

BY-LAWS OF

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SHOWS INC.

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ARTICLE I Affiliation

Section 1:

This Association shall be affiliated with the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc and shall conform to its purposes and practices.

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1:

(a) Any resident of Colorado may become a member of the Association upon payment of the appropriate fees and by agreeing to comply with all rules, regulations and By-Laws of the Association.

(b) Non-Colorado residents may become members of the Association only if they maintain membership in a local Colorado club that is affiliated with the Association.

(c) The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject, for any reason, any application for membership.

Section 2:

(a) All membership fees will be due on a yearly basis, or three year basis. The date the fees are due will be based on the date the first membership dues were paid to the club secretary.

(b) There will be a sixty day grace period for expired memberships. After 60 days, the membership will be terminated.

(c) If membership expires and a member rejoins, the member's points will not be counted from date of membership expiration or during the grace period until the date of rejoining.

Section 3:

(a) Annual dues for an adult (19 years of age and over) are nine dollars (\$9.00) per person if the person is an ARBA member and ten dollars (\$10.00) per person if the person is not an ARBA member.

(b) Annual dues for a household membership (up to 2 adults residing at the same residence) is thirteen dollars (\$13.00) with each youth residing at the same address, three dollars

(\$3.00). One dollar (\$1.00) will be added for each member that is not an ARBA member.

(c) Annual dues for a youth (through the age of 18 years) are six dollars (\$6.00) if the person is an ARBA member and seven dollars (\$7.00) if the person is not an ARBA member.

(d) For a three year membership the dues will be as follows: Adult (over 19) twenty three dollars (\$23.00); Youth (through 18) fourteen dollars (\$14.00); Household (up to 2 adults residing at the same residence) thirty five dollars (\$35.00) with each youth at the same address seven dollars (\$7.00). One dollar (\$1.00) will be added for each member that is not an ARBA member.

Section 4:

(a) The Board of Directors may elect as Honorary Member any person distinguished for political, industrial, or administrative capacity.

(b) Honorary members shall be exempt from fees, and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Association unless such person is also a regular paid member of the Association in good standing and resides within the state of Colorado.

Section 5:

(a) All Colorado resident members in good standing shall have the right to vote in person at general meetings of the Association or by mail ballot. Members may not vote by proxy.

(b) Members residing outside Colorado may not vote in person or by mail.

(c) Youth members from any state may not vote

Section 6:

(a) To become affiliated with the Association, Local All Breed Clubs, State Breed Specialty Clubs, Local Breed Specialty Clubs, and Youth Clubs chartered within the state of Colorado shall submit a request along with a complete list of all officers and directors and pay a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00).

(b) Affiliation renewal fee to be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year per club. Such fee shall become due January 1st of each year and will be accompanied with a complete list of all officers and directors, including ARBA membership numbers.

(c) Any Fair or Agricultural Exposition within the State of Colorado, may become affiliated for a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Such fee shall be on an annual basis and may be paid any time during the year, but, must be paid prior to requesting a show sanction.

(d) A Club affiliation with the Association shall continue as long as fees are current unless terminated by the Association for good cause,

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(e) Any affiliated club failing to pay its annual fees within sixty (60) days following the renewal date of January 1st, shall have its affiliation terminated.

Section 7:

(a) Local All Breed Clubs, State Breed Specialty Clubs, Local Breed Specialty Clubs, Youth Clubs, and Fairs and Agricultural Expositions within the State of Colorado may conduct Rocky Mountain High Show Sanctioned shows.

(b) A written request for a sanction will be submitted to the Secretary of the Association, along with a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per show.

(c) A written request with the appropriate fee must be received by the Secretary of the Association at least 30 days before the date of the show. Upon receipt of the request and the fees, the Secretary of the Association will issue the sanction for the show.

(d) Show sanctions will be issued only for one show location for any given day.

i. The only exception to item (d) is that Fair Shows and Ag Expos may receive RMHS sanction for their shows held the same day as club sponsored shows.

(e) Sanction fees shall be placed in a convention fund by the Secretary to be used only for cash premium money and /or trophies offered by this Association at convention shows.

(f) The expenditures of this accumulated fund shall be under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors, Officers and Elections

Section 1:

(a) All Officers and Directors of RMHS Inc. must be Colorado residents and maintain membership in RMHS Inc. and the ARBA.

(b) The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer and six district directors who shall be elected by the Membership. There shall be four directors from the East Slope district (east of the Continental Divide) and two directors from the West Slope district (west of the Continental Divide)

(c) With the exception of the first year, there shall be two directors from the East Slope district and one director from the West Slope elected annually. Directors must reside in the district that they represent.

(d) Directors will be elected by the Membership residing in their district. Voting will be by district.

(e) Members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a two year term and may only serve a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms.

(f) The first election of directors shall commence in 2016. Membership residing in the East Slope district will vote for four directors, the West Slope district membership will vote for two directors.

i. The two candidates receiving the most votes in the East Slope District and the candidate receiving the most votes in the West Slope District shall each serve a term of two years.

ii. The candidates in the East Slope district receiving the third and fourth most votes and the candidate in the West Slope District receiving the second most votes shall serve a term of one year.

(g) To provide continuity in administration, the President and Treasurer shall be elected in even years, and the Vice- President and Secretary shall be elected in odd years.

Section 2

The elective officers of the Association shall take office at the annual general membership meeting following their election.

Section 3:

Whenever a vacancy from elective office occurs, for any cause, said vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President, approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4:

(a) The Board of Directors shall appoint an election committee to prepare a pool of candidates to be submitted to the general membership.

(b) Ballots will be mailed to all adult members in good standing and residing in the state of Colorado.

(c) An envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee by name and address, shall accompany each ballot.

(d) Each member shall mark his or her ballot, place it in the enclosed envelope, seal the same and mail direct to the Chairman of the Election Committee.

(e) On the closing date of the election, the election Committee shall count all ballots received. Election ballot envelopes must not be opened until the entire committee assembles. At this time, the committee shall open the envelopes, count the votes and tabulate the results.

(f) The President and Secretary will be notified via certified mail of the results within five (5) days after the count is completed.

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g) After the ballots are counted, they shall be placed in a sealed envelope and forwarded to the Secretary, to be retained by the Secretary for one (1) year, to be opened only in the event that there is a demand for a recount.

(h) The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared duly elected.

(i) Any candidate defeated for any office of the Association may request a recount of the ballots.

(j) An application for a recount must be made to the Secretary within sixty (60) days following the election.

(k) The Secretary shall require a deposit of sufficient funds to defray the cost of recount. The amount of such deposit is to be fixed and approved by the Board of Directors.

(l) A recount shall then be made by a committee of three: the contester shall pick one member, the Board of Directors shall pick a second member, and a third member shall be chosen by the other two members of this committee. All three members of the committee shall be members in good standing.

(m) The committee shall assemble and personally count all ballots cast for the office in dispute. The committee will send a certified report of the recount to the Board of Directors.

(n) The results of the recount shall be final. In the event that the contester is declared elected by the committee, his or her deposit of funds shall be returned.

Section 5:

No member of the Election Committee may be nominated for office.

Section 6:

No one person may hold more than one office at the same time

ARTICLE IV
Duties of Officers

Section 1:

(a) The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and act as Chairman of the Board of Directors, with full power and prerogative, appoint all committee chairpersons, call special meetings of the Association, or the board of Directors, in accordance with these By-Laws, and perform other duties as usually pertain to his or her office.

(b) The President shall have other powers as determined by the Board of Directors at any meeting

(c) The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2:

In the event of the absence or disability of the President, the VICE-PRESIDENT shall assume the duties of the President. He or she shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

(a) The SECRETARY shall be required to keep accurate record of all meetings; he or she shall act promptly upon all correspondence directed to his or her office; and shall consult the board of Directors on such matters of policy as he or she deems advisable.

(b) He or she shall be a member of the Board of Directors and act as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

(c) The Secretary shall keep a complete and up-to-date membership list, including current addresses, and shall make reports as to the number of members to the Association as may be required.

(d) The Secretary on behalf of the Board of Directors shall receive and act upon all applications for membership. He or she shall prepare and maintain an accurate record of all memberships.

(e) The Secretary shall devote sufficient time and attention to the duties of his or her office and to other duties as directed by the President and the Board of Directors.

Section 4:

(a) The TREASURER shall accept and keep a record of all income from any source. He or she shall maintain a set of books in a manner acceptable to the Board of Directors. He or she shall pay outstanding accounts, presented to him or her by the Chairperson of a committee when such bills are within authorized budget.

(b) Any committee bill in excess of an authorized budget must be approved by the Board of Directors.

(c) The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairperson of any Budget/Finance committee and shall also be a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 5:

(a) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall manage the affairs of the Association, and have charge of the various business transactions, and authorize the expenditure of monies by and for the Association and pass on any and all special legislative matters found desirable.

(b) The Board of Directors shall have the power to make contracts in the name of the Association as may be necessary in the promotion of the work by any committee, or as may hereafter be provided.

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(c) The Board shall require the books of the Treasurer be audited at the end of the fiscal year and upon retirement from office. Such audit may be performed by persons to be appointed by the President. The expense of such audit, if required, shall be paid by the Association.

(d) The Board of Directors shall have full authority to revise or adjust membership fees or any other item from which the Association derives income, depending upon economic conditions at the time of adjustment or revision.

(e) The Board of Directors may, between annual meetings, conduct routine or special business, hold hearings and reach decisions by mail vote, teleconference meeting or electronic mail vote, with a simple majority required for passage except as in the case referred to in Section 3 of Article VIII hereof.

ARTICLE V
Compensation

Section 1:

Officers and Directors shall serve without compensation. They may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses associated with their duties as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI
Committees

Section 1:

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the standing committee chairperson(s) as authorized herein. The term of each committee chairperson shall be two (2) years. The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall have authority to make such replacements as are considered necessary and in the best interest of the Association.

