

BY LAWS FOR EASTERN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION  
1/2/2019

ARTICLE I. THE NAME OF ORGANIZATION IS:

EASTERN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (aka EBBA)

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Section 1. ORGANIZATION:

The Eastern Brahman Breeders Association operates as an unincorporated non-profit organization with the goal as the organization grows to seek federally recognized 501c3 status. The EBBA is a stand alone organization that recognizes the benefits and hard work done by the American Brahman Breeders Association to promote and market the American Brahman breed of cattle. Although we are an independent organization chartered to benefit Brahman Breeders in our area we recognize the ABBA as our parent organization and thus endeavor to model our success after the success and achievements made by the ABBA.

Section 2. PURPOSE:

As set out in our Charter dated 1/1/2019 the purpose of the EBBA has five pillars to guide all activities and decision making.

1. Marketing and Promoting Brahman cattle while providing education and networking opportunities for all Brahman and Brahman influence breeders who desire success raising and selling Brahman cattle.
2. Hosting an annual ABBA Open Brahman Show, Brahman Sale and organizing Farm Field Days as opportunities for education and networking.
3. Using the internet to stay connected to members through social media, email and our association website, [www.EasternBrahman.com](http://www.EasternBrahman.com) which is both educational and a useful tool for networking with Brahman Breeders listed in our online directory.
4. Annual Membership \$25/year and includes a full page listing in our online Brahman Breeders Directory as well as giving members a voice in decision making issues related to our organization of shows and events. Easy online membership form.
5. Representing ABBA area #12 Breeders: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia & Wisconsin

## ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1. EASTERN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the EBBA shall consist of both general membership and a governing board of directors. All members will be integral to decision making. The governing board of directors will steer the organization in the direction that the general membership dictates within the five pillars stated in the Charter document.

### Section 2. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General Membership will be granted after completion of membership application and payment of annual dues. General Membership will have a voice through having "one vote" per membership. General Membership will vote via email and/or online surveys on decisions having to do with organization and hosting of events. Whenever possible questions and decisions will be sent to the general membership so that they are involved and invested in our organization. General Members do not have to reside in ABBA area #12 nor be active ABBA members. (board members do need to reside in ABBA area #12 see article III section 2 below)

### Section 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Governing Board of Directors chosen from the General Membership, must reside in ABBA area #12, be an active member of the ABBA and have a minimum of 5 registered American Brahman in their name or farm or ranch name. Board of Directors positions shall be, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and one At Large Board member who shall be the current ABBA director representing ABBA area #12. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will hold their positions for two year terms. The first set of officers will be by appointment made by Cyana Briles of Briles Farm Brahman and approved after year one with a vote of confidence by all members. On our second anniversary our board members shall be duly elected by all EBBA members. The At Large Board member will not be an elected board member but an appointed one based on who our current ABBA area #12 director is. This At Large member gives our governing board and organization a liaison and voice representing us to the ABBA.

Section 4. Annual Dues. The amount required for annual dues shall be \$25 paid annually. Membership includes a full page listing in our online Brahman Breeders Directory as well as giving members a voice in decision making issues related to our organization of shows and events. Easy online membership application form and way to pay online will be assessable on our association website [www.EasternBrahman.com](http://www.EasternBrahman.com) Continued membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues.

## ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. There will be one yearly meeting of members and board members that will take place the day before the annual ABBA Open Brahman Show. The meeting of board members shall

be held first and then directly following that a meeting of all general members will follow. Our first board meeting will be held on 9/8/2019 at the Western Carolina Agriculture Center located in Fletcher, North Carolina.

Section 2. In the world of technology that we live in today and given the very large geographical area that encompasses the Eastern Brahman Breeders Association, every opportunity to use technology such as conference calls and the internet via email, social media and through our association website to connect to our members will be made. Monthly business that requires the board of directors to vote on a subject or topic will be handled through email or when necessary through conference calls. Monthly emails with EBBA updates and opportunities to vote and voice opinions will be sent out to all members who have email accounts.

#### ARTICLE V. RECORD KEEPING

Minutes will be taken at our annual meeting and recorded. A record of the monthly association emails sent to board members and all membership along with responses and votes will be kept as "minutes" documenting the purpose and progress of the EBBA. The Treasurer shall send via email a quarterly statement to all board members detailing all financial transactions and account balances. All records will be kept electronically and are not required to be printed. Monthly all electronic records will be backed up to external storage and kept in a safe location. Annually all electronic records including financial records will be combined into one folder and stored externally and kept in a safe location.

#### ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

As the EBBA grows there may be a need from time to time to amend the bylaws to evolve with matters not originally contemplated or covered in the original bylaws. The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws by majority vote at any regular or special meeting.

#### ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, being the initial President and Secretary of the Eastern Brahman Breeders Association consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, as the Bylaws of the Eastern Brahman Breeders Association.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cyana Briles, President

\_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: Jackie Phillips, Secretary