

## **BY LAWS OF THE NEW YORK QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name and Purpose of the Association**

**Section 1.** This Association shall be known as the New York State Quarter Horse Association, Inc.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this Association shall be: to promote in all ways the interests of the New York State Quarter Horse Breeders and Exhibitors, to increase the number of New York Breeders and owners of Quarter Horses registered by the American Quarter Horse Association.

**Section 3.** All proceedings of the Association shall be in harmony with the policies and activities of the American Quarter Horse Association.

**Section 4.** The principal place of business for the Association shall be Albany, New York.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Membership and Dues**

**Section 1.** Membership shall be open to any reliable person, firm or corporation, resident of any state, interested in promoting Quarter Horses registered by the American Quarter Horse Association. Any person, firm or corporation having joined this association shall thereby become subject to the rules and by-laws then in force or later adopted by the Association, and shall be subject to expulsion from the organization as provided in these by-laws.

**Section 2.** When any person, firm or corporation as members of the Association shall be accused of any acts or practices which may be deemed just cause for expulsion from the Association, said person, firm or corporation shall be entitled to a full, fair and impartial hearing before the Executive Committee of the organization where he/she shall be faced by his/her accuser or be permitted to examine all evidence offered in support of the charge by the accuser or others and where he/she shall be given full opportunity to refute such evidence, but upon being adjudged guilty of the practice as charged and worthy of expulsion by affirmative vote of a majority of the committee present, he/she shall forthwith be so expelled. Any expelled member may be reinstated with the approval of the Executive Committee, provided that such expulsion was not due to any willful, want on or malicious act pertaining to the breeding, showing or licensing of quarter horses.

**Section 3.** Any member expelled or suspended by the American Quarter Horse Association is automatically expelled or suspended from this Association.

**Section 4.** Any member may withdraw from the Association by presenting the Secretary with a written statement of resignation.

**Section 5.** Any resigning, expelled or suspended member forfeits all rights to any property or benefits of this Association.

**Section 6.** Each Family (Husband/Wife/Youth) shall pay dues annually of \$35.00, each

Husband/Wife shall pay dues of \$25.00, and each Farm (Horse must be registered in the farms name) shall pay dues of \$20.00. Each Individual person or a Corporation shall pay dues of \$20.00 annually, and each youth shall pay dues of \$10.00. Payable as of January First of each year, and not later than thirty, (30) days they're from. Non-payment of dues shall automatically suspend the member from all rights and privileges of the association, unless penalty of \$5.00 is paid with dues before the end of the calendar year. Associate membership shall be made available to none showing members. Associate members shall be allowed all privileges of membership. The one exception being that no points will be kept on horses owned by associate members. Dues for this membership shall be \$15.00 annually; payable as of January first of each year, and not later than thirty, (30) days they're from. Non-payment of dues shall automatically suspend the member from all rights and privileges of the association, unless a penalty of \$5.00 is paid with dues before the end of the calendar year. Individual Life Membership shall be made available of a fee of \$200.00.

**Section 7.** Youth/Junior membership (up to an including 18 years) may be obtained upon payment of \$10.00. This membership provides all privileges of the Association except the right to vote. Late penalties for Junior/Youth members shall be \$5.00.

**Section 8.** Membership grants all point earning privileges of the Association. Points will be compiled only from the date, which the membership is paid, to be determined by the postmark on the envelope as mailed to the Treasurer.

**Section 9.** There shall be a one (1) year absence from the Association as a sufficient time elapse to justify a previous member applying for membership as a NEW member.

### **ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT**

**Section 1.** The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the Officers and Directors. One-third (1/3) or more of the duly elected Officers and Directors shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board, and a majority of this quorum shall be governing.

**Section 2.** The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**Section 3.** There shall be not less than eight (8) directors. All Officers and Directors are required to be present at a minimum of eight (8) board meetings per year. The absence of any Officer or Director from three (3) successive membership meetings or three (3) successive board meetings, without good cause, may be cause for removal. Each member shall hold office for such term or until his successor is elected. Any members may be removed for cause by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board Of Directors present at a regular monthly meeting, as provided in Section 1. The Board of Directors, as provided in Article IV Section 9 of these By Laws, shall fill the vacancy.

**Section 4.** The President shall be a member, ex-officio, of all committees.

**Section 5.** Only Directors and elected Officers shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. The President may vote only in the case of a tie.