Section 2:

Each committee Chairperson shall submit data and information on his/her committee work at regular intervals.

Section 3:

(a) The Association Budget Committee shall consist of a chairperson, who shall be the Association Treasurer, and two (2) members. Their duties shall consist of requesting and receiving a proposed budget from each committee chairperson and presenting a proposed budget for the Association to the Board of Directors.

(b) Additionally, this committee shall have the

power and authority to approve or disapprove all expenditures of Association funds of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or less. All expenditures of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall require the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4:

Each Committee shall be authorized to make such expenditures from Association funds for its operation as are authorized and approved by the Association Budget Committee.

Section 5:

The Election Committee shall consist of:

(a) Chairperson and two (2) or more members, with one or more alternate members, all residing within a commuting distance of each other.

ARTICLE VII
Meetings

Section 1:

(a) Each annual meeting of the Association shall be held in conjunction with the annual Association convention, the time and place to be determined well in advance by the Board of Directors.

(b) Notice of time and place for the annual meeting shall be set forth in writing by the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 2:

The President shall call a special meeting of the Association when so requested, in writing, by at least fifteen (15) members of the Association in good standing. Only the special business that prompted the meeting shall be discussed and acted upon.

Section 3:

(a) At any meeting of the Association, fifteen (15) adult voting members of the Association in good standing constitute a quorum.

(b) No person shall act as a proxy for another member.

(c) If no quorum is present, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting.

Section 4:

In the event of the absence of all officers, the majority of the members present shall elect a presiding officer. The presiding officer shall appoint a secretary for the meeting.

Section 5:

At annual meetings, the order of business, unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of the members in good standing of the Association shall be General Business, Unfinished Business, and New Business.

ARTICLE VIII

Interpretation-Discipline-Standard

Section 1:

The interpretation by the Board of Directors of the association of the By-Laws, Regulations, Notices, Resolution, Properties, and Association Documents and Orders shall be binding upon all members of the Association.

Section 2:

(a) All notices required to be sent to any member of this Association shall be sent by regular mail, prepaid to the member's address as it appears on the books of the Association, and such mailing shall be presumptive evidence of the service thereof.

(b) Any change of address must be sent promptly to the office of the Secretary of the Association.

Section 3:

The Board of Directors may suspend or expel any member of this Association for conduct which, in its judgment warrants such action. This action requires a two-thirds majority of the entire Board of Directors.

Section 4:

The Board of Directors may, on all matters regarding interpretation conduct routine or special business, hold hearings, and reach decisions by mail vote, teleconference meeting or electronic mail vote, with a two-thirds majority vote required for passage.

Section 5:

(a) Any officer or director of this Association having a charge of misconduct in office proffered against him will be suspended pending a hearing by the Board of Directors.

(b) If a majority of the members of the Board of Directors find that evidence of misconduct makes an officer or director charged unfit for the office for which he was elected, then the position of said officer or director shall be declared vacant.

(c) If exonerated of such charge, he or she shall be immediately reinstated; if found guilty of the charge, the position will be declared vacant.

(d) To be considered by the Board of Directors, any allegation of misconduct made by one member, officer or director against another member, officer or director must be made by affidavit mailed or delivered to the President, Vice-President and Association Secretary.

(e) The President shall appoint a special committee by the authority of Article IV Section

1 of the By-Laws to investigate the allegation and report its findings within a reasonable time to the President, Vice-President and Association Secretary.

(f) If the committee proffers charges against a member, officer or director, the President, Vice-President or Association Secretary shall give notification of the charges to the member, officer or director involved advising that such charges shall be considered by the Board of Directors on a certain date not less than thirty (30) days after notification.

(g) At such hearing before the Board of Directors the member, officer or director whom has had the alleged charges filed against them shall have the right to be present, to have counsel and to present evidence in testimony on his behalf.

(h) Appeal of any decision by the Board may be made to the membership at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Alterations and Amendments

Section 1:

(a) Any request for a change or amendment to these By-Laws shall be made in writing or by email and signed by 10 members in good standing of the Association.

(b) A copy of the proposed amendment change will be sent to the Secretary of the Association prior to the meeting at which the proposed change is to be presented.

(c) All proposed amendments, alterations or changes are to be published by the Association in writing or via email prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented or prior to a mail-in vote so that members may have the opportunity to form an intelligent and informed opinion as to the merit of the proposal.

Section 2:

(a) Amendments or changes to the By-Laws may be adopted or rejected by a simple majority vote of the voting members present at a regular meeting of the Association.

(b) At the direction of the Board of Directors, a mail-in vote may also be conducted. The proposed amendment will be adopted or rejected by a simple majority of the votes received by the due date.

Section 3:

(a) Changes to the By-Laws to correct grammatical errors or typos that do not change the meaning of the item do not require a vote by the members.

(b) The Board of Directors shall review the By-Laws at their annual meeting and vote to change errors.

Section 4:

(a) Any change or amendment to the By-Laws will become effective thirty (30) days following the vote to amend.

