

NORTH ATLANTIC BUCKSKIN ASSOCIATION

By-Laws Established 1973

Approved by the present Officers, Board of Directors and General Membership

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be called the "North Atlantic Buckskin Association" (NABA).

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

This Association shall be conducted at all times as non-profit, for the improvement of the Buckskin Horse through promotion of breeding, performance, and encouraging of registration of Buckskin, Dun, Red Dun, and Grulla Horses. NABA is a charter of the International Buckskin Horse Association, Inc., PO Box 268, Shelby IN 46377. NABA shall be run in accordance with the rules and policies set forth in these bylaws, and in accordance with the official handbook of IBHA. All NABA meetings shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III

PLACE OF BUSINESS

Business shall be conducted in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire or any of the states under NABA Charter that is convenient to Members and Officials.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Section 2

Membership shall be open to all persons of all ages interested in the purpose of this Organization.

Membership shall be as follows effective 1/1/2008:

Individual Annual at \$20.00

Individual Three-Year at \$50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Annual at \$25.00

Mr. & Mrs. Three-Year at \$60.00

Section 3

Family Annual at \$30.00 (includes youth 18 & under)

Family Three-Year at \$75.00 (includes youth 18 & under)

Youth Annual at \$15.00 (18 and under)

Youth Three-Year at \$30.00 (no refunds after 18 years of age)

All members 18 years of age and older in good standing are entitled to one vote.

Section 4
Section 5
Section 6
Section 7a
Section 7b

Honorary memberships are to be approved by the Board of Directors and Officers. Honorary members have no voting privileges.

A member or honorary member shall be expelled from membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and Officers, and then approved by the General Membership at the next General Membership meeting.

A current membership list with addresses and phone numbers shall be maintained and may be made public unless otherwise noted. Each membership list release shall be pre-approved by the Board of Directors and Officers.

Any member having an outstanding balance and/or bill for insufficient funds when issuing a check payable to NABA, shall be sent a written notice by registered mail of such outstanding debt/returned check.

This letter of notice shall be sent by the present Treasurer with the description and amount of the debt, and serves as a written warning of impending suspension from all NABA activities if not paid within 15 days of the postmark date.

Section 7c

Failure to pay the outstanding debt to NABA by cash or money order within the 15 day period, shall result in the suspension of NABA privileges until the debt is paid. The Treasurer will also notify the respective national association of such debt.

Section 7d

A fee of \$20.00 plus all bank charges and/or collection charges incurred by NABA will be charged in addition to the outstanding debt.

Section 7e

All rights and privileges offered by NABA shall be suspended, including point accumulation and year-end awards, until the debt is satisfied.

Section 7f

No points shall be accrued during the suspension period.

Section 7g

Any person found in violation of Section 7, shall be placed on cash or money order only terms until reinstated under Section 7h.

Section 7h

Notice of reinstatement to NABA privileges shall be sent by the Treasurer to the suspended person by registered mail and shall include a reinstatement date.

Section 8

The Officers and Board of Directors have the power to enforce the rules and regulations of NABA and to remove any member found in violation of such rules and regulations, upon written notice to said member. Said member has 15 days to appeal this pending action to the Officers and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

POINTS & YEAR-END AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

Any and all point systems and changes thereto for year-end awards and any other awards shall be set up and amended by the Board of Directors in the first quarter of the calendar year.

Section 1

Points for year-end awards shall begin accumulation from the date of membership. The point system will be published in the newsletter and any other NABA publication prior to the first NABA show of the current year. It is suggested the point system be published in the first newsletter of the calendar year. The following point system shall be utilized for all IBHA and Open classes.

1st

PLACING>>>>

2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

1 horse in class 1 pt

2 horses in class 2 pts 1 pt

3 horses in class 3 pts 2 pts 1 pt

4 horses in class 4 pts 3 pts 2 pts 1 pt

5 horses in class 5 pts 4 pts 3 pts 2 pts 1 pt

6 or more horses in class 6 pts 5 pts 4 pts 3pts 2 pts 1 pt

Section 2

Qualification requirements for IBHA and Open year-end awards are as follows: The exhibitor must show in each respective class 50% of the time that class is offered at all NABA hosted shows. EXAMPLE: If Youth Western Pleasure is offered 8 times, the exhibitor must have shown in that class 4 times.

Section 3

The above-mentioned point system and qualification requirements may be changed, if deemed necessary, by the Board of Directors and Officers. Any changes to the point system and the qualification requirements shall be published in the next NABA newsletter and any other NABA publication PRIOR to the first NABA show of the current year.

Section 4

Any special year-end award (perpetual or annual) not currently offered by NABA and/or current sponsors, shall obtain approval from the Board of Directors and Officers.

ARTICLE VI
ACTIVITIES

All and any activities (NABA and IBHA) must be brought before the Board of Directors and Officers at a General Membership or Special Meeting for approval prior to scheduling.

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1

Elected Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2

Board Members shall consist of 6 elected members, the Chairperson of the Board (Past President) and the IBHA Charter Delegate. The total governing body of NABA, called the "Board of Directors", shall consist of twelve members; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board, Charter Delegate, and the six elected Board Members. Seven members of the Board must be present at the meeting to constitute a voting quorum. The President shall be Honorary Chairperson and has a vote only in case of a tie.

Section 3

All Officers and Board Members shall be elected to two year terms, beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December, on alternating years, beginning with a four Board Member election in the fall of 2005, and an Officers and two Board Members election in the fall of 2006. The Association shall operate on the calendar year of 1 January to 31 December. In the event of a dismissal or resignation of a Board Member, the President shall appoint a replacement to complete the resignees remaining term. In the event of the dismissal or resignation of an Officer, a Special Election for the General Membership shall be held to elect a replacement for the resignees remaining term.