**Section 6.** The Board of Directors of the Association shall at their initial meeting, schedule all board meetings for the current fiscal year. Each meeting will proceed as described in Article VIII Section 5, Order of Business. Because of the Holidays, etc., it may be necessary from time to time to change the date of the Board Meetings. To do this, it must be voted on and passed by the Board in accordance with Section 1 and must be voted on at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date to be changed. All officers and board members must then be notified of this change in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the next board meeting. If these requirements are not met, the meeting will proceed as scheduled in these by-laws.

**Section 7.** Fiscal Year. This Association shall conduct its affairs on the calendar year basis, same to begin on January 1 and ending on the last day of December of the same year.

#### **ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** Only members in good standing of the Association shall be eligible for election to office.

**Section 2.** Candidates for election to office, for the Nominating Committee and their names shall select the succeeding year or years presented at the September Nominating Meeting

**Section 3.** Nominations for election, in addition to those made by the Nominating Committee, may be made at the nominating meeting by any member in good standing and duly seconded by any member in good standing.

**Section 4.** The Officers and Directors of the Association shall be elected by ballot mailed to the Association or presented in person at the December meeting. The candidate receiving the Majority of votes shall be elected to the office for which he/she was nominated. One official ballot shall be supplied to each member eligible to vote. Family membership shall have one vote, unless dual dues are paid.

**Section 5.** The President at the Election meeting, in accordance with Article VII Section 9, shall appoint two inspectors of election.

**Section 6.** The President, Vice President, second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for a one (1) year term to commence upon completion of their election. An officer may succeed him/herself.

**Section 7.** Each Director shall be elected for a two (2) year term, except in the case where a Director is replaced pursuant to Article III, Section 3, when the term shall be the un-expired term of such Director.

**Section 8.** Four (4) Directors shall be elected each year, term to commence upon completion of then- election.

**Section 9.** Vacancies occurring in any office, from any cause whatsoever, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the un-expired term thereof, except the First Vice President shall succeed

to the Presidency if that office becomes vacant and Second Vice President shall succeed the First Vice President if that office becomes vacant. It is recommended that the board consider those nominees not elected at the previous election.

## **ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall nominate such committees, as he/she or the Board of Directors shall consider expedient or necessary, in accordance with Article VII Section 9.

**Section 2.** In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall perform his/her duties, and in the absence of both the President and First Vice President, the Second Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer shall preside and assume the duties of the President.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors, and shall, if requested, read such minutes at the close of each meeting for approval and shall mail out all notices for meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and perform such duties as may be required of him/her by the By-Laws, the President or the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall have charge of all receipts and moneys of the Association, deposits in the name of the Association, and shall disburse said funds as ordered or authorized by the Board of Directors. He/she shall keep regular accounts of the receipts and disbursements submit said records when requested and give an itemized statement of the same at regular meetings of the Association. He/She shall sign checks and withdrawal slips on behalf of the Association upon any and all of its bank accounts, and the same shall be honored on his/her signature along, or that of the President.

**Section 5.** Any Officer may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting called for such purpose. Written charges shall be served upon said Officer at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting of the Board at which removal proceedings are to be held, and he/she shall be permitted to attend such meeting and defend the charges against him/her.

**Section 6.** All Officers shall pay membership dues for the current year and in the event of the failure to do so, upon reasonable notice, shall be removed from office and a vacancy created which will be filled pursuant to Article IV Section 9.

**Section 7.** The Treasurer, Secretary and Newsletter Editor are to be paid positions with exact stipend to be decided before the annual nomination by the current Officers and Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF NEWS EDITOR AND POINT KEEPER**

**Section 1.** The President shall nominate a News Editor who will serve during his/her term of office. The New Editor can serve for more than one (1) year providing the next President succeeding reappoints him/her. The News Editor may be removed for cause by affirmative vote

of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors for the remainder of the term shall fill the vacancy. The News Editor shall be responsible for publishing, printing and mailing a monthly newsletter, a yearly sales listing and any other printed matter pertaining to the Association. The News Editor shall be responsible for any and all equipment used in publishing and printing of these items, and this equipment shall not be loaned or rented to any person or organization with the express permission of the Board of Directors or the President.

**Section 2.** The President shall nominate a Point Keeper who will serve during his/her term of office. The Point Keeper can serve for more than one (1) year providing the next President succeeding reappoints him/her. The Point Keeper may be removed for cause by affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors for the remainder of the year shall fill the vacancy. The Point Keeper shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of all points accumulated by exhibitors and to report results to the News Editor in a timely fashion. The Point Keeper shall be paid a fee as established by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article III Section 1 of these By-Laws. This fee shall be established for the current fiscal year.

