



THE BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be The Texas Rose Rustlers.

ARTICLE II Mission Statement

This organization is dedicated to the location, preservation, and propagation of found roses of the old garden rose classes and similar types. Additionally, The Texas Rose Rustlers will promote the use of old garden roses in the landscape, and provide educational and recreational opportunities for its members and the public.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1: Membership

A. Members

Members are defined as those paying the yearly membership fee, and those having an interest in old garden roses.

B. Honorary members

Honorary members are individuals or companies who share an interest in antique roses and will be identified by the Executive Board. Honorary members will receive a complimentary copy of each newsletter.

Section 2: Dues

The annual dues of this organization, required of all non-honorary members, shall be \$10.00 for a 12 month period.

Section 3: Newsletter

Members will receive a newsletter four times a year to keep them informed of new information and items of interest regarding old garden roses.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1: Officers of the Club

A. Chairman

1. Shall preside at all meetings and serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
2. Shall, along with the Treasurer, be responsible for the finances of the organization.
3. Shall appoint all necessary committee chairmen and shall appoint all committee vice-chairmen to assist any Chairman when deemed necessary, or when requested to do so by the Committee Chairman.
4. Shall, together with the Program Chairman, approve of all proposed programs.
5. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

B. Program Chairman

1. Preside at all meetings in absence of the Chairman.
2. Shall prepare and coordinate all Texas Rose Rustler programs, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
3. Shall have authority to set dates for the spring, summer, and fall functions of The Texas Rose Rustlers.
4. Shall provide timely information regarding all events of The Texas Rose Rustlers to the Editor for publication in *The Old Texas Rose* newsletter, and to the webmaster for posting on the website.
5. Shall provide timely announcements of all events to appropriate advertising media to facilitate public participation in Texas Rose Rustler events.
6. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

C. Secretary

1. Shall write all correspondence of The Texas Rose Rustlers in cooperation with the Chairman.
2. Shall record and distribute the minutes of all business meetings.
3. Shall maintain all archived written correspondence, minutes of annual business meetings, and any organizational literature or records deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.
4. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

D. Treasurer

1. Shall handle the funds of the organization in cooperation with the Chairman. Both the Treasurer and the designated member appointed by the Executive Board shall be able to sign checks on the bank account of The Texas Rose Rustlers.
2. Shall deposit all funds received by The Texas Rose Rustlers into the organization's bank account and shall pay all bills presented for payment after approval by the Chairman.
3. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records in a clearly understandable fashion.
4. When a new Treasurer is elected, he will review the Texas Rose Rustlers finances and file a report with the Executive Board.
5. Shall file an annual treasurer's report with the Secretary and/or the Chairman.
6. Shall receive receipts for any purchases by Executive Board members prior to reimbursement.
7. Shall maintain a list of equipment owned by the organization and its location.

8. The fiscal year for this organization shall be August 1 through July 31.
9. Shall maintain the membership list.
10. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

E. Communication Chairman

1. Shall be responsible for distribution of *The Old Texas Rose* to members and honorary members.
2. Shall be responsible for the distribution of all communication to members and webmaster.
3. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

F. Editor of *The Old Texas Rose*

1. Shall see that the newsletter, *The Old Texas Rose*, is published and distributed to members and honorary members.
2. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

G. Hospitality

1. Shall greet all arriving members and guests at all events of The Texas Rose Rustlers. This greeting shall include a welcoming statement, request of participants to sign in on a registration form, and provision of name tags, and tickets for any drawings which may apply to each event.
2. Shall arrange for set up of Welcome Station prior to expected arrival of event participants.
3. Shall arrange for set up of a refreshments area prior to the expected arrival of Summer Meeting participants.
4. Shall compile and maintain a list of volunteers for helping with extra needs as they arise.
5. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Election of Officers

- A. The method used to elect officers will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- B. The slate of proposed candidates will be published in the newsletter prior to the Summer Meeting of The Texas Rose Rustlers.
- C. Nominations for office shall be permitted from the floor during the meeting. Those members nominating candidates shall check with their candidates prior to nominating them and shall determine their willingness to serve.

Section 3: Term of Office

Officers will be elected at the Summer Meeting of even-numbered years, and shall serve for two full years beginning on the first day of August following the election.

Section 4: Vacancies

In the event an officer cannot, does not, or will not act or continue to carry out the duties of the office, the Executive Board shall appoint a member to fill his/her unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1: Meetings

- A. The club will hold three (3) meetings (a Fall, Spring and Summer Meeting) during the year.
- B. All meeting details are organized by the Program Chair, approved by the Executive Board, and distributed to members.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: Members

- A. The Executive Board of The Texas Rose Rustlers shall consist of the Chairman, the Program Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Communication Chairman, the Editor, and the Hospitality Chairman.
- B. The Executive Board shall appoint an officer to replace any officer who resigns, or who cannot or does not perform the acts charged to that office.
- C. The Executive Board shall set the general direction of the club. A majority of this board shall constitute a quorum.
- D. In the event that one Board member holds more than one Board position, he will only be allowed one vote.

Section 2: Meeting

The Chairman shall call an Annual Meeting of the Executive Board and Committee Chairmen.

Section 3: Use of Outside Experts

- A. The organization may use outside advisors.
- B. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the Executive Board of its responsibility for ensuring that periodic reviews are conducted.
- C. All dealings with the advisor (i.e., fees, contracts, etc.) shall be approved by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1: Selection

The Chairman will appoint all standing committees. These committees may include, but not be limited to:

- A. Historian
 1. Shall be responsible for assembling and organizing photos, documents, etc. from all events.
 2. Shall keep a historical file of all copies of *The Old Texas Rose*.

- B. Technology Chairman
 1. The duties of the Technology Chairman shall include the creation, maintenance, modification, storage and backup of the web presence of The Texas Rose Rustlers, i.e. website and all electronic media belonging to The Texas Rose Rustlers. These duties shall be performed with the approval of the Executive Board.
 2. Shall provide the Treasurer with all information pertaining to the financial responsibility of hosting of the website.
 3. Shall provide timely postings to the website of all dated or time-sensitive materials for the benefit of The Texas Rose Rustlers members and site visitors.
 4. Shall work closely with the Executive Board members to coordinate the inclusions and/or exclusions of materials submitted for publication on the website of The Texas Rose Rustlers.

ARTICLE VIII Amending the Bylaws

Section 1: The Bylaws may be changed by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting, provided the proposed changes have been distributed to members at least two months prior to the meeting at which the voting takes place.

ARTICLE IX Dissolution

This organization may be dissolved at any time. The Texas Rose Rustlers specifies that all funds held by the Treasurer of the organization will be disbursed to the William C. Welch Landscape Horticulture Scholarship.