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2023 MEMBERSHIP

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Approval _____ Date _____
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Reviewing Officer: _____

Section 1 – Membership Classification

For more information on the Membership Classes, please refer to the MCAA Membership Rules and Regulations.

- ☐ I am applying for VENUE MEMBERSHIP (Please proceed to Section 2)
☐ I am applying for AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP (Please proceed to Section 3)

Section 2 – Venue Member Information

Please write legibly

Company Name _____

Note: Venue Members must be business entities.

Venue Address _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address _____
(If different) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Website _____
(If any)

Social Media Profiles: Facebook: _____
Instagram: _____
Twitter: _____
TikTok: _____
Other(s): _____

Venue Phone (____) _____ - _____
(For bookings and Customer Information)

Types of Activities and Attractions at Venue (select all that apply):

- ☐ Ceremonial ☐ Historical ☐ Training & Exhibition
☐ Farming ☐ Cultural ☐ Harvest-Your-Own
☐ Ranching ☐ Civic
☐ Other (Please provide brief explanation): _____

Total number of acres encompassing the property: _____

Do you have a Certificate of Use for Rural Event Venues ("CU") from Miami-Dade County? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach a copy of your CU (required).

If no, have you received a Temporary CU from Miami-Dade County? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, have you applied for a CU or intend to apply for a CU within the next six (6) months? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 3 – Affiliate Member Information

Company Name _____
(If any)

Business Address _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address _____
(If different) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Website _____
(If any)

Section 3 – Affiliate Member Information (*continued*)

Social Media Profiles: Facebook: _____
Instagram: _____
Twitter: _____
TikTok: _____
Other(s): _____

Venue Phone (____) _____ - _____
(For bookings and Customer Information)

Types of Services Offered (*select all that apply*):

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations (provide details in "Other") | <input type="checkbox"/> Catering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables, Chairs, and Furniture Rental | <input type="checkbox"/> On-site Food Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Videography | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Booth | <input type="checkbox"/> Music and/or DJ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Staffing | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bartending | <input type="checkbox"/> Invitations and Stationery | <input type="checkbox"/> Activities (provide details in "Other") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please provide brief explanation): _____ | | |

Do you have any and all required federal, state, and local licenses required to provide the services you have listed above: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have liability insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 4 – Authorized Representative(s)

Note: Authorized Representatives shall be entitled to speak and vote on behalf of the Venue Members. Venue Members must name at least one (1) and no more than three Authorized Representative(s). For more information on Authorized Representatives for Venue Members, refer to Sections 4.09 and 4.10 of the MCAA Membership Rules and Regulations. If an Affiliate Member is an entity, it must name at least one (1) and no more than three Authorized Representative(s) who may speak on behalf of the Affiliate Member at meetings. For more information on Authorized Representatives for Venue Members, refer to Sections 3.09 and 3.10 of the MCAA Membership Rules and Regulations.

Primary Authorized Representative

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Email _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____

Office Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Mailing Address _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Additional Authorized Representative

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Email _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____

Office Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Mailing Address _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Section 4 – Authorized Representative(s) (*continued*)

Additional Authorized Representative

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Email _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Mobile Phone (_____) _____

Office Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Mailing Address _____
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Section 5 – Payment

Important Reminders

- ♦ Make checks payable to “MCAA.” All payments must be remitted in US funds.
- ♦ MCAA dues are non-refundable.
- ♦ Your join date will be determined by the month your completed application and payment is received in the MCAA Office.
- ♦ Annual renewal from join date.

Membership Type - Choose Only One Below.

VENUE Membership

☐ Annual Venue Membership: \$1,000.00

☐ Annual Affiliate Membership: \$500.00

Section 6 – Execution and Acknowledgement

By signing my name below, I hereby submit my application for Membership in the **Miami Countryside Agritourism Association, Inc. (“MCAA”)**, I authorize MCAA to send all communications and correspondence to the email address provided for the Primary Authorized Representative listed above. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the MCAA by-laws or that such by-laws have been made accessible to me. If my application is approved, I hereby consent to the provisions thereof, as they may be amended from time to time, and agree to be bound by said terms. I further understand that failure to abide by the by-laws and/or Membership Rules and Regulations may result in the termination of my Membership without the right to receive a refund for my Annual Membership Dues.

