

LOOMIS BASIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

STANDING RULES

1. The Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association is an information and awareness group that is certified with the State of California (Franchise Tax Board) and the IRS. Under the terms of Incorporation, the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association must follow its goals stated in the bylaws of the group. They are as follows:

- A. Support and keep open and expand Trails in the in Placer County.
- B. Maintain and Manage the arena (known as the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Arena) at the Loomis Basin Community Park.
- C. Preserve the Rural Livestyle of the South Placer County area.
- D. Maintain and Manage Traylor Ranch

2. With the goals state above the group may not lobby for any matter that does not fit into the above goals of the Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association. In cases where LBHA does take a position, it must be restricted to the purpose of the organization. For example, LBHA may infer that the group is against development. However, LBHA may support the rural lifestyle and participate at hearings that support keeping growth within the limitations of the Community Plans for an area, especially if the issue relates to the raising and keeping of Livestock, etc.

3. LBHA may not have a single political candidate speak at an LBHA meeting nor may LBHA support a single candidate. LBHA may have a Candidates night where all have a chance to speak. Since meetings are open to the Public, candidates may attend LBHA meetings, but may not give views or opinions until the meeting is adjourned . There is no problem with speaking to candidates during the social time of the meeting and Candidates are encouraged to attend meeting as are, Commissioners, Supervisors or other political figures.

4. The LBHA directory is available for personal use by its members, and may not be sold to commercial establishments. The directory may be used by members at their discretion as long as its use does not infringe on the feelings of other members. (Real Estate mailings, business mailing) The LBHA directory has been used for horse show mail outs. This fact should be mentioned to members from time to time.

5. LBHA may not be used for personal gain by its members unless the solicitation has been done by a paid advertising in the LBHA newsletter or Directory.

6. Due to Insurance constraints LBHA members may NOT AS A GROUP PROVIDE TRAIL MAINTENANCE, however, LBHA may volunteer its members services to State, County, or other group. The State, County, or other group will then be responsible for Insurance of members that volunteer to do Trail or other work. An example would be California Trail Days, LBHA may sign up to work a particular trail with State Parks taking care of the insurance coverage of LBHA workers. The same is true if LBHA were to volunteer a group to work for the Robie Foundation or to clear Trails for Placer County Parks. All members must sign an insurance liability waiver before participating in any LBHA event.

7. LBHA , Placer County Officials (Planning Department, Parks Department, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors) California State Parks have enjoyed a very good relationship for the past years. This relation must continue if the organization is to continue its good reputation among officials and horsemen. LBHA is known for doing its "HOMEWORK" before attending meetings with officials or hearings of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. We were given a great compliment during the Sterling Pointe problem. LBHA visited and spoke with ALL Supervisors and Commisioners and were told we were the only group other than DEVELOPERS to do so. The Supervisors and Commisioners wished more groups were as prepared as ours.

8. The following is **LBHA's** position on multi-use trails and trails in general.

Multi-use trails within rural Placer County are very important and the **possibility** of the loss of any small section of a trail is a big loss to the system. Trails are found in the general plans for many of the rural Placer County areas, including local Community plans. It is the desire of the people within these general plans to have trails and multi-use trails especially as development and traffic increase. Multi-use trails will provide a safe place for **non-motorized** travel within the rural areas. You can consider them the sidewalks of the county.

LBHA feels that the concept of multi-use trails is not fully understood by developers. Multi-use trails do not have to be the cause for extensive grading and the removal of trees or rock **outcroppings**. Multi-use trails need only a wide enough easement and the trail can meander through the trees and rocks. They do not have to be a straight line down the easement. All that is necessary is that they be separated from the roadways for safety. An unmarked pathway within the shoulder of the roadway is not considered safe for walkers, bikers or equestrians. Only where there is a danger to horse and rider should trails become a single use trail. For example in areas that are very narrow or with drop offs it would be dangerous for a trail in that area to be **multiuse**. In these situations, trails could be split making a **multiuse** (pedestrian/hiking trail) and a second for horses only. With this in mind it is hoped that the developers will reconsider their request to abandon the requirement for a multi-use trail.

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