot. If approved, the exception applies only to the one specific situation and the article remains in effect as originally written.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE WILD HORSE PLAINS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN THIS 13th DAY OF April, 2026.

Signed by: /s/ Kelsie Blevins
President

/s/Dianne Mathis
Vice-President

/s/ Roberta Smith
Secretary

/s/Alyssa Miller
Treasurer