Member or Authorized Representative's Signature

Date

Member or Authorized Representative's Printed Name

MIAMI COUNTRYSIDE AGRITOURISM ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

Section 1.01 The purpose of the Miami Countryside Agritoursim Association, Inc. Membership Rules and Regulations (the “MRR’s”) is to provide the qualifications for membership in Miami Countryside Agritoursim Association, Inc. (“MCAA” or, the “Association”), as well as set forth the rights and responsibilities of current and future members of the Association.

ARTICLE II CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.01 The Association shall have two classes of Membership, a voting class and a non-voting class.

ARTICLE III NON-VOTING CLASS

Section 3.01 Name. The Non-Voting Class of Members shall be known as the Affiliate Membership Class. Members of the Affiliate Membership Class shall be known as Affiliate Members.

Section 3.02 Qualifications. Any person or entity may apply to become an Affiliate Member.

Section 3.03 Application for Membership. To apply for Affiliate Membership, a person or entity must complete the Affiliate Membership Application and deliver it to the Association’s Corresponding Secretary or other individual(s) as the Board, in its discretion, may designate from time to time.

Section 3.04 Determination by Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review applications for Affiliate Membership no later than the next regular meeting of the Board. Subject to Section 12.01 of the by-laws, the Board of Directors shall, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether to approve or deny an Affiliate Membership Application.

Section 3.05 Termination of Affiliate Membership. Subject to Section 12.01 of the by-laws, the Board of Directors may, in its sole and absolute discretion, terminate an Affiliate Membership. Each of the following shall constitute *prima facie* cause for termination:

- (a) Failure to pay Annual Membership Dues;
- (b) Failure to Comply with the Obligations of Affiliate Members as stated in Section 3.07 hereof;

- (c) Conduct unbecoming of an Affiliate Member, as may be determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion;
- (d) Words or conduct which reflect poorly on MCAA;
- (e) Words or conduct which go against MCAA's Mission Statement; or
- (f) Any other act or omission which the Board may reasonably find as due cause for termination.

Section 3.06 Delegation to Committees. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from delegating its authority under this Article III to a committee of the Board.

Section 3.07 Obligations of Affiliate Members. All Affiliate Members shall:

- (a) Pay their Annual Membership Dues in a timely manner;
- (b) Provide high quality services to customers;
- (c) Comply with all Federal, State, and local laws which govern their business activities; and,
- (d) Whenever appropriate, refer customers to Venue Members and other Affiliate Members;

Section 3.08 Rights of Affiliate Members. Affiliate Members shall be entitled to:

- (a) Attend annual, regular, and special Meetings of the Members, and speak during appropriate portions of said meetings;
- (b) Attend annual, regular, and special Meetings of the Board and its committees, and speak during appropriate portions of said meetings;
- (c) Attend any committee meetings and speak during appropriate portions of said meetings;
- (d) Display MCAA's logo, in accordance with Article VI hereof, on their website, social media platforms, and marketing materials;
- (e) Have their business name, industry/business activity, and contact information displayed on MCAA's Preferred Vendors List; and,
- (f) Any other benefits as may be approved from time to time by the Board.

ARTICLE IV VOTING CLASS

Section 4.01 Name. The Voting Class of Members shall be known as the Venue Membership Class. Members of the Venue Membership Class shall be known as Venue Members.

Section 4.02 Qualifications. No natural person may apply to be a Venue Member. Only legal entities authorized to do business in Florida may apply for Venue Membership.

Section 4.03 Application for Membership. To apply for Venue Membership, an entity must complete the Venue Membership Application and deliver it to the Association's Corresponding Secretary or other individual(s) as the Board, in its discretion, may designate from time to time.

Section 4.04 Determination by Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review applications for Venue Membership no later than the next regular meeting of the Board. Subject to Section 12.01 of the by-laws, the Board of Directors shall, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether to approve or deny a Venue Membership Application.

