

Constitution and By-Laws of the
Green Mountain Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

Article I

Title, Location, Affiliation and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the Association shall be “Green Mountain Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.”

Section 2. The Club is affiliated with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., Moscow, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as “The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.”

Section 3. The Club headquarters shall be at the address of the current club secretary.

Section 4. The Purpose of the Club shall be:

- (a) To co-operate with and aid, in every way possible the programs and functions of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.
- (b) Recognizing that the parent organization, The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., files records and issues certificates to establish, maintain and publish a registry for recording pedigrees and transfers of ownership of Appaloosa horses; the primary function of the Club will be to promote interest in the breed from a regional standpoint in complete co-operation with the overall program of The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.
- (c) To gain proper publicity through the mediums of radio, television, newspapers, magazines, etc.
- (d) To gain breeding classes for Appaloosa horses registered in The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.
- (e) 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 him.
- (f) To promote and stimulate interest in regional all-Appaloosa shows for Appaloosa horses registered in The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.
- (g) To make an annual report of the Club’s activities to The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. and
- (h) The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and in no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall insure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Any person who is interested in Appaloosa horses is eligible to become a member.

Section 2. The annual dues shall be paid on application for membership. The annual dues shall become payable January 1 of each year. There shall be three types of club memberships:

- (a) Junior membership – Annual dues shall be \$10.00. Junior members must be 18 years of age or younger and shall have all club rights and privileges except that they may not vote or hold office.
- (b) Individual membership – Annual dues shall be \$10.00. This member must be 19 years of age or older and shall have one vote.
- (c) Family membership – Annual dues shall be \$15.00. A family membership shall include two voting members (19 years and older) and junior membership.

Section 3. Membership is good for one year and it will be renewed each year on receipt of the annual dues, provided the said dues are received within ninety days after they become due.

Section 4. The membership is non-transferable.

Section 5. All money received from annual dues will be used for breed advertisements, expenses of regional shows, breed promotional work, and other work in connection with the purpose of the club.

Section 6. Each voting member (19 years and over) shall have the privileges of one vote at the annual meeting in the election of officers and directors.

Section 7. Those members abusing or misusing their privileges of membership shall have their membership revoked by the Board of Directors.

Article III

Meetings and Elections

Section 1. Regular meetings of the club shall be at such time and place as the Board of Directors designates and deems necessary.

Section 2. Special meetings of the club may be called by:

- (a) The President.
- (b) A majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary upon receipt of any petition signed by 8 voting members of the club who are in good standing.

Section 3. The annual meeting shall be in the month of November at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 4. At such time a Board of Director shall be elected, and other business transacted in matters concerning the voice of the membership.

Section 5. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given in writing to the members not less than thirty days before the meeting.

Section 6. The Secretary shall send to the Secretary of The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting within a reasonable length of time after said meeting.

Section 7. A quorum is required for the conducting of the elections and other business of the organization and will consist of 10% of the paid-up membership.

Section 8. Election results shall become effective immediately.

Section 9. All meetings of the club shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV

Board of Directors

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least six but not more than nine members, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer as voting members.
- Section 2. Any officials of The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. may be present at a Board of Director's meeting and join in discussion.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors shall take whatever action is deemed necessary to carry out the primary purpose of this club, without membership vote when deemed necessary by the discretion of the Board. However, the Board of Directors shall not overturn a majority vote of the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Section 4. All officers shall be elected for one year term, running from one annual meeting to the next. The Directors shall be elected in the following terms: one – three year term; Two – Two year terms; Two – one year terms elected at the annual November meeting.
- Section 5. There will be a maximum of 6 meetings of the Board of Directors each year.
- Section 6. A majority of the total number of those on the Board of Directors shall make up a quorum at such meeting.
- Section 7. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- Section 8. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited at the end of the fiscal year by a competent accountant selected by the Board of Directors, and they shall be submitted at the annual meeting.
- Section 9. All expenditures over \$25.00 must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- Section 10. Any dispute arising in the club, including the meaning of the by-laws, shall be decided by the Directors until the next general meeting. At this time their decision shall be brought up before the membership for a vote. This decision shall be entered into the minutes as a precedent unless an amendment to the by-laws is deemed necessary.

Article V

- Section 1. The characteristics desired, promoted and advocated in the Appaloosa breed shall be those adopted by The Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., through their published judging standards of the current rule book shall be those adopted by this club.

- Amended Article IV, Section 5: 11/10/12

Article VI

Amendments

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- Section 2. The Secretary shall submit the proposed amendments to the officers and the Board of Directors for their recommendations to the membership.
- Section 3. Following the recommendations and report of the officers and the Board of Directors to the membership, the amendment shall be put to vote, and to pass shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members present at which there is a quorum.
- Section 4. Notification of all proposed amendment changes must be included in the notice of the meeting at which they will be considered. This notice must be sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to that meeting.

Article VII

Adoption

- Section 1. These by-laws shall be considered adopted upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of all members in good standing present at the meeting called for the express purpose of considering and adopting these by-laws.

Article VIII

Dissolution

- Section 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members. In the event of dissolution of the club, whether voluntary or involuntary operation of the law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof not any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club, but after payment of the debts of the club, its property and assets shall be given to charitable organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors.