

Eastern Plains Reining Horse Association By-Laws

Article I. Title, Objectives, Location

Section 1. Title. This organization shall be known as the Eastern Plains Reining Horse Association, herein known as the EPRHA.

Section 2. Objectives. This organization is incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado and shall at all times be operated as a non-profit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado and the United States of America. The EPRHA shall encourage the promotion and development of reining horses through ownership, breeding, training, and showing of the reining horse.

Section 3. Location. The principal office of the EPRHA shall be in Peyton, CO, or as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 4. Upon the dissolution of the EPRHA, the Board of Directors shall make provisions for payment of all EPRHA liabilities and all assets will be properly disposed of.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Classification. Membership is open to any breeder, owner, or enthusiast with an interest in reining horses and the promotion of the reining horse and pays membership dues shall be considered for the privilege of membership in the EPRHA. Classifications are as follows:

- A. Individual – one membership to the EPRHA with full privileges to all activities.
- B. Family (children 18 years and under) – includes all family members with full privileges to all activities,
- C. Youth – ages 18 years or younger as of January 1, includes all privileges except that of voting.
- D. Honorary – member is exempt from payment of dues. The Board of Directors may recommend an individual/individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the EPRHA or to the reining horse industry to be an Honorary Member with full privileges to all activities.

Section 2. Application. Application for membership shall be made in writing on such form as provided by the Board of Directors and shall be accompanied by required dues. The Board of Directors may reject any application for membership.

Section 3. Dues. Annual dues of the membership shall be set by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any change shall be submitted, for ratification, to the membership at the next general meeting. Annual dues are due and payable within one (1) month of the beginning of each calendar year, or membership will be forfeited. Dues paid by new members during the last two (2) months prior to the beginning of the calendar year shall be credited through the following calendar year.

Article III. Membership Meeting.

Section 1. The EPRHA shall hold meetings, ordinarily on the first Wednesday each odd numbered month (Jan, March, May, etc.), at a place determined by the President and announced in the Newsletter or Website. Meetings may be held in conjunction with other activities of the EPRHA to take the best advantage of the interests of the membership.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held in November. Officers and Directors shall be elected at this meeting and shall commence their duties on the date of this meeting.

Section 3. A quorum at any meeting of the membership shall consist of the voting membership present. The vote of the quorum shall be the act of the membership unless a vote of a greater number is required by law, or these by-laws.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Titles. The officers of the EPRHA shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) elected members of the Board of Directors. All members who are in good standing with the EPRHA shall be entitled to vote. Voting by proxy will not be accepted. The officers shall not involve the EPRHA in long-term contracts.

Section 2. Election. Officers shall be elected for a one (1) year term and may succeed themselves. Election shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall elect. In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall automatically succeed. The Board of Directors will fill any vacancy in any other office for the remainder of that term.

Section 3. Duties.

A. President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the EPRHA and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership meetings, has the authority to appoint special committees to manage EPRHA business. The President shall be an ex-official member of all committees.

B. Vice-President: Shall perform the duties of the President in all his capacities during his absence. Perform other duties as assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors. Acts as a liaison between the club and the community.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of any proceeding membership and Board of Directors meeting; shall give notice in accordance with these by-laws or as legally required; shall be custodian of the records of the EPRHA; and in general, shall perform all duties of the office of secretary as assigned by the President or Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be account co-signer and is jointly responsible for proper bookkeeping including quarterly or yearly filing with the Secretary of States office.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer, subject to the order of the Board of Directors, shall be the principal financial officer of the EPRHA; shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the EPRHA; shall keep accurate books of all transactions which shall be subject to annual audit by a committee chosen by the President and Board of Directors; renders a periodic financial report of the EPRHA finances as required by the Board of Directors; and in general, perform all duties incident to such office. The Treasurer shall be bondable/insurable to handle books with the

utmost ethical values and jointly responsible with the secretary for the quarterly or yearly filing to the secretary of states office.

Article V. Board of Directors.