Section 4.05 Termination of Venue Membership. Subject to Section 12.01 of the by-laws, the Board of Directors may, in its sole and absolute discretion, terminate a Venue Membership. Each of the following shall constitute *prima facie* cause for termination:

- (a) Failure to pay Annual Membership Dues;
- (b) Failure to Comply with the Obligations of Venue Members as stated in Section 4.07 hereof;
- (c) Conduct unbecoming of an Venue Member, as may be determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion;
- (d) Words or conduct which reflect poorly on MCAA;
- (e) Words or conduct which go against MCAA's Mission Statement; or
- (f) Any other act or omission which the Board may reasonably find as due cause for termination.

Section 4.06 Delegation to Committees. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from delegating its authority under this Article IV to a committee of the Board.

Section 4.07 Obligations of Venue Members. All Venue Members shall:

- (a) Pay their Annual Membership Dues in a timely manner;
- (b) Pay Special Membership Contributions, as defined in Article VII hereof, in a timely manner;
- (c) Provide the highest caliber services to customers;
- (d) Comply with all Federal, State, and local laws which govern their business activities;

(e) Whenever appropriate, refer customers to Affiliate Members and other Venue Members;

(f) Maintain copies of MCAA's Preferred Vendors List in a conspicuous location at their Venue's office and/or reception, and provide said Preferred Vendors List to customers when asked for referrals for services provided by Affiliate Members named on the Preferred Vendors List

(g) Have obtained, or be in the process of obtaining, a Rural Event Venue Certificate of Use from Miami-Dade County (a temporary Rural Event Venue Certificate of Use shall satisfy this obligation);

(h) Schedule events such that they commence no earlier than 9:00 a.m., and end no later than 11:00 p.m.;

(i) Host no more than one event per day, and no more than three events per week;

(j) Ensure sufficient parking is provided at their Venues or at an off-site location no more than one (1) mile from the Venue location;

(k) Maintain an hourly-log of noise-levels at a distance of one-hundred (100) feet from the source of any amplified sound, if outdoors, or from the building or structure, if originating indoors, measured in decibels, for all events held at their Venues, and submit said logs to the Association's Corresponding Secretary or other individual(s) as the Board, in its discretion, may designate from time to time; and,

(l) Conduct their businesses in a manner that is conscientious towards the environment.

Section 4.08 Rights of Venue Members. Venue Members shall be entitled to:

(a) Attend annual, regular, and special Meetings of the Members, as well as speak and vote during appropriate portions of said meetings;

(b) Attend annual, regular, and special Meetings of the Board and its committees, as well as speak and vote during appropriate portions of said meetings;

(c) Attend any committee meetings and speak during appropriate portions of said meetings;

(d) Display MCAA's logo, in accordance with Article VI hereof, on their website, social media platforms, and marketing materials;

(e) Have their business name, address, contact information, and a short description displayed on MCAA's Venue List;

(f) Have their business featured on MCAA's website;

(g) Have their business periodically featured on MCAA's social media platforms, newsletter, and/or other marketing materials; and,

(h) Any other benefits as may be approved from time to time by the Board.

Section 4.09 Designation of Authorized Representative(s). Each Venue Member shall name at least one (1) and no more than three (3) Authorized Representative(s). If a Venue Member designates more than one Authorized Representative, they shall specify at least one such Authorized Representative as the Primary Authorized Representative.

Section 4.10 Power, Duties, and Limitations of Authorized Representatives. The Authorized Representative(s) shall speak and vote on behalf of the Venue Members. All Correspondence directed to the Association must be signed by an Authorized Representative. All correspondence from the Association to the Venue Member shall be addressed to the Primary Authorized Representative. During any meeting of the Members or the Board, only one Authorized Representative from a Venue Member may speak and/or vote on an item of business. However, nothing herein precludes one Authorized Representative from speaking and/or voting on one item of business, and another Authorized Representative for the same Venue Member from speaking and/or voting on a different item of business taken up at the same meeting. Only one Authorized Representative from a Venue Member may serve on, or be a candidate for, the Board of Directors. With the exception of a Proxy vote in accordance with Section 3.11 of the by-laws, no individual may serve as Authorized Representative for more than one (1) Venue Member.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 5.01 Dues. With the exception of the initial dues for the first year after incorporation, the Board of Directors, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall set the amount of Annual Membership Dues for Affiliate Memberships and Venue Memberships as follows:

