

## By-Laws of the Western Wisconsin Horse Show Association

**ARTICLE 1:** The name of this organization shall be "Western Wisconsin Horse Show Association" hereafter referred to as WWHSA.

**ARTICLE 2:** The purpose of the WWHSA shall be:

- A. To promote interest in, and to further the training and showing of all breeds.
- B. To develop the best possible methods and opportunities to show horses and mules of all breeds and riding disciplines.
- C. To secure and insure adequate and fair recognition and consideration of all breeds at approved events.
- D. For the uses and purpose for which this non-profit organization is formed to lease, purchase, hold use and enjoy in fee simple, deed trust, or dispose of any acquired property at the pleasure of this organization, excepting and providing that no pecuniary profit or gain shall result.
- E. To release the association from any legal responsibility at WWHSA-approved events either as a participant or spectator.

**ARTICLE 3:** The WWHSA shall be governed by Officers:

- A. President
  1. Shall preside over all WWHSA meetings and all other duties incident to the officer.
  2. Shall appoint committees to perform tasks deemed necessary.
  3. Call any committee into session at any time.
  4. Engage legal counsel in accordance with approval of the Board of Directors.
- B. Vice Presidents (3); There shall be a Vice President Pleasure, Vice President Speed and a Vice President Dressage/Hunter-Jumper.
  1. Shall perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence.
    - a. If need arises for a Vice President to act as President: Current Vice President's decide which one will step in. If not in agreement, acting President is selected by simple majority vote of Board of Directors convened.
    - b. When so acting, shall have all the powers and restrictions of the President.
    - c. Shall have other duties, and exercise such authority as may be delegated by the President.
- C. Secretary
  1. Shall keep records of all WWHSA meetings: agenda, attendance and minutes.
- D. Treasurer
  1. Shall keep a record and have charge and custody of all WWHSA funds and pay out same upon order by WWHSA President or acting President.
  2. Shall provide a financial report at WWHSA meetings to include funds on hand, income and expenditures.
  3. Shall provide an annual report to include funds on hand, annual income and annual expenditures.

**ARTICLE 4:** Board of Directors

- A. Shall consist of one (1) of the two (2) delegates from each WWHSA Member Club.
- B. Each WWHSA Member Club shall have one (1) vote.
- C. Shall elect WWHSA Officers.
- D. Make appointments to fill any vacancies in office.
- E. Shall audit all bills for payment.
- F. Carry on all business and other activities of this organization.

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### **ARTICLE 5:**

- A. All voting, including elections, will be by simple majority of Board of Directors convened unless otherwise specified in the By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE 6:** WWHSA Member Clubs (hereafter referred to as "Club");

Membership of WWSHA shall consist of clubs and organizations that;

- A. Shall abide by the By-Laws and General Rules of WWHSA.
- B. Shall pay annual Club dues on or before the February meeting.
- C. Shall designate two (2) Club Delegates.

### **ARTICLE 7:** WWHSA Members (hereafter referred to as "Members") A. Shall abide by the By-Laws and General Rules of WWHSA.

- B. Shall be a member of a registered Club.
- C. Shall pay annual Membership dues.

### **ARTICLE 8:** Annual Dues

- A. All annual dues and fees will be set at the November meeting for the following year.

### **ARTICLE 9:** Election of Officers

- A. Nominations for Officers will be accepted at the November meeting.
- B. Elections will be held following Nominations.
- C. New officers will take office on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ARTICLE 10:** Change By-Laws

- A. Proposed Amendments to By-Laws must be made at the August meeting.
- B. Amendments will be read and voted upon at the November meeting.
- C. Must pass by a two-thirds (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) majority vote of the Board of Directors convened.
- D. Will be put in place on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ARTICLE 11:** Change General Rules

- A. Changes to WWHSA General Rules must be proposed at the November meeting.
  - 1. Proposed change(s) are voted on at the February meeting.
- B. Changes to Discipline General Rules must be proposed at the Disciplines November meeting.
  - 1. Proposed change(s) are voted on at the February meeting.
- C. All General Rule changes become effective immediately for the current show season.

### **ARTICLE 12:** Conduct.

- A. Any member or club, who for any reason does not adhere to and abide by the WWHSA By-Laws, the WWHSA General Rules or Show Rules may by two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors convened, forfeit his/her membership in the WWHSA for the balance of the calendar year. No refunds will be given.
- B. Submitting a bad check to WWHSA or a WWHSA Member Club must make good within 30 days of the date of the NSF check, or will be excluded from year-end award consideration.