

MINNESOTA PALOMINO HORSE EXHIBITORS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. - This association shall be known as the Minnesota Palomino Horse Exhibitors, INC., hereinafter referred to as MPHE. It shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Section 2. - The purpose of this organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, scientific or literary purposes or for testing for public safety, fostering national or international sports competition, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue law. Charitable purposes shall include the making of distributions to organizations qualifying as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 3. - The principal place of business for the MPHE shall be the address of the duly elected Secretary, or when officer role is shared Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4. - There shall be NO Capital Stock.

Section 5. - The fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31.

Section 6. - MPHE is a chartered member of the Palomino Horse Breeders of America, Tulsa, Oklahoma, hereinafter known as PHBA.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. - The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Five (5) Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected annually for a one year term.

The Vice President positions shall be:

1st Vice President – Show Chair

2nd Vice President – Assistant Show Chair

3rd Vice President – Youth Advisor

4th Vice President – Points and Awards

5th Vice President - Nominations

Section 2. - The above mentioned officers shall constitute the Board of Directors along with the immediate past president. The Board shall number no more than Nine (9).

Section 3. - The President or as designated Vice-President in order, shall preside at all the meetings of MPHE and its Board Meetings. Same shall be an exofficio member of all committees.

Section 4. - The Treasurer shall serve without bond. He (or she) shall handle the business transactions of the organization. He (or she) shall be responsible for all the funds and maintain a bank account in the name of MPHE within the State of Minnesota.

Section 5. - No two spouses of the same family may serve on the executive board of MPHE concurrently.

Section 6 - Vacancies: Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors or among the Officers shall be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining Board.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. - The annual meeting of the MPHE shall be at the call of the President, before the end of fall, after fifteen days written notice (except in the case of bylaws 30 days notification – see Article IV, Section 4) to the members designating specifically the time and place of meeting. At this meeting all yearly activities will be reviewed and the election of the officers for the coming year will be held. At such meeting PHBA Directors shall be elected and the names of MPHE officers shall be sent to PHBA before December 31st.

Section 2. - There shall be at least two (2) general membership meetings of MPHE each year, one (1) as called as in Section 1 hereof. The remaining general membership meeting shall be held in the first quarter of the new year after fifteen days written notice to the membership designating specifically the time and place of the meeting to address business brought forth as a result of the Board or Director's Planning meeting and other anticipated business for the year. There shall be (1) Board of Director's Planning meeting just after the 1st of the year and one (1) Board of Director's meeting prior to the annual general membership fall meeting. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board.

Section 3. - Voting shall be done by members present at the meetings. Fifty percent (50%) of the members of the Board of Directors and seven (7) members of MPHE shall constitute a quorum. In the case of a Board meeting only, (50%) of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. - The nominating committee shall present a slate of nominee's at the Annual membership meeting.

Section 5. - Roberts Rules of Order, revised shall prevail wherever not otherwise provided herein.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. - The membership shall be open to any person interested in the Palomino horse and the interests and objectives of MPHE.

Section 1a. - Any other state affiliate member cannot hold office in MPHE.

Section 2. - Dues to conform to National requirements.

Section 3. - At the Annual Board of Directors meeting, the inspector's and judge's list shall be reviewed for addition and deletion.

Section 4. - Final and ultimate authority rests with the members of the organization. They may amend the By-Laws and hold the Board of Directors to account. By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting, a simple majority vote is required for such action. Any member or the Board of Directors may propose an amendment to the By-Laws by submitting it to the Board of Directors in writing. Proposed changes shall be made available to the membership for voting purposes not less than 30 days before the date of the Annual Meeting. The amendment will be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 5. - The treasurer's books (General, Amateur, Youth and Futurity) shall be audited by the Board of Directors within 60 days of completion of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. - All rules and fees set up by PHBA shall be followed regarding the registration of Palomino horses.

Section 2. - All rules governing Palomino shows as set up by PHBA shall be the standard for MPHE shows.

(a.) MPHE reserves the right to discipline, suspend, penalize or fine any member or non-member for inappropriate actions or conduct at a MPHE event.

Section 3. - Annual horse shows shall be held if at all possible, to help in the promotion of the Palomino Horse.

*A show committee shall be formed at the direction of the Board.

*The Board along with the MPHE membership shall decide on the date and location of the shows.

*The show committee shall have the power to make all decisions on the shows with suggestions from the Board.

*The judges for the Annual Show shall be selected from outside the State of Minnesota, if possible.

*The entire membership of MPHE shall work for the success of the annual shows.

ARTICLE VI.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purposes of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, as the board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization.

