

**MAINE APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB, INC.**

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND LOCATION**

SEC. 1: The name of the Association shall be MAINE APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB, INC.

1A: The Club is affiliated with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., Moscow, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., the national breed registry for Appaloosa Horses.

SEC. 2: The Club shall be headquartered at the home of the appointed Club Historian.

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE**

The purpose of the club shall be:

SEC. 1: To cooperate with and aid in every possible way, the programs and functions of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

SEC. 2: Recognize that the parent organization, the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., files, records and certifies registration for the Appaloosa Horse. The primary function of the Maine Appaloosa Horse Club will be to promote interest in the breed and Youth program from a regional standpoint in cooperation with the overall program of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

SEC. 3: To gain proper publicity through the mediums of all social media.

SEC. 4: To gain breed classes for Appaloosa horses registered in the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., in local, county, district and state horse shows and fairs.

SEC. 5: To forward historical data, bloodline records and general information, etc., to the Executive Secretary of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., when it would be requested or helpful to them.

SEC. 6: To promote and stimulate interest in regional ~~all~~ Appaloosa shows for Appaloosa horses registered in the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

SEC. 7: To make an Annual Report of the Club's activities to the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., at their annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

SEC 1: Any person who is interested in the Appaloosa breed is eligible to become a member.

1A: Any person who is a member in good standing of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., is eligible to become a member.

SEC 2: The annual dues shall be **\$30** per family, including all children; **\$25** for a Mr. & Mrs. membership; **\$20** for an individual membership; and **\$15** for Youth membership (18 years and under).

(a) The Membership fee shall be paid upon application for membership.

(b) Annual dues shall become due January 1st of each year after becoming a member, with a 60 day grace period.

SEC. 3: All money received from annual dues will be used for breed advertisement, expenses of regional shows, breed promotional work, and other work in connection with the purpose and best interest of the Maine Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

SEC. 4: Eligible to vote will be paid members over the age of 18. Each Mr. & Mrs. membership shall have two votes. Each individual membership shall have one vote. Only members who have paid their dues 48 hours prior to any General Membership Meeting shall be eligible to vote.

SEC. 5: The membership is non-transferable.

SEC. 6: If evidence is presented to the board of Directors that a member is abusing the privilege of the membership or exhibiting conduct that clearly reflects discredit on the MeApHC, or disservice to the membership, the President will appoint a committee of five Directors, not principles in the dispute, to investigate the validity and seriousness of the charges and recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors must choose to either accept and implement the committee recommendations as presented, or to take no action. If the recommendation is revocation of membership, the member will be informed by certified mail of the charges and provided the opportunity to appear before the Board of Directors and show cause why membership should not be revoked. Under no circumstances will the charges against any member be disclosed in published records of the Spotted News or announced at any general meeting except at the written request of the accused stating that the MeApHC and the Board of Directors will be held blameless for any such disclosures.

SEC. 7: Questions on rules and procedures not specifically resolved by these By-Laws shall be resolved in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

- SEC. 1: Two (2) General Membership Meetings shall be held each year, (preferably one (1) in the spring and one (1) at year end). Additional membership meetings may be called by a valid petition of a number of current members not less in number than 15% of the previous year's total membership. Additional Membership Meetings may be called by the Board and/or the President.
- 1A: Regular, Special or Director's Meetings may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors providing notice of such meeting is given in writing at least fourteen days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.
- SEC. 2: The Annual Meeting of the members of this Club shall be held anytime from October 1 to December 15 of each year, at an hour and place to be specified in the notice of such meeting for elections of officers and directors, and the transaction of other appropriate business.
- 2A: Notice of Annual Meeting shall be given in writing to the membership not less than 30 days before the meeting. The time and place of such meeting and the object for which it is being called in the manner provided in these By-Laws for giving notice of meetings.
- 2B: In the event an Annual Meeting is not held, such Directors and Officers shall be elected at any subsequent meeting of the Club, which meeting may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors, by giving notice of the time and place of such meeting and the object for which it is being called in the manner provided in these By-Laws for giving notice of meetings.
- 2C: The Secretary shall send to the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting within a reasonable length of time.
- SEC. 3: Any officials of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. may be present at a Board of Directors meeting and join in discussions.
- SEC. 4: A quorum for conducting Elections and other business of the organization will consist of the paid-up membership at a General Membership Meeting and Directors in good standing at a Directors Meeting.

## **ARTICLE V NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

- SEC. 1: At meetings of which notice is required, such notice shall be given by electronically or by mail to each member who is entitled to vote, a written or printed notice, specifying the time and place of the meeting, and the object for which it is called, such notice to be addressed to the last known residence of each voting member, and deposited in the post office or other official mail receptacle with postage prepaid or by giving in hand, or by leaving at the last and usual place of abode of said

members, at least fourteen (14) days prior for regular, special or Directors Meetings, and thirty (30) days prior for Annual Meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI**

SEC. 1: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article Second hereof.

