

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1: Name

Northwest Arkansas Hunter Jumper Association

Section 2: Location

The principle boundaries of this association shall include, in general, the Northwest Arkansas region.

Section 3: Purpose

To unite all persons of the hunter-jumper interest in our region. To further expand knowledge, horsemanship, sportsmanship, and appreciation of our common interest.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Eligibility

Anyone of any age, with a desire to further develop and promote the interest of hunters and jumpers.

Section 2: Classes of Membership

- A) Juniors; those members under 18 years of age as of January 1st.
- B) Seniors; those members 18 years of age and over.
- C) Family; those members of the same immediate family.

Section 3: Dues

Payable after the date of January 1st of each fiscal year.

- A) Juniors: \$25.00 per fiscal year
- B) Seniors: \$25.00 per fiscal year
- C) Family: \$35.00 per fiscal year

(Membership dues were amended by vote of 2/3 of the membership on 11/2003 to be increased from \$20.00 for Junior and Senior members and \$25.00 for family members, to the dues stated above for the 2004 NWAHJA show season)

Each year the board may opt to offer special discounts where appropriate.

Section 4: Resignation

All resignations shall be submitted to the Board by means of a written statement. If a resignation is received after payment of dues, the association will not reimburse the member(s) for the membership fee(s).

Section 5: Expulsion

Any individual member may be called before the Board of Directors when accused with unsportsmanlike conduct and faced with his or her accuser. If the accusation, in the opinion of the Board seems adequate, the party will be denied the privileges of the Association for a given period of time, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Voting Privileges

The members are entitled to voice their opinions to the Board verbally or in writing and shall be allowed to vote on any given topic within the Association at an active member meeting.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Composition of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) persons, four of whom shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association. No more than two of the directors may be junior members. The Board may, at its meeting or any other meeting, annual or special, increase the number of members of the Board. If the board increases the number of members of the Board as authorized, herein, such newly created positions may be filled by election at any meeting of active members.

Section 2: Election of directors

The directors will be elected for a one (1) year term with no limit to the number of terms to be elected. Each year, a nominating committee appointed in accordance with section 4B of this article, shall select a slate to be presented prior to the year-end awards banquet. Voting shall take place at the year-end awards banquet with offices effective at that time.

Section 3: Vacancies

Replacement of officers and/or directors after missing three (3) meetings without just cause will run as follows: a special meeting shall be held to replace those directors and/or officers. A special meeting shall be held to replace those directors who have resigned before the completion of their given term. These meetings will be attended by active members.

Section 4: Powers and Duties

A) The Board of Directors shall exercise all such lawful acts and things as are provided by statutes and bylaws.

B) The Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee, consisting of three (3) to five (5) active members with no more than one director to serve in such capacity.

C) The Board of Directors may appoint standing or special committees from the active members to perform such duties and to have such powers as shall be prescribed

by resolutions of the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors may also remove or abolish such committees or change the nature of their duties.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1: Composition of Officers

The officers of the Northwest Arkansas Hunter Jumper Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Election of Officers

The officers of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting of each fiscal year. Officers will take effect at that time and continue through the fiscal year.

Section 3: Duties of Officers

A) President: The president shall be the chief executive office of the Association

B) Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform duties that may be assigned to him by the President or Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, he shall be temporarily vested with all powers and duties of the President.

C) Secretary: The Secretary shall keep careful and complete record of the actions of the committees, Board of Directors, and answer all correspondence.

D) Treasure: The Treasurer shall keep an adequate and simple set of financial records and offer a financial statement to the Board at each board meeting.

ARTICLE V QUORUM

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet one (1) hour before each designated active membership meeting.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors or upon written request of 25% of the active members by giving 5 days notice to all active members.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended or altered only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Association present at any active member or special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Any contracts, agreements, checks, notes, deposits, and funds executed by the Association shall be approved by the Board of Directors, signed by the President and/or Treasurer.