



OREGON REINED COWHORSE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- NAME AND PURPOSE SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the Oregon Reined Cow Horse Association (ORCHA) hereafter referred to as the Association.

SECTION 2: The purpose of the Oregon Reined Cow Horse Association is to establish and provide Reined Cow Horse contests (shows) and events (practices) using standard NRCHA and/or ORCHA rules.

SECTION 3: The principal place of business of this Association shall be the home of the person serving as the secretary of the Association.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERS SECTION 1: Membership will be opened to any reliable person, or firm or corporation. A member will be for one individual or a family membership which shall include member, spouse and all children 18 and under. Individual memberships are entitled to one (1) vote. Family memberships are entitled to two (2) votes.

SECTION 2: Each membership or family membership shall pay annual dues which will be decided upon by the Board of Directors. Annual dues cover the period from January 1st through December 31st , except for those members who pay their dues in December, in which case their dues will be considered paid until December 31st of the following year.

SECTION 3: By a majority vote, the Board of Director's shall have the authority to deny membership.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS SECTION 1: An annual membership meeting will be held. The time and place of the meeting will be specified by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the membership may be called by either the President or a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or by the Board of Directors upon request of ten (10) voting members of the Association.

SECTION 2: Notice of the time and place of any regular or special meeting(s) of the membership shall be sent by regular mail and/or email and posted on the ORCHA website to all members at least ten (10) days prior to such meetings A quorum for ORCHA meetings shall consist of a majority of those present.

SECTION 3: Any member who has a complaint against the Board of Directors or any action by the Association shall be filed in writing to the ORCHA Board of Directors along with a payment of \$50.00. The Board of Directors will meet and review the complaint within 30 days after receipt of such complaint and if the Board finds in favor of the complaint the fee will be refunded and appropriate action will be taken. If the Board finds the complaint is not valid, the fee will be forfeited. All decisions of the Board are final.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS SECTION 1: The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the ORCHA General Membership and shall hold office for period of one (1) year or until the next annual membership meeting. The President must be a current member of the ORCHA for at least one year and shall be elected for a period of one (1) year. Any person serving as an officer may be re-elected to the same position or any other officer position or a non-officer position on the Board. All officers of the Association are considered Board Members.

SECTION 2: The President will preside at all regular and special meetings and perform other duties as usually attached to the office. The President shall appoint committees after approval of the Board. The President shall vote only in the event of a tie.

SECTION 3: The Vice President will preside at any regular and special meetings and perform other duties as usually attached to the office in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be elected for a period of one (1) year or until the next annual membership meeting.

SECTION 4: The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the usual duties dependent upon such officers. The Secretary will keep minutes at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall preserve all papers, keep accurate records of the names and addresses of all the membership; and make a full report to the Association at each regular meeting. The Treasurer shall preserve all transactions of the Association; shall collect, receive, and have financial standing when ever requested to do so; and make a full report to the Association at each regular meeting. Treasurer can pay bills up to \$500.00 without Board approval.

ARTICLE V- GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS SECTION 1: The management of the affairs, property, business and the control of policy is vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: The General Board of Directors will consist of a minimum of three (3) or a maximum of seven (7) members in good standing by the general membership.

SECTION 3: The term of the Board of Directors will be two (2) years.

SECTION 4: A majority of the Board of Directors will constitute a quorum at any meeting.

SECTION 5: Newly elected Board of Directors shall assume their duties as of January 1st of the new membership year, or immediately after elections at the annual meeting, which ever comes later. The Board of Directors shall have meetings as often as they feel necessary and as requested by members as provided for in Article III.

SECTION 6: Any Board Member, (or officer) missing three (3) consecutive meetings may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 7: Vacancies on the General Board of Directors will be filled by the majority vote of the General Membership

SECTION 8: To aid and assist in the orderly growth of the Association, the Board of Directors will take action on past due outstanding debt(s) owed to the Association.

SECTION 9: Action taken by any individual Board Member shall not be binding upon the other Board Members or the Association unless a majority of said quorum so votes. No Board Member may undertake any financial obligation in excess of \$200.00 without a vote of a majority of said quorum. Such financial obligations are allowed only for functions previously approved by ORCHA Board of Directors. Reimbursements for expenses in excess of \$200 require the approval of the Board of Directors. An individual Board Member cannot borrow or pledge the assets of the association for borrowing without vote of a majority of said quorum.

SECTION 10: At the Annual General Membership Meeting, an alternate Board member will be appointed. In the event a Board of Directors position becomes vacant, the alternate shall move into the vacant Board of Directors position.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS SECTION 1: Elections will take place at an annual general membership meeting that will be designated by the Board of Directors. Such meeting shall be announced in the last quarter of the year.

SECTION 2: The Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee. Other nominations for the Board of Directors will be taken from the floor at the annual membership meeting.

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors will provide the means for voting by the general membership on any issue(s) requiring a vote during the membership year. The Board of Directors may issue absentee ballots, proxy forms, and/or call a special meeting of the general membership.

ARTICLE VII – BY LAWS SECTION 1: The By-Laws may be repealed, modified or amended by a two-third (2/3) vote of all members present at the annual membership meeting of the Association, or by a special meeting of the general membership.

SECTION 2: Any revisions to existing By-Laws must be submitted to the Directors sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting or special meeting. The Association Secretary will then notify the general membership of such proposed changes thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

ADOPTED BY VOTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ON DECEMBER 3, 2006. REVISED JUNE 6, 2007 AND REVISED AGAIN ON March 13, 2013 Revised and approved by the general membership on January 25th 2014.