## **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Nominating committee - The outgoing President, first Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors shall constitute the Nominating Committee whose duty it shall be to nominate candidates for Officers and Directors to be elected at the December meeting. The Nominating Committee shall announce its list of candidates at the September Nominating meeting.

**Section 2.** Executive Committee—This committee shall consist of all elected Officers and Board of Director members.

**Section 3.** Finance Committee— the Treasurer shall chair the finance committee. The chairperson may from time to time select committee members to assist in any special way required.

**Section 4.** Rules Committee— The President shall nominate a rules committee chairperson who will serve during his/her term of office. The rules committee chairperson may serve for more than one year providing the next President succeeding reappoints him/her. It shall be the responsibility of the rules committee chairperson or one of his /her committee members to be available at all New York State Quarter Horse Association shows and meetings to discuss and/or rule on any questions presented regarding the rules and By-Laws of the Association. It shall also be the responsibility of the chairperson to present to the Board of Directors any rule r By-Law changes that may be in order. The Board of Directors will then proceed in accordance with Article EX. The rules committee chairperson may be removed for cause by affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors present at a regular meeting shall fill the vacancy. The Board of Directors for the remainder of the term shall fill the vacancy.

**Section 5.** Show Committee— The President shall nominate a show committee chairperson who

will serve during his/her term of office. The show committee chairperson may serve for more than one year providing the next President succeeding reappoints him/her. It shall be the responsibility of the chairperson to appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a show manager. The show manager may be paid a fee. The Board of Directors in accordance with Article III Section 1 of these By-Laws will establish this. The show committee chairperson may be removed for cause by affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors Present at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors for the remainder of the term shall fill the vacancy. Tills committee chairperson may from time to tune select committee members to assist in any special way required.

**Section 7. Futurity Committee**— The President shall nominate a futurity committee chairperson who will serve during his/her term of office. IT shall be the responsibility of the chairperson to function as and perform all duties of the futurity manager. The futurity committee chairperson may be removed for cause by affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors for the remainder of the term shall fill the vacancy. The chairperson may from time to time select committee members to assist in any special way required.

**Section 8. Youth Committee**— The President shall nominate a youth committee chairperson who will serve during his/her term of office. It shall be the responsibility of the chairperson to function as and perform all duties of the youth advisor. The youth committee chairperson may be removed for cause by affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors present at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors for the remainder of the term shall fill the Vacancy. The chairperson may from time to time select committee members to assist in any special way required.

**Section 9. Committee Chairperson Approvals** - All chairpersons nominated by the President must be approved by affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors present at a regular meeting in accordance with Article III Section 1.

## **ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Election Meeting** - There shall be any annual meeting of the Association in December for election of Officers and Directors, for receiving the reports of the Treasurer, and the transaction of other business. If the President refuses or neglects to call this meeting, any four members of the Board Of Directors may call it.

**Section 2. Special Meetings** - the President or any four members of the Board of Directors may call special meetings of the Association at any time and place.

**Section 3. Notice Of Meetings** - Notices of all meetings shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least ten (10) days and not more than forty (40) days before the time appointed for the meetings. All notices of meetings shall set forth the place, date, time and purpose of the meeting.

**Section 4. Quorum** - A quorum for meetings of the Association shall consist of the members present at such meetings, and business may be transacted by a majority vote of said quorum.

**Section 5. Order of Business**— All meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors shall be conducted according to accepted rules of parliamentary procedure. The order of business shall be as follows.

Calling of the Roll

Reading of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Receiving of Communications

Reports of Committees

Unfinished Business

New Business

Closing of Meeting

## **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors and membership elected Officers shall have the power to make, amend and repeal the By-Laws and rules of the Association by Vote of a Majority of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board, subject to the right of the members to amend any such By-Laws at a regular meeting of members or at a special meeting of the members called for such purpose.

**Section 2.** It shall be the right of the members to amend any such By-Laws, as amended or repealed by the Board of Directors. Appeal or amendment shall be by written ballot. Ballots shall be mailed to the members at least twenty (20) days prior to the regular meeting or special meeting called for this purpose. Ballots may be mailed to the Inspectors of Election of the Association or presented in person at the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted on at which time the votes shall be counted and the amendment carried or rejected by a majority vote of ballots received.

**Section 3.** All amendments to these By-Laws and rules will become effective the first day of the succeeding fiscal year.

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