Section 1. The business and affairs of the EPRHA shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of four (4) elected officers and five (5) elected Directors. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members of the EPRHA and NRHA. The EPRHA shall have one (1) elected alternate board member to fill potential vacancies on the board of directors.

Section 2. Terms. Directors elected to the Board shall serve two (2) year terms and may succeed themselves. Alternate Board member shall serve a one (1) year term, unless filling the vacancy of a board director in which they would serve the un-expired portion of that term.

Section 3. Attendance. In the event any Director shall be absent for three (3) Board meetings, the Board of Directors will review the circumstances and action may be taken.

Section 4. Meetings. Shall take place no less than semi-annually at such time and place as shall be designated by the President. Notice of such scheduled meetings shall be addressed by the Secretary.

Section 5. Removal. The Board of Directors may remove any officer elected by the membership, whenever it is in the best interest of the EPRHA. A suspended or expelled member shall, after sixty (60) days, have the right to apply for reinstatement of membership.

Section 6. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer due to death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, the vacated position may be filled by a member of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board of Directors for the un-expired portion of the term.

Section 7. Quorum shall consist of six (6) members of the Board of Directors. A majority of such quorum shall decide upon any question that may come before the meeting and their decisions shall be binding.

Section 8. Special Meetings. The President and any three (3) members of the Board may call a special meeting of the Board of

Directors at any time. Reasonable notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given.

Article VI. Committees.

Section 1. The President shall designate all committees that may be necessary from time to time to facilitate the management of the Association and shall appoint the Committee Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson will select the committee members from those individuals who have expressed interest in serving. Reports of activities will generally be made at regular membership meetings.

Section 2. The EPRHA may have several standing committees and the President may appoint a special committee to serve in a specific capacity. Generally, the following committees have been established:

Show – Organize sub-committees to facilitate the production of reining horse show.

Sponsorship – Solicits sponsorship from local, regional and national organizations to assist the EPRHA in promoting activities in order to spotlight the reining horse.

Fundraising – Coordinates activities to raise funds to support the EPRHA.

Grounds - Organize equipment and tools necessary to maintain optimal standards of facility attended by EPRHA.

Youth – Coordinates the local youth activities with the national NRHA youth activities; encourages participation by EPRHA youth at the local level; organizes youth team(s) to participate in organized youth activities at the national level.

Article VII. Indemnification.

The EPRHA shall indemnify the Board of Directors or Officers, their heirs, executors, and administrators against expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which they may be made a party by reason of being or having been a Director or Officer of the EPRHA, except in relation to matters as to which the Director or Officer shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct. In the event of a settlement, indemnification shall be provided only in connection with such matters covered by the settlement as to which the EPRHA is advised by counsel that the person to be indemnified did not commit such breach of duty. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which the individual may be entitled.

Article VIII. Amendments.

The By-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new By-laws may be adopted when approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and after ratification by the membership at the next published general meeting. Proposed amendments may be presented at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article IX. Purpose.

These By-laws are adopted for the sole purpose of facilitating the discharge, in an orderly manner, of the purposes of the EPRHA. These By-laws shall never be construed in any way that would impair the efficient operation of the EPRHA.

Article X. Eastern Plains Reining Horse Youth Association.

Section 1. To be governed by the By-laws of the Eastern Plains Reining Horse Association.

Section 2. Youth President- Shall be present at board meetings/member meetings. Update board on youth activities.

First Amendment to the By-Laws incorporated in the EPRHA's original by-laws were approved by the EPRHA on 6th day of September, 2006.

Chris Taylor: President, EPRHA
Janene Borini: Secretary, EPRHA

Second Amendment (format correction) January 21, 2008.

Third Amendment to the By-Laws incorporated in EPRHA's original by-laws voted and approved by the EPRHA on the 5th day of November, 2008.

Scott Guynn: President, EPRHA
Mary Jo Sivertson: Secretary, EPRHA

Third Amendment to the By-Laws incorporated in EPRHA's original by-laws voted and approved by the EPRHA on the 1st day of April, 2009.

Scott Guynn: President, EPRHA
Janene Borini: Secretary, EPRHA

