

OCHA BYLAWS

Article I. Name & Purpose

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Oregon Cutting Horse Association (OCHA). The Association will be without capital stock and does not own property, either real or personal.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the OCHA is to encourage the development of and public interest in better horses, and the ever increasing popularity of the true cutting horse.

SECTION 3. The principal office or place of business of this Association shall be the office of the duly appointed Secretary of the Association. The legal address of the Association shall be the same.

SECTION 4. There shall be no capital stock in lieu of stock certificates. Membership cards may be issued to each member and signed by the president or Secretary-Treasurer.

Article II. OFFICERS & DUTIES

SECTION 1. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- a. The officers of this Association shall be a President and a Vice President.
- b. The Director shall be elected by membership for three (3) year terms with the number of elected Directors to be twelve (12) in number, not counting officers and honorary Directors. These shall be nominated from the floor.
- c. The retiring President shall have full directorship power for one (1) year.
- d. The Directors shall meet sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting to nominate two (2) Directors for the office of President and two (2) Directors for the office of Vice President. A ballot with these nominees shall be mailed to each member thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, to be returned at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting to be counted. Nominations will be taken from the floor for the directorships vacated by incoming President and Vice President. Such newly elected Director shall serve the unexpired term of the Director whose office has become vacated.
- e. A committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors to interview the applicants(s) for Association Secretary-Treasurer with salary and hiring being finalized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The President shall preside at all meeting of the Association and the Board of Directors. He/she shall appoint and special and standing committees, and conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws and other rules and regulation of the Association. He/she shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The president may vote on board motions only to make or break a tie.

SECTION 3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent from any meeting of the members of Board of Directors. In the event the President or Vice President are unable to attend the meeting, a duly appointed Board member will assume the duties of President.

SECTION 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all the minutes, keep and safeguard the records of the Association, and shall be ex-officio Secretary at all meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to make report of the activities of the Association and shall issues all notices of calls to Directors and members, keep the membership roll, conduct, supervise, count and record the balloting of all elections, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office, including those especially assigned form time to time by Executive Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive and safeguard the funds of the Association and shall make disbursements under make a report of the receipts and disbursements to the Board of Directors at the specified times and shall make a financial report to the General Meeting.

SECTION 5. On occasions requiring an immediate decision, the President or three (3) Directors can call a meeting of the Board. If five (5) Board members concur, their decision will stand, subject to full Board approval at the next regular Board meeting.

SECTION 6. All vacancies in the offices of the Association shall be filled by the Board of Directors, and those so appointed shall serve until the next election.

Article III. DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be ex-officio member and has no vote.

SECTION 2. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing and shall have thirty (30) days after being elected to qualify. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a Director or Directors to fill the vacancy of a Director or Directors who fail to qualify. Any Director missing three (3) consecutive meeting may be replaced by President on decision of the Board.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four (4) times a year.

SECTION 4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or any three (3) members of the Board of Directors, at any time or place on one (1) week's notice.

SECTION 5. A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be not less than five (5) Directors. A majority of such quorum may decide any questions which may come before the meeting. All Directors' meeting may be adjourned from day to day or time to time until a quorum appears.

SECTION 6. The order of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be: a. Call to order b. Roll Call c. Reading and Disposal of Minutes. D. Report of Officers and Committees e. Election (if any) f. Unfinished Business g. New Business h. Adjournment

Article IV. MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. Any individual (regardless of whether he/she owns or rides a cutting horse), firm, partnership, organization, riding club, state or regional group of good character and reputation, and interested in cutting horses may become an active member of this Association. All honorary members shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The fiscal year and membership year shall be from January 1st to December 31st each year. The point year shall be from finals show to finals show. Graduation of horses from various classes shall occur on Dec 31st.

SECTION 3. Each adult member shall pay a single adult membership fee, or a family membership to include spouse and children 18 years of age and under at the start of the point year.

- a. Each member who has paid dues to the Association shall be considered in good standings, and entitles to one (1) vote at any meeting of the members.
- b. Family membership will be allowed one (1) vote for each adult member with the maximum of two (2) votes.
- c. Youth members may not have a vote.
- d. Membership dues are to be paid in accordance with the association rules.

SECTION 4. All membership dues and fees shall be paid the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 5. Both owner and rider must be members of OCHA to qualify for year-end awards.

SECTION 6. The annual Meeting of the members of this Association shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. Special membership meetings may be called by the President at any time and place on reasonable notice to the members.

SECTION 8. Fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and the majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may arise at any meeting. All membership meeting may be adjourned from day to day and from time to time until a quorum appears.

SECTION 9. Any member who shall make himself/herself a nuisance by constant complaints or fault-finding or by harassing the Secretary or President because of real or fancied grievances, may, at the decision of the Board of Directors, be dropped from membership, and, if such action is taken, his/her membership will not be returned and privileges of the Association shall be denied him/her until such order be rescinded by the Board.

SECTION 10. The order of business at any general membership meeting shall be: a. Roll Call b. Proof of Due Notice c. Reading and Disposal of Minutes d. Report of Officers and Committees e. Election (if any) f. Unfinished Business g. New Business h. Adjournment

Article V. ADMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Any Bylaws may be replaced, modified, or amended and Bylaws adopted at any regular meeting of the members of this Association or any special meeting of the members if due notice has been given. This will be part of the order of business.

Article VI. RULES

SECTION 1. All OCHA-approved shows shall be conducted under the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) except limited and restricted shows. NCHA rules for judging shall apply to all OCHA shows.

SECTION 2. A set of OCHA rules will be established and updated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Article VII. ORDER OF MEETING

SECTION 1. THE OCHA will follow Robert's Rules of Order.