

# BLUEBONNET ARABIAN HORSE CLUB

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1

The name of this organization shall be **BLUEBONNET ARABIAN HORSE CLUB**, hereinafter referred to as Club and/or BAHC.

### ARTICLE II (Affiliation)

The Club is a charter member organization of the Arabian Horse Association, hereinafter referred to as AHA.

### ARTICLE III (Purpose)

The purpose of the Club is to devote collective interest of Arabian horse breeders and admirers toward the improvement of the breeding and training of Arabian horses; to provide facilities for gathering together and for exchanging ideas pertaining to Arabian horses; to promote, encourage, and stimulate popular interest in the outstanding qualities of the Arabian horse; to promote and manage exhibits and shows for the education of those interested; to promote funds for carrying out the purpose of this Club; to promote and encourage good sportsmanship; and to do other such things not denied by the law in promoting the purpose of this Club.

### ARTICLE IV (Membership)

- A. Regular Membership: A Regular Membership may be held by a person, 18 years of age and over, who is interested in Arabian horses. A Regular Membership has full voting rights and includes a membership in AHA.
- B. Active Membership: An Active membership may be held by a person interested in Arabian horses. Active Members may vote on inter-Club matters only, but not vote on any matter, which directly or indirectly affects AHA. Active Members may not hold an elected office or be on the Board of Directors. An Active Membership does not include membership in AHA.
- C. Junior Membership: A Junior Membership may be held by any person, 18 years of age and under, who is interested in Arabian horses. A Junior Membership does not include voting rights but does include AHA membership and is subject to AHA rules.
- D. Membership in this Club may be revoked for any of the following reasons:
  - 1. Violation of the By-Laws, or duly adopted resolution of the Club.

2. Conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Arabian horse or the best interest of the Club.
  3. Notice of a member request to resign from the Club. The basis of revoking membership shall be as follows: After investigation at a hearing to which the member would be invited to attend, if, in the opinion of the majority of the Board of directors, a membership should be revoked, the Board shall so recommend to the President. The President shall then place it on the floor at a regular meeting of the Club. A majority vote of the members present at the meeting will be necessary to revoke a membership.
- E. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigned of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments or other charges therefore accrued and unpaid. Resignation is effective date of postmark.
- F. Membership in this Club is not transferable or assignable.
- G. No Member shall be eligible for nomination of any office, to hold office or to vote on any issue or participate in the election of officers or directors or sit on the Board of Directors who fails to settle, for any purpose his or her indebtedness to the Club.

#### ARTICLE V (Meetings)

- A. The Annual Meeting of the member's shall be at the October general meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors and for the transaction of such other matters of business as may come before the meeting.
- B. Special meeting of the members may be called by the President, at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors, or not less than one-fifth of the members having voting rights. The place of such meeting shall be designated by the person or persons herein authorized to call same. The petition calling any special meeting of members for any purpose must be signed by the person or persons calling said meeting and copies then mailed as notification of said meeting to the general membership. In the case of special meeting or when required by statute or by the By-Laws, the purpose or the purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.
- C. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered by mail to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten (10) days before the date of such meeting, or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. (The notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the record of the Club, with postage thereon prepaid).
- D. A general meeting and/or program shall be held on a monthly basis. The location of the next general meeting will be announced as a point of business at the end of each meeting. The date, time and location of the next monthly meeting shall be published in the Newsletter.
- E. The monthly general meetings of this Club should follow this agenda:
1. Call to Order and President's Address.
  2. Minutes read and corrected or approved.

3. Treasurers' report.
4. Membership report.
5. Committee reports.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Location, date and time of next monthly general meeting.
9. Adjourn.

Voting by regular and active members will be required for passage of matters brought before the membership at any regular, annual or special meeting and a majority vote of regular members present at such meeting will be required for passage of such matters.

- F. Voting members present shall constitute a quorum and proxy votes will not be permitted.

