

# **Constitution of the Northeast Friesian Horse Club**

## **ARTICLE I: Name.**

The name of this club shall be “Northeast Friesian Horse Club”, (NEFHC). NEFHC is a not-for-profit association comprised of individuals interested in the “Het Friesch Paarden Stamboek” (KFPS) registered Friesian breed of horse hereinafter referred to as the Friesian horse.

## **ARTICLE II: Purpose and Manner of Achieving Same.**

The purpose of NEFHC shall be to promote and further the breeding and awareness of the Friesian horse globally, to unite NEFHC Friesian horse owners and enthusiasts with a cooperative interest in breeding, showing, and displaying the versatility of the Friesian horse.

NEFHC is an affiliate club of the Friesian Horse Association of North America (FHANA) and recognizes and aligns itself with the intent of their bylaws, rules, and regulations.

NEFHC also recognizes all the rules, regulations and statutes established by the KFPS, which is the Friesian horse studbook authority in the Netherlands.

## **ARTICLE III: Membership.**

Membership in NEFHC shall be open to any person owning a Friesian horse or any person having an interest in the Friesian horse breed upon submission of an application and the payment of the appropriate membership fee as described in the Bylaws. The application shall be furnished by NEFHC.

## **ARTICLE IV: Officers and Board of Directors.**

1. The officers elected at the annual meeting of the membership together with the directors shall constitute a board of directors with authority to transact the business of the club between meetings.
2. NEFHC shall be governed by a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and directors who shall be elected at the annual meeting.
3. Vacancies among the officers or directors shall be filled by election through the board of directors, such officers or directors to serve until the next annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE V: Meetings.**

1. An annual general meeting of the membership shall be held in every calendar year at such time and place as the Board may appoint.

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The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to receive and consider all old and new business, closing out of the old year and starting new, the election of Board members and Officers, and at which time the year-end treasurer's report shall be read. In the event that all business is not finished, a subsequent meeting may be held.

2. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the president or by a majority vote of the board of directors. Notice of such special meeting must be mailed to each voting member at least two weeks prior to such meeting.

**ARTICLE VI: Amendments.**

The Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the membership by a two-thirds majority of those voting, provided that each voting member has been sent notice of proposed amendment at least two weeks prior to such meeting. The proposed amendments shall also be posted on the NEFHC website for review.