

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ARABIAN HORSE CLUB

BY-LAWS

(Amended April 27, 1981)

Article I

Section 1. Name . . . SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ARABIAN HORSE CLUB.

Section 2. Purpose: To promote the Arabian horse via a non-profit organization; also to afford an organization whereby members will have an opportunity to socialize.

Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular membership. Open to those 18 years of age or over. Regular membership will consist of individual memberships or family memberships:

A. Individual membership, shall entitle that individual so named to all the rights of membership, including the right to attend and participate in all regular or special meetings of the members, to cast one vote on all issues submitted to the membership and to be eligible for election to any office.

B. Family membership, shall be available to any family household, it shall entitle any two members of that family to all the rights of membership, including the right to attend and participate in all regular or special meetings of members, to cast one vote each on all issues submitted to the membership (only one of which may be eligible to hold office at one time). Two members (over eighteen) of that family must be present at a meeting to cast two votes. The members of any family, with a family membership (excluding the two members exercising the family membership rights) shall be eligible to attend and participate in all meetings of the members but they shall not have the right to vote or hold office. Any member of a family shall be eligible to apply for an individual membership. Any family may have only one family membership, but may also have an individual membership for additional members of the family. No one person may cast more than one vote on any ballot, regardless of the type of membership held.

C. There shall be two types of voting memberships:

1. Regular membership with I.A.H.A. dues and membership included.
2. Associate membership which does not include I.A.H.A. dues and membership.

Article III PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Club may be obtained by first submitting an application to the Secretary, on the form supplied by this Club. The form shall be completely filled in and signed by the Applicant, shall indicate the class of membership desired, and shall be accompanied by applicable dues, in amount prescribed by Article VIII. The application must also be signed by a member in good standing as a recommendation for membership. Upon receipt of the application and dues by the Secretary, the Secretary shall invite the applicant to attend the next association meeting. Every member shall receive a membership card.

Article IV OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Membership Chairman. The duties of each officer shall be those usually exercised by a corporate officer with like designation. The Offices shall be filled from the Board of Directors as outlined in Article V.

The immediate Past President shall continue for one year as a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Article V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The governing body of this Association shall be a Board of Directors, consisting of eight members, all elected by the membership. The first year of existence of this Club, four directors shall be elected for a one year term, and four for a two year term. Thereafter each election, four directors shall be elected for a two year term.

This Board of eight shall then convene and select the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer from the members of said Board. The President shall be permitted to appoint his own Secretary and Membership Chairman, which may come from the membership of the Board or the membership at large, and shall have full voting rights.

The Board of Directors shall have full and complete control of all affairs of the Club unless specifically reserved to the membership elsewhere in these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall also approve or disapprove all bills or claims against this Club and shall authorize and approve all expenditures of the funds of this association by the Treasurer. Large expenditures, greater than \$100.00, shall be voted on by the membership. Expenditures of \$100.00 or less can be made by the following club officers-President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, on necessary club operating expenses without Board approval.

Any Director missing more than three consecutive meetings without a valid excuse shall automatically be dropped from the Board.

Any Director who shall resign at any time during his elected term shall not be eligible for re-election to such office until after one-year shall have elapsed from the date of such resignation.

Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Quorum for transaction of business of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of those elected, with the President voting only to break a tie.

Article VI MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular membership meetings shall be conducted once monthly.

Section 2. Annual Meeting shall be conducted in September, specifically for elections and yearly reports. Installation of officers will be at the October meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall take place at least once monthly; extra meetings shall take place as often as deemed necessary.

Article VII QUORUM

A quorum for a purpose of the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of this Club's members shall be the number of members present and voting at that meeting. A majority vote of members present and voting on any issue shall approve or reject that issue. President shall vote in event of tie. However, as provided in Article X, amendments to the By-Laws shall be governed as outlined in Article X.

Article VIII DUES

Dues will be established by a vote of the membership. Dues will be payable on September 1 and delinquent on December 31.

Article IX COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the following regular standing committees (with the approval of Board of Directors): Membership, Progress, Show, Publicity and

Promotion (advertising), Welcoming, Futurity, and Youth Activity. He shall have the privilege of adding any other special committee which may be deemed necessary by him or the Board of Directors or the membership.

The fiscal year of this Association shall end on September 1 of each year. The President shall appoint an Auditing committee and shall arrange for an audit of all accounts of the Association as of September 30. The reports of the auditing committee shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the regular (next) meeting.

The President is an ex-officio member of every committee.

Article X AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

A proposed amendment must be submitted first to the Board of Directors for their consideration. The proposed amendment shall specifically designate the Article and Paragraph to be amended, shall quote the words to be deleted and the specific words to be substituted therefor, or if the proposed amendment be an addition to the By-Laws it shall indicate the number of the Article and the entire language to be added.

A majority vote of the entire Board of Directors shall be required to approve the proposed amendment to the By-Laws.

If approved by the Board of Directors, such amendment shall come before the membership for their vote at the next membership meeting. At least 20 days prior to such meeting, the proposed amendment and notice that this will be voted on at the next meeting shall be sent to the entire membership by the Secretary. Majority of members present at the meeting may approve the amendment. In the advent of adverse weather or unforeseen condition limiting attendance, the President may use his discretion in postponement of amendment voting.

Anything not specifically covered by these By-Laws will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