#### ARTICLE VI (Board of Directors)

- A. The affairs and finances of the Club shall be managed and/or approved by its Board of Directors. Directors shall be elected from and by the members of the Club. The number of Directors shall be seven. The officers of the Club shall serve as Directors. The remaining members of the Board of Directors shall be the Immediate Past President who shall serve until his/her successor leaves office, plus elected member(s). If the Immediate Past President is serving as an officer in another capacity, an additional member at large shall be elected.
- B. No member shall be eligible to be elected as an Officer or Director of the Club unless he/she is a member of AHA through this Club or while serving as an Officer or Director of another local level Club affiliated with AHA. This shall not be interpreted to apply to AHA, the Arabian Horse Registry or regional sub-division thereof.
- C. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any (2) Directors. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. The act of a majority of the Directors present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.
- D. The Board of Directors may make contributions of Club funds, which, in its judgment are for the promotion of the Arabian horse. Singular amounts are not to exceed \$100.00.
- E. The Board of Directors will approve all purchases by Officers and committees in the line of business. Any purchase over \$50.00 must have prior approval of the Board. Any purchase over \$500.00 will be brought before the general membership for approval.
- F. Expenses pertaining to Club events (i.e. shows, clinics, auctions, etc.) will require prior approval by the Board of Directors.
- G. If a Board member misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings, the Board has the option to remove the board member after discussion. The reasons for removal will be published to the

general membership. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by general election.

#### ARTICLE VII (Officers)

- A. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President in charge of membership, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provision of this Article. The board of Directors may elect or appoint such other officers, including one or more assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President and Secretary. All officers must be a member of AHA through this Club.
- B. The officers of the Club shall be elected annually by the membership at the annual meeting. The election shall be by ballot on a plurality vote, however, in the case of only one (1) person being nominated for the office, a viva voce (voice) vote may be taken. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. Terms of office shall begin in January following the annual meeting.
- C. There shall be elected in August of the year of AHA Conventions: the number of delegates to which the Club is entitled under the By-Laws of the Arabian Horse Associations, and an equal number of alternate delegates to the AHA Conventions, and the delegates so elected shall serve as the elected voting delegates of the Club for all Region 9 and AHA meetings and Convention until the next election of delegates is held the following year.
- D. The delegate(s) so elected at this meeting must be a Regular member of the Bluebonnet Arabian Horse Club in good standing as set forth in Article IV(a) of the By-Laws and have paid the full membership dues as set forth on the membership application and under no circumstance will any name(s) be allowed to be submitted by any other group or governmental body as voting delegate(s) of this Club.
- E. The President shall be the principal officer of the Club and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Club as approved by the Board of Directors. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. In general, he/she shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The principal office of the Club shall be the residence address of the President.
- F. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President and such duties as prescribed by the President or Board of Directors.

- G. The Second Vice-President shall be membership chairman. He/she shall keep an up to date list of all members and furnish a roster to the membership no later than the January general meeting. The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for activities promoting new memberships. He/she shall receive the membership applications and submit them to the Board of Directors for approval; at such time membership dues will be submitted to the Treasurer. In the absence of the President and the First vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.
- H. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a full and complete record of the proceedings of the meetings of the members and of the action taken by the Club. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the seal, books, documents, and other papers of the Club and affix the seal to all instruments executed by the President or by his/her direction which may require communications and generally do and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary will oversee a committee responsible for the publication of a regular "Newsletter: which is to be mailed to all members of the c at least (10) days prior to the next general meeting.
- I. The Treasurer shall have charge of and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Club in conjunction with the President and Secretary, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer. All checks disbursed shall be signed by two (2) of the authorized officers. The Treasurer shall disburse funds of the Club in accordance with the directors. The Treasurer shall keep a complete book of account and shall make an itemized statement and report to the general meetings and such interim reports as may be required by the President or the Board of Directors. Books must be available and current for viewing by any member or Board of Directors at any given time.
- J. If an Officer of the Club misses two (2) consecutive general meetings or fails in his or her charge, the board has the option to remove the Officers after discussion. Reason or reasons for removal will be published to the general membership. Any vacancy occurring in any office shall be filed by general elections.