**MINNESOTA PALOMINO HORSE EXHIBITORS
AMATEUR BY-LAWS**

Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 - Name: This Association shall be known as the MINNESOTA AMATEUR PALOMINO HORSE EXHIBITORS.

Section 2. - Purpose: The purpose of this Association shall be to encourage, promote and coordinate the activities of amateurs with the Palomino horse, this Association and the National Palomino Horse Breeders Amateur Association (PHBA-A).

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Qualifications: A member of this Association must have a PHBA amateur card, abide by the rules of the Association and must conduct himself or herself properly, or be subject to removal by the officers of this Association.

Article III - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Election: Election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the general membership meeting and officers will take office on January 1. Officers and Directors shall be elected by and from the paid members who are in good standing. All officers must have been a member for at least three months. Nominations for Officers and Directors will be made by a Nominating Committee appointed prior to the Annual Meeting by the President. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Section 2 - Vacancies: Any vacancies of the Officers or Directors shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Officers or Directors shall be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining Officers and Directors, although less than a quorum.

Section 3 - President: The President shall be the presiding officer and shall perform such duties as are necessary in conducting the affairs of the Association.

Section 4 - First Vice President: The First Vice President shall conduct the business of the president in the event of the President's absence and shall also be chairman of Special Events and coordinate activities for the amateurs.

Section 5 - Second Vice President: The Second Vice President shall be Publicity Chairman and send monthly articles to "Palomino Horses" magazine and other publication of interest to the membership.

Section 6 - Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep minutes of all meetings and handle all official correspondence. He or she shall notify all members of meetings. As Treasurer he or she shall keep all financial records of the Association. He or she also has the authority to disburse funds for bills, etc., and send statements, collecting, safekeeping, and accounting for all fees, funds and negotiable bonds with the approval of the President and the State Board of Directors.

Section 7 - National Directors: National Directors of PHBA-A (one for the charter and one for every five (5) members or major fraction thereof) and an equal number of Alternate National Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Names of Officers, National Directors and Alternates shall be reported to PHBA-A.

Article IV MEETINGS

Section 1 - Membership Meetings: There shall be an Annual membership meeting each year, held during the fourth quarter of the calendar year. The specific day, time and place will be designated by the President and approved by the State Board of Directors. Special membership meetings may be called by the President as deemed necessary.

Section 2 - Committee Meetings: Special committees may be appointed by the President and may hold meetings when deemed necessary.

Section 3 - Procedure: Wherever not otherwise specified by the By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, will be the final authority on procedure.

Article V POWER OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall propose rules and regulations pertaining to Amateurs and the Palomino Horse show Rules. Proposals may also be made to PHBA-A for year-end awards. Other activities and fund raising projects may be undertaken.

Article VI - AMENDING BY-LAWS

Any member, or the Board of Directors may propose an amendment to the By-Laws by submitting it to the State Board of Directors in writing. Proposed changes shall be made available to membership for voting purposes not less than 30 days before the date of the Annual Meeting. The amendment will be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting.

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YOUTH BY-LAWS

Article I - NAMES AND PURPOSES

Section 1 - The name of the Association is and shall be Minnesota Palomino Horse Exhibitors-Youth Association (MPHE-Y).

Section 2 - The objectives and purposes of the MPHE-Y shall be as follows:

- A. To improve and promote the Palomino horse.
- B. To improve and develop the capabilities of the Youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising and exhibition of Palomino Horses.
- C. To develop and improve scholarship, leadership and community interest and participation of young horseman.
- D. To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship and clean living among all its members.
- E. To acquaint Junior members and associations with the parent organization, its structure and functions.

Article II - MEMBERSHIP

Membership open to any member in the state of Minnesota (or to surrounding states with no youth charter) with the understanding that it is accepted by PHBA-Y. Minimum age is 4 years old through 18th birthday, by January 1st of the 18th year.

Article III - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 - MPHE-Y will elect each year at its annual meeting; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A committee will be appointed by the President and/or floor to seek nominations for these offices. Officers will take office on January 1. The President shall vote on matters only in the event of a tie.

Section 2 - MPHE-Y will elect directors to the annual convention in June.

Article IV - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Annual meeting - There shall be two (2) annual meetings held in conjunction with the MPHE Spring and Fall Show. Officer elections for the year forthcoming will be held at the Fall Show meeting. It is encouraged for MPHE-Y to attend the general membership meetings.

Section 2 - Special meetings - Special meetings may be held at any time and for any purpose. Notice written or printed of all meetings shall state the date, place, and hour of meetings and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is being called. This notice shall be delivered within 15 days before the meeting date.