(a) No later than thirty (30) days prior to setting the Annual Membership Dues, the Board shall set the proposed amounts for the next year's Annual Membership Dues and send correspondence to all Affiliate Members and Venue Members informing them of the proposed Annual Membership Dues and of the date, time, and location of the meeting at which the next year's Annual Membership Dues will be determined;

(b) During the meeting at which the next year's Annual Membership Dues will be determined, the Board shall

(i) Permit all Affiliate Members and Venue Members who wish to speak on the issue of the proposed Annual Membership Dues to speak;

(ii) Once all Members who wished to speak have done so, the Board shall, upon motion and second,

(A) Set the Annual Membership Dues as proposed under Section 5.01(a), above;

(B) Set a different amount for the Annual Membership Dues;

(C) Reach an impasse or otherwise fail to approve a new amount for Annual Membership Dues, which shall have the same effect as an affirmative vote of the Board to keep the Annual Membership Dues at the same amounts as the preceding year.

Section 5.02 Amendments to Dues. The Board may amend the Annual Membership Dues at any time by following the procedure provided in Section 5.01, above.

ARTICLE VI USE OF NAME AND LOGO

Section 6.01 Official Logo. The Board of Directors shall adopt an approved logo for the Association (the “Official Logo”).

Section 6.02 Other Logos. The Board of Directors may adopt additional logos or variations of existing logos for the Association (“Other Approved Logos”).

Section 6.03 Use by Members. Only the Official Logo or the Other Approved Logos (collectively, the “Authorized Logos”) may be displayed by the Association’s Members. No variations in design, color profile, or other features shall be permitted.

Section 6.04 Copyright. All title and copyrights in and to the Authorized Logos (including but not limited to any images, photographs, animations, video, audio, music, and text), the accompanying printed materials, and any copies of the Authorized Logo, are owned by MCAA or its affiliates or vendors. The Authorized Logos are protected by copyright laws and international treaty provisions. Therefore, Members must treat the Authorized Logos like any other copyrighted material except that Members may either (a) make one copy of the Authorized Logos solely for backup or archival purposes. Members are granted a revocable non-exclusive license to copy and print the Authorized Logos for the purposes described in Section 3.08(c) and Section 4.08(c), above.

Section 6.05 Termination of Right to Use Authorized Logos. Any Member who violates Section 6.03, above, or who uses the Authorized Logos in a manner inconsistent with Section 3.08(c) and Section 4.08(c), above, may have their right to use and display the logo temporarily or permanently revoked, without affecting their Membership status. Any Member terminated pursuant to Section 3.05 or Section 4.05, above, shall be deemed to have their right to use and display the Authorized Logos revoked. Any Member who does not renew their Membership shall have their right to use and display the Authorized Logos revoked upon the expiration of their Membership.

ARTICLE VII SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 7.01 Nature and Procedure. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, propose a one-time fee to be imposed on Affiliate Members, Venue Members, or all Members which shall be separate and distinct from Annual Membership Dues (“Special Membership

Contributions”). In accordance with Section 3.14 of the by-laws, Special Membership Contributions must be approved by two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting of the Members and the affirmative votes must be at least equal to the minimum votes necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 7.02 Uses. Special Membership Contributions may be used to pay for projects, events, initiatives, budget shortfalls, lobbying, litigation, or any other reasonable unbudgeted expense(s) that the Board may, by majority vote, deem necessary and proper to further the Association’s Mission Statement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges having received, read, and understood these Membership Rules and Regulations and agrees to be bound to the terms herein, as they may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the by-laws of Miami Countryside Agritourism Association, Inc.

MEMBER:

By _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____