



# Rocky Mountain Longears Association

## *CONSTITUTION*

### **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**Section A.** The name of this organization shall be the Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association.

**Section B.** The purpose and goals for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote well mannered, useable, working long eared animals.
2. To publicize the activities of the Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association.
3. To provide entertainment and pleasurable activities for the Long Ears members.
4. To provide the opportunity for the members to help and learn from each other.

### **ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION**

The Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association (RMLEA) is a non-profit organization.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section A.** Membership in this organization must be paid or honorary and voting privileges may be exercised by members only.

**Section B.** Membership shall be open to any person interested in Long Ears and their activities upon payment of annual dues and fees.

**Section C.** Any individual interested in the improvement of Long Ears, or who has made outstanding contributions to the Long Ears may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting and reviewed annually in January.

**Section D.** Any single person over 18 years of age must pay the active individual membership fee. Any married person (or those not married, but with children under 18 who participate in the organization) must pay one family membership fee. A single membership = 1 vote, family membership = 2 votes

### **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Section A.** The officers of the Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Director (previous years President).

**Section B.** The Executive Committee shall consist of all present officers and chairmen of all standing committees.

**Section C.** The Executive Committee shall have full authority and control of the organization subject only to such rules and By-Laws as have been adopted by the Association.

## *BY-LAWS*

### **ARTICLE I: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section A.** President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the organization, and to serve as chairman of the executive committee. The President shall appoint all committees.

**Section B.** Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at all meetings of the organization in the absence of the President and assist the President at all times. The Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

**Section C.** Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes during the meetings of the organization and of the executive committee meetings. The Secretary shall also keep a list of the paid members, carry on the correspondence of the organization, and fulfill such other duties that usually pertain to that office.

**Section D.** Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and disburse all funds authorized by the organization and maintain complete and accurate records of all transactions. The treasurer shall present to the organization an annual financial statement of the Treasury. The Treasurer shall also report the current transactions since the previous meeting.

**Section E.** Editor: It shall be the duty of the Editor to publish a monthly newsletter, to report promptly and correctly any items to local newspapers and other publications.

**Section F.** Director: The Director is the advisor to the Executive Committee, dba past President. If the previous President is unavailable to serve as Director the Executive Committee will fill the position with conformation at the next meeting by majority vote.

**Section G.** The Executive Committee shall consist of all present officers and chairmen of all standing committees.

### **ARTICLE II: COMMITTEES**



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**Section A.** The President shall appoint all necessary committees

**Section B.** Suggested Standing Committees:

1. Show Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Youth Program/Scholarship
4. Fund Raising Committee
5. Charity Activities Committee
6. Programs Committee
7. Nominations Committee
8. Trail Riding Committee

**Section C.** The entire membership shall compose the membership recruitment committee.

## **ARTICLE III. MEETINGS**

**Section A.** The order of business at the regular meetings shall be: called to order, agenda, reading of the unapproved minutes, report of officers and committee, unfinished business, new business and adjournment.

**Section B.** Executive Committee meetings may be called at any time by the President. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section C.** The meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedures.

## **ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS**

**Section A.** Each individual membership will be entitled to one (1) vote; each family membership will be entitled to two (2) votes.

**Section B.** The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President. The ballot shall be presented to the general membership at the November monthly meeting; at which time, floor nominations will be taken. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

**Section C.** All Officers and Committee members must be in good standing with the Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association (RMLEA).

**Section D.** The term of office shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Outgoing officers shall serve as advisory members of the Executive Committee through the month of February following their term in office.

## **ARTICLE V. DUES**

**Section A.** Membership dues in this organization shall be fixed by the Executive Committee subject to the approval of a majority of the members of the organization. First time membership fees shall be prorated by the month for first time members.

**Section B.** The fiscal year shall be February 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues shall be due by February 15<sup>th</sup> of every year.

## **ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS**

**Section A.** The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership. The By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership present, providing the Constitution and By-Law Rules of procedures are followed.

**Section B.** Procedures for amending the Constitution and By-Laws shall be:

1. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and filed with the Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association Secretary.
2. The proposed amendment shall be read at the next regular meeting and discussed.
3. Written notification of the proposed amendment will be sent to the entire membership.
4. The amendment shall be read for the second time at a regular meeting and a written notification of a vote being taken shall be sent to the membership.
5. Voting will be by written ballot.

**Section C.** The Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association Secretary will make the appropriate filings with the state.