

CONSTITUTION

Of the

OKLAHOMA MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

This Association shall be known as the OKLAHOMA MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION, and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote meat goats as a viable source of long term and stable income in a diversified ranching operation, to establish a group breeding plan for the improvement of meat goats and to enhance consumer demand at the retail level.

GOALS

- Educate the general public about the role and use of goats in American Agriculture.
- Promote environmentally responsible use of grazing land.
- Explore long-term markets at home and abroad.
- Encourage and help facilitate direct marketing strategies by the producer.
- Promote goat meat in the supermarket through development of high quality, lean vacuum packed cuts.
- Promote goat meat as an acceptable meat product from both a cuisine and health aspect.
- Promote and assist acceptance of meat goats as a recognized class in 4-H and FFA livestock shows.
- Establish uniformity in conformation by providing a list of available Association certified judges.
- Provide educational information on the principles of selection for increased reproduction and weight gain.
- Offer opportunities for the purchase of high quality breeding stock through Association sanctioned sales.

The principal place of business shall be the permanent residence of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

The Association colors shall be dark blue and white.

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The logo of the Association shall be in the form impressed hereon immediately below.



BY-LAWS

Article I

SECTION 1

Any person who pledges himself to support and obey this Constitution and By-Laws and advance its objective may become a member (eligible for one vote per paid membership) of this Association on the payment of the sum of thirty (\$30.00) dollars. Any person who is eighteen years of age and under may become a junior member (eligible to vote in the OYMGA only), of this Association on the payment of the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars.

SECTION 2

Members and junior members of the Association shall be retained and expelled from office or membership in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may from time to time, adopt. In all matters governed by the vote of the members, each member in attendance at any of the meetings shall be entitled to one vote.

Article II

Directors

SECTION 1

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The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President Secretary, Treasurer and four other Directors. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

Article III

Meetings

SECTION 1

The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held at a time and place to be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. Member will be notified in writing of the place, date and time of the Annual Meeting thirty (30) days in advance.

SECTION 2

A special meeting of the membership may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any time with 30 days written notice to each member in good standing. Members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum. Place and time shall be printed in the written notice.

Article IV

Election of Directors

SECTION 1

The election of all directors shall take place at the annual meeting. Each member present shall be entitled to one vote. Any director shall be elected by a simple majority and shall hold their office for three years, with initial terms being staggered as detailed in Article IV, Section 2.

SECTION 2

The Board of Directors shall be selected as follows: Members will be nominated from the general membership roster. Each candidate may have the opportunity to solicit votes. At the annual meeting, candidates will be presented to the assembly for election. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to a three year term as Director of the Association.

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The first Annual Meeting will elect Directors on a staggered term of office:

Director - Seat 1

3 Years

Director - Seat 5

3 Years

Director - Seat 2

2 Years

Director - Seat 6

2 Years

Director - Seat 3

1 Year

Director - Seat 7

1 Year

Director - Seat 4

2 Years

Thereafter, all directors shall be elected for a term of three years. This allows for a rotation three year election cycle of Seats 1 and 5; Seats 2, 4, and 6; Seat 3 and 7.

SECTION 3

No person shall be eligible for election as a director unless he is a member in good standing of this organization.

Article V

Vacancies

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SECTION 1

In case of vacancy on any office, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill such vacancy for a time not extending beyond the next annual meeting. If a board member is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, the board of directors has the option to dismiss that board member. A board member is considered absent if not attending in person, or via video/audio conference.

Article VI

Duties of the President

SECTION 1

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary by the Association and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/She shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to their office.

Article VII

Duties of the Vice-President

SECTION 1

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Association in the absence of the President and, in such event, he/she shall have the authority to perform the duties of the President. He/She shall assume the duties of the President in the event of the vacancy in the office. The Vice-President is program chairman at each annual meeting. The Vice-President is responsible for recruiting new members.

Article VIII

Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer

SECTION 1

The Secretary/Treasurer shall give due and proper notice of all meetings of the Association and shall record the proceedings of the same. All committee meeting records shall be kept by the Secretary and copies sent to the President, Vice-President, and each member of said committee. He/She shall receive all monies and keep an accurate account thereof. All checks drawn on fund of the Association shall be signed in the name of the Association by the Secretary/Treasurer and either the President or the Vice-President. He/She shall have charge of all, if any publications, subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors of the Association may from time to time provide. He/She shall make such reports of the receipts and disbursements and of his activity and in such form and manner as the Board

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of Directors may direct. The accounts of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be audited annually or at such times as the Board of Directors may direct. A copy of the report shall be supplied to each officer and director by the auditor.

Article IX

Meetings of the Board of Directors

SECTION 1

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall meet at such time and place as the board may direct. The president may call a meeting of the Board at time by giving ten day's written notice to each member of the Board, a majority of four shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article X

Duties of the Board of Directors

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors shall have the management of the affairs of the Association and shall exercise all such powers and do such acts as are usually done by a Board of Directors, subject at all times to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. It may adopt such board policies as are necessary for the transaction of business.

Article XI

Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws

SECTION 1

This constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting when the proposed amendment has been sent to all members thirty days prior to the annual meeting. The approval of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.