

FLATLANDER DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I

- a. The name of this non-profit corporation shall be: Flatlanders Dressage and C.T. Association, Inc.
- b. The principal office of this corporation shall be located at: Lima, Ohio. [Allen County]

ARTICLE II

- a. The purpose and objectives of the corporation are to promote and educate the members and the general public regarding the equine disciplines of dressage and combined training and any other lawful purposes.

ARTICLE III

- a. There shall be three kinds of membership:
 - 1 Individual
 - 2 Family
 - 3 Student (under age 18 at date of joining for year)
- b. Voting rights for the membership classes are as follows:
 - 1 Individual—one vote
 - 2 Family—one vote for each family member over age 18
 - 3 Student—non-voting
- c. Annual dues shall be assessed from March to March. New members paying dues after December 31st shall have dues credited for the next year.
- d. This article may be amended by a majority vote of the members.

ARTICLE IV

- a. Flatlanders Dressage and C.T. Association, Inc. shall be subordinate to and subject to the authority of the following:
 - 1 The United States Dressage Federation (U.S.D.F.)

ARTICLE V

- a. Officers of the corporation shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer; they shall be elected each November, and to assume their responsibilities at the next scheduled meeting.

- 1 The president shall be the executive officer of the corporation, conduct meetings, and appoint all committees as required.
- 2 The vice-president, in the absence of the president, shall conduct meetings; and shall by co-chairperson of all standing committees.
- 3 The secretary shall take minutes of all meetings, keep correspondence and all records of membership.
- 4 The treasurer shall handle all money of and for the corporation, and shall have care and custody of the checking account and keep a ledger thereof. The ledger shall be audited twice a year by the Executive Board. Treasurer is to submit a detailed, typed report of the financial standing of the corporation at the November meeting. Treasurer shall notify secretary of new memberships and of expired memberships, and notify publisher of newsletter of same as well. All bills are to be presented to the treasurer for payment.

ARTICLE VI

- a. The executive board shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and immediate past president.
- b. The executive board shall meet as deemed necessary by its members and at least twice yearly for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the corporation (see duties of treasurer).

ARTICLE VII

- a. Meetings of the corporation shall be scheduled monthly, or as set by the membership

ARTICLE VIII

These Articles of Incorporation can be changed or added to by a majority vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting at least thirty (30) days following publication

of the proposed change in the corporation newsletter.

ARTICLE IX

- a. This corporation shall publish a newsletter which is to contain, but not be confined to, all important information regarding business of the corporation. Newsletter is to be sent to all members, and to certain other dressage or C.T. clubs and established stables as deemed advisable by the publisher. Three copies of the newsletter may be sent to prospective members who so request. Publisher shall maintain a list of names and addresses of past show and clinic participants for the future notification of such persons.

These Articles have been ratified this 13th day of April, 1987, after being affirmed by a vote of the membership. Previous revisions: September 12, 1981, and November 2, 1980.

Attachment to the Articles of Incorporation

The three trustees of Flatlanders Dressage and C.T. Association, Inc., as elected by a majority of the voting members present at the meeting held April 13, 1987, shall be:

Gael Bourquin
2920 W. Market Street
Lima, Ohio 45807

Sheryl Butler
06426 Horn Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Diane Foltz
14516 SR 116
Van Wert, OH 45891

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Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Amended Article III to read:

- a. There shall be three kinds of memberships:
 - 1 Individual
 - 2 Family
 - 3 Sustaining
- b. Voting rights for the membership classes are as follows:
 - 1 Individual—one vote
 - 2 Family—one vote per family member over the age of 18
 - 3 Sustaining—one vote
- c. Annual dues shall be assessed from December-December. New members paying dues after September 1 shall have dues credited for the next year.
- d. This article may be amended by a majority vote of the members.

Advertised in the May, 1996 issue of The Collection via the April 2 Meeting Minutes and approved by members at the May, 1996, FDCTA meeting:

Amended Article V to read:

The newsletter editor and librarian positions are officers of the club, with each office having the full privileges of such.

Advertised in the Minutes in the April 3, 2001 and June 5, 2001 issues of The Collection and approved by the members at the July 2001 FDCTA meeting:

Amended Article V, Section 4 to read:

The ledger shall be audited once a year by the Executive Board.

Advertised in the Minutes in the _____ issue of The Collection and approved by the members at the _____ FDCTA meeting.