#### ARTICLE VIII (Committees)

- A. The President shall appoint regular and special committees, as he/she shall deem necessary for the proper management of the Club. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of the majority of the members present shall be the act of the committee. The President shall be an ex-officio of all the Committees.
- B. There shall be an executive show committee appointed by the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, composed of a minimum of five or maximum of nine members. A quorum of the committee shall not be obtained by a majority of the Board of Directors. The President shall select the chairperson. The appointed members shall serve from January 1 through December 31 of the year and may be eligible for re-appointment on a yearly basis. The executive show committee shall be responsible for production of all shows sponsored by

Bluebonnet Arabian Horse Club. Said appointment of all judges and stewards for all shows. This committee shall select a show manager, shall determine fees, obtain sponsors (if so desired) and shall provide for program coordination. The foregoing shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The chairman shall be responsible to the Board of Directors to outline an operational budget subject to approval and shall select an operation staff and provide a management plan.

- C. There shall be a credentials committee appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The committee shall be responsible for certifying and seating voting members for all elections held within the year. The committee shall be responsible for all ballots and shall report the results of the voting in the elections. The committee in conjunction with the Treasurer shall qualify nominees for each office. The committee shall qualify all of the electees and shall install the officers.

#### ARTICLE IX (Records)

The Club shall have at its principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members. The Club shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members and keep minutes of the Board of Directors. All books and records of the Club may be inspected by any member or his/her agent for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

#### ARTICLE X (Fiscal Year)

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

#### ARTICLE XI (Dues)

The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the Club by members. Dues shall be payable in advance of each fiscal year by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October. Dues of a new member shall not be prorated. When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of two months from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October or period from which such dues become payable, his/her membership is terminated. Only members with dues paid by annual meeting will be eligible for nomination and have voting rights for the election of officers for the coming year.

#### ARTICLE XII (By-Laws Amendments)

The By-Laws may be altered or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted at the annual meeting of members as provided in Article V (a) after the following conditions are met:

- A. A copy of the proposed amendment must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting of members in October.
- B. The name(s) of the member(s) submitting the amendment must appear on the amendment.
- C. The proposed amendment will be published in the next issues of the Newsletter to inform all members of the proposed changes to the By-Laws.
- D. The amendment will be read aloud at the annual meeting of members by the presiding officer and a vote yes or no on the amendment will be taken.
- E. The amendment must receive at least two-thirds yes votes of the voting members present to pass.
- F. Any other changes to the By-Laws deemed necessary or appropriate within the year must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and a special meeting called in accordance with Article V of the By-Laws and adopted by the procedures provided in this Article.

#### ARTICLE XII (Dissolution)

Any motion of Dissolution shall follow the procedures as set forth in Article XII of the By-Laws.

Any meeting in which Dissolution is to be voted on shall have a quorum of one-half plus one of the voting membership present and must receive at least two-thirds of the votes in favor of Dissolution to be adopted.

Any assets belonging to the Club at the time of Dissolution shall be sold with all proceeds from said sale donated to an Arabian horse related organization to be decided upon by general vote at the time of Dissolution.

#### ARTICLE XIV (Order)

At any meeting, anything not contrary to the By-Laws of the Club will follow the procedures of Roberts Rule of Order, Newly Revised and shall govern this Club in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of AHA.

Adopted - May 17, 1985	Amended - October 11, 1988
Amended – October 8, 1985	Amended - July 11, 1989
Amended – December 10, 1985	Amended October 10, 1989
Amended – November 10, 1987	Amended – October 8, 1991
Amended – May 10, 1988	Amended – October 12, 1993

