

Delaware Appaloosa Horse Association By-Laws

Article I - Association

Section 1 - Title: This Association shall be known as the Delaware Appaloosa Horse Association and shall at all times, be operated as a Non-Profit association in accordance with the laws of Delaware.

Section 2 - Objectives: The purpose of this Association shall be continued promotion, training, showing and racing of the Appaloosa horse per the rules and approved by the General Membership. This shall include the guidance of future members through the D.A.H.A., the youth advisor and team coach shall be approved by D.A.H.A.

Section 3 - Corporate Seal: The seal of the Association shall be in the charge of the Treasurer.

Article II – Membership

Section 1: Any person, firm, ranch, farm or corporation having sincere interest in Appaloosa Horses, and being of good moral character, shall be qualified for membership in this Association.

Section 2: Any person, firm, ranch, farm, or corporation having joined the Association shall become subject to the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations then in force or later adopted by the Association.

Section 3: Any youth whose parent(s) are members of the Association may join the Association by paying the annual dues. Youth participating under a family membership may join and as full senior members at any age, but must do so by age 19. Age to be determined by January 1st of the current year.

Section 4: Corporations, firms, farms and ranches shall pay the same annual dues as individual members and shall designate one person as its representative to the Association. Any other persons affiliated with this same corporation, firm, farm or ranch must join the Association as individual members, paying the annual dues.

Article III – Board of Directors

Section 1 – Membership: The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of the officers of the Association and four directors elected by the membership. The Youth Advisor, communications coordinator, and the past prior year President shall be Ex-Officio members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Directors:

1. The membership shall elect one Director from each of the three counties of the State, and one Director-At-Large, who resides out of the State of Delaware.

1A. If there is not a member of the D.A.H.A. from the specific county willing to assure the position, nominations will be made from the floor to fill said position.

2. The Directors of the Association shall be elected at the November Annual meeting by the membership present, and absentee ballot, and shall serve for one calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The Directors elected will be formally installed at the December meeting.

3. Election of the Directors shall be by ballot, and a majority of the ballots casts shall be necessary to elect.

Section 3: Any member of the Board of Directors that barring extenuating circumstances, is not in attendance at three board meetings within a calendar year, shall be dropped from the Board of Directors and shall be replaced as described in Article III, section 4. For example driving distance of more then 100 miles would constitute an extenuating circumstance.

Section 4 – Vacancies: In the event a vacancy should occur on the Board of Directors, the membership shall elect at the next general meeting, a replacement. The membership shall be notified in writing prior to the meeting that such election shall occur.

Section 5 – Responsibilities: The business and property of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors. Minutes of the Directors meetings shall be read to the membership of the Association prior to their presentation for approval by the general membership and shall be subject to revision or amendment by the general membership at that meeting.

Section 6 – Board of Directors: Meetings are open to the general membership, with notification of the meeting to all officers, Board of Directors and Committee chairmen. Voting and participation is limited to the Board of Directors.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be the Presidents, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and they must be regular members of the D.A.H.A. and the ApHC. Officers shall be nominated by the membership prior to the November Annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting, prior to the elections.

Section 2 – The President: Shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all general and Board of Director meetings. The President shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and perform all other duties as usually attached to this office.

Section 3 – Vice President: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President. In the event that the President resigns or cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President shall assume the Presidency and all it's duties.

Section 4 – Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all money, rights and property belonging to the Association. Disburse funds under the direction of the Board of Directors. Render an accounting at the General meetings of the Association. Keep the corporate taxes and perform other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 5 – Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a permanent record of the minutes of all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. The Secretary shall also handle all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Association.

Section 6: The officers of the Association shall be elected at the November Annual meeting by the membership present and absentee ballot. The officers will be formally installed at the December meeting. All property (physical items or paperwork) of DAHA that outgoing officers have in their possession shall be returned to DAHA at the November meeting for incoming officers to have at their disposal. In the case of early resignation or termination of office, items are to be returned at the time of resignation or termination.

Section 7: Elections of Officers shall be by ballot and a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to elect.

Section 8: An officer may succeed him/herself indefinitely if running unopposed.

Article V – Dues

Section 1: The annual dues for members of the Association shall be \$15.00 a person or \$25.00 per family and shall be the same each following year.

Section 2: Only members in good standing are entitled to voting privileges, all correspondence, and special rates for club functions when applicable.

Section 3: Membership dues for the current fiscal year must be paid in order for the member to be eligible to vote. Family memberships are entitled to 2 votes and only adults will have voting privileges. 16 years of age is the minimum age to be considered an adult and to have voting privileges.

Section 4: Special dues and assessments may be levied by majority vote of the membership present at meetings.

Section 5: Dues will be due by January 1st of each calendar year. February 10th of each calendar year will be the cut-off date for all correspondence to unpaid membership.

Article VI – Resignations

Section 1: Any member desiring to resign from the Association, shall submit his/her written resignation to the Secretary.

Article VII – Suspensions or Expulsion from Membership

Section 1: The following acts, when proof of their commission has been established by evidence satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the Association, shall in themselves be full and sufficient grounds for suspending or expelling any person, firm, farm, ranch or corporation from membership, which revokes all privileges to participate in D.A.H.A. sponsored events.

1. To knowingly and willfully misrepresent in any essential detail an animal sold either at public sale or shown at any sale or show.
2. To knowingly and willfully violate the rules and regulations of this Association.
3. To knowingly and willfully sell as a breeding animal, a non-breeding or barren animal.
4. To be expelled or suspended by the ApHC
5. To be indebted to D.A.H.A.

Section 2: Any member disobeying the By-laws shall be notified registered letter of the violation. If the violation is not corrected within 30 days, The Board of Directors shall recommend a course of action, which shall be brought before the membership for action.

Section 3: Any member may be reinstated with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Suspended Members

Expelled Members

Trisha Reed (lack of moral character)

Article VIII – Dissolution

The Corporation may at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose and after due notice of the time, place and object of such meeting have been given as prescribed in the By-laws, by vote of three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of its members present, discontinue and settle affairs of the organization. Written notice of such meeting shall be made to all member organizations at least thirty (30) days prior. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation's affairs, or upon abandonment of the Corporation's activities due to its impracticable or inexpedient nature, all assets of Corporation remaining in the hands of the Corporation shall be distributed to another organization which qualifies for tax exemption (under Section 501c(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and any rules and regulations promulgated there under), in this or any other state, having similar or analogous character or purpose, in some way associated with or connected with the Corporation to which the property previously belonged. Upon such dissolution, no part of the Corporation's assets will be paid to the directors or any other non-charitable organization

Article IX – Meetings

Section 1: The annual meeting of the Association shall be held within the month of November of each year.

Section 2: At a meeting of the General membership, a majority thereof constitutes a quorum.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Board of directors may be held at any time upon call of the President and any two Directors.

1. No directors meeting shall be constitutional unless all Directors are notified.
2. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority thereof constitutes a quorum.

Article X – Law Revision

Section 1: All meetings or functions shall be held in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 2: All revisions of the By-Laws must be read at three consecutive meetings, and be voted on and passed at each meeting in order for the revisions to become part of the By-Laws.

Article XI – Order of Business

Section 1: Unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the members present, the order of business at the annual meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Qualifying members present
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous minutes
4. Financial report
5. Notices and Communications
6. Reports of Committees
7. Reading of the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Election of Directors and Officers

Article XII– Fiscal Year

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Association shall begin January 1st of each year and shall end December 31st of the same year.

****Revision will show in bold print for one year****