SEC. 2: Distribution Of Assets of Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

SEC. 1: The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot of the membership at the Annual Meeting for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are chosen.

SEC. 2: The Board of Directors shall consist of elected officers of the Club, and seven (7) Directors elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

2A: Directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term (four in 1974, three in 1975), alternating three (3), then four (4) each consecutive year.

SEC. 3: The Directors shall continue in office until their successors have been elected and shall have entered upon discharge of their duties. Any Director who has missed three (3) consecutive meetings, without just cause, will automatically be dropped.

SEC. 4: Nomination for Directors shall be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The past President shall go on the Board automatically for one year.

## **ARTICLE VIII DUTIES**

- SEC. 1: Property, funds and affairs of the Club shall be directed by the Board of Directors and standing committees.
- SEC. 2: The Board of Directors shall take whatever action is deemed necessary to carry out the primary purpose of the Club.
- SEC. 3: The organization is hereby empowered to make any necessary law or rules for carrying out the affairs and business of the organizations by a majority vote of all members present and in good standing at any regular meeting at which there is a quorum present.
- SEC. 4: President and Vice-President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Directors. He shall, with the treasurer, sign all contracts, checks and obligations of the corporation and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors. The President shall be familiar with the Charter and By-Laws, rules of order and procedure of motions. He/She shall determine if proper notice has been given, and if a quorum is present at all meetings. He/She shall serve Ex-Officio on all committees and be responsible for the fulfillment of all committees, and be responsible for all reports from officers and committee chairpersons, properly present them and place them on file. In the absence or disability of the president, the Vice-President shall have and exercise all powers and duties of the President.
- SEC. 5: Secretary or Treasurer: The Secretary or Treasurer shall prepare for the President, A statement of order and business to take to the meetings. The Secretary shall take roll-call of members, the minutes of all previous meetings, a list of all committees and their members and keep the By-laws of the organization. He/She shall also, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, call the meeting to order and appoint a chairman to preside. He/She shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. He/she shall state the question and put it to a vote if a motion refers especially to the presiding office.
- 5A: The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all monies and debts. A bank account shall be kept in the name of the organization. He/She shall, with the President, sign all contracts, checks and obligations of the corporation and shall keep records of all transactions, receive safely, keep all monies, rights and property belonging to the organization. He/She shall give notices required by law and notices required by the By-Laws of this organization. He/She shall make a simple report at each meeting and an annual report which is audited by a committee. He/She may retain a sum not to exceed \$25.00 for petty cash.
- 5B: In the absence of the Secretary or Treasurer, a Secretary or Treasurer, Pro Tempore, shall be chosen.
- SEC. 6: Committees: The chairman of all committees shall be appointed by the President to serve during his elected term. Permanent standing committees shall include, but are not limited to, the following: Youth; Food & Entertainment; Show; Trail; Parade; Publicity; and Newsletter.

- 6A: Special committees may be appointed by the President to serve until duty is complete. Special committees may include, but are not limited to, the following: By-Laws, Auditing; and Banquet.
- 6B: All committee chairmen shall choose their own committees. The Chairman shall submit a written report to the Club. Standing committees shall also make an Annual written report. Committees shall consist of odd numbers, i.e.: 3, 5 or 7, depending upon the type of committee and their duties.
- 6C: All members shall be available for these committees, unless reasonably unable to do so.

### **ARTICLE IX STANDARD**

- SEC. 1: The characteristics desired, promoted and advocated in the Appaloosa breed, by the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., through their published judging standards, shall be those adopted by this organization.

### **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

- SEC. 1: Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary so that they may appear on the notice of the next meeting.
- SEC. 2: The By-Laws Committee shall submit the proposed amendments to the Officers and Directors for their recommendations to the membership at their next meeting.
- SEC. 3: Following the recommendations and report of the Board of Directors at the next general meeting, the amendment shall be put to a vote. To pass, the amendment must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority in favor of all members in good standing present.

### **ARTICLE XI BOND AND INSURANCE**

- SEC. 1: The Club may provide at its own expense a Commercial Blanket Bond in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors covering the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors and employees of the Club, and/or such officers or other persons as may be determined by the board of Directors. The Club may likewise provide at its own expense any commercial insurance coverage deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XII  
CHARTER MEMBERS**

SEC. 1: The following persons have the unique and distinct honorary title of Charter Members:

James J. Harkins - President & Director, Albert A. Ouellette - Vice-President & Diector,  
Betty L. Ouellette - Secretary & Treasurer, Wesley J. Moody - Director,  
Vance A. Daley - Director

**ARTICLE XIII  
BY-LAW APPROVAL**

SEC. 1: These By-Laws shall be considered adopted upon the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of all members present at a meeting called for the express purpose of considering and adopting a constitution.

**ARTICLE XIV  
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

SEC. 1: The Board of Directors may elect a distinguished person whose services to the association have been notable, as Honorary Member. Honorary Members shall enjoy all the privileges of regular members, but shall be exempt from payment of dues.