Section 4

Elections of Officers and Board Members to take office in January of the following year, shall be at the Annual General Membership meeting in the fall of the current year.

Section 5

Dismissal of any Officer or Board Member shall be voted on at the General Membership meeting or any Special Meeting. Not less than 15 days notice prior to voting must be given to club members stating such business to be conducted.

Section 6

Nominees for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must have been a current NABA member for a period of one year to the date he/she will take office if elected. Board Member nominees must have been a NABA member for a period of 6 months prior to the date he/she will take office if elected.

Section 7

Officers and Board Members must be paid-up members in good standing of NABA as well as paid-up members in good standing of IBHA.

Section 8

Officers and Board Members must be 18 years or older.

ARTICLE VIII
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed and governed by its elected Officers and Board Members.

PRESIDENT: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and preside at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors. He/she shall perform such other duties that ordinarily pertains to this office. He/She shall appoint all committee chairpersons, including those of a special need. He/She will be ex-officio member of all committees. It is his/her duty to report any and all negligence or inattentiveness on behalf of Officers and/or Board Members to the General Membership for appropriate action. The President has the power to veto any decisions of the Board of Directors or any Committee. If this power is exercised, the decision vetoed must be presented to the General Membership at the next General Membership meeting for a vote.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties and shall officiate during the absence of the President. He/She shall oversee the Committee Chairpersons in their duties and be responsible to the President and Board of Directors for their duties. It is his/her duty to report any and all negligence or inattentiveness on the behalf of the Committee Chairpersons to the President for appropriate action.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, making two copies, one for the NABA file and one to be sent to IBHA. The Secretary shall also provide a copy of meeting minutes to the Officers and Board Members within two weeks after the meeting date. It shall be the duties of the Secretary to call roll of Officers and Board Members, and log members at general and special meeting. These duties shall also include the keeping of all files concerning Charters, By-Laws, Minutes, current Membership List, and all correspondence.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect and disburse funds of the Association. This office shall be responsible for the money and shall give written financial reports at each Board of Directors and General membership meetings, and a written quarterly report to IBHA and NABA for files (first due 4/1/73). The Treasurer shall keep an accurate and legible bookkeeping system. It shall be his/her duty also to assist in a yearly audit to be held within the first quarter of each calendar year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors shall consist of a total of twelve members; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board (Past President), Charter Delegate, and six other elected Board Members. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly and any other time deemed necessary by the President and Chairperson of the Board. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, enforce and repeal such rules and regulations within the limits of the IBHA and/or NABA By-Laws. This Board shall regulate the auditing of accounts, books and records. They shall set rulings on all NABA activities and functions. An elected member of the Board may be removed from the Board upon majority vote of the remaining Board members. A majority vote is considered to be one (1) vote greater than 50% of the entire Board.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Each Officer and Board Member should chair at least one committee. Chairpersons may also be appointed from the General Membership. Chairpersons shall be directly responsible to the Vice President unless otherwise directed by the President or Board of Directors. Each Chairperson is responsible for reporting all decisions and Committee updates to the Vice President. Each Chairperson is also responsible for presenting a brief report of Committee business at each meeting. The Chairpersons are appointed and therefore need no vote to be removed from the Chair they hold. Removal of a Chairperson shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their next meeting. The following Committees are suggested:

Show Committee Futurity Committee
Sponsorship Committee By-Laws Committee
Banquet Committee Year-End Award Committee
Queens Contest Committee Nomination Committee
Membership Committee IBHA Points
Open Points Trail Program
Magazine Reporter Youth Committee
Newsletter Annual Show Directory
Website Audit Committee

ARTICLE X
MEETINGS

Section 1

NABA will meet for the annual membership meeting during the fall of each year.

Section 2

Board meetings will be held quarterly, more if needed as designated by the President or Chairperson of the Board. Any person may request to attend a Board meeting or be invited, however will not be allowed to vote on any motions from the Board of Directors.

Section 3

Minutes of all meetings shall be kept on file with the Secretary and a copy of each sent to IBHA.

Section 4

The President or acting President shall conduct and maintain order at all General Membership and Special meetings as follows:

- A. Call to order and roll call.
- B. Proof of notice of meeting
- C. Read minutes of former meetings
- D. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Charter Delegate
- E. Unfinished Business
- F. New Business
- G. Adjournment

Section 5

There shall be no smoking allowed at any Board of Directors and/or General Membership meetings.

ARTICLE XI
AUDITS

There shall be an annual audit of the financial status of this Association made during the first quarter of each year by at least two members, appointed by the Board of Directors, and assisted by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII
BOOKS, RECORDS, AND CLUB PROPERTY

All records and books maintained by NABA Officers or Committees, either elected or appointed, shall remain the property of NABA and must be surrendered to the Board Of Directors upon completion of the term of office function. It is understood that persons holding materials/goods belonging to NABA will treat such property with care and respect.

ARTICLE XIII
INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1

NABA shall indemnify and hold harmless any Officer, Board Member, Employee of NABA; their personal representatives and heir against reasonable legal expense of settlement which NABA previously approves, actually and

reasonably incurred in connection with an actual or threatened legal proceeding; if such person acted legally, in good faith, and was duly authorized to act on behalf of NABA in the transaction from which legal liability arose, which was official NABA business, except in relation to matters as to where the Officer or Director shall have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in respect to the matter in which indemnity is sought.

Section 2

To preserve this right of indemnity, such personal shall immediately notify NABA of such actual or threatened litigation, whereupon NABA shall have right to direct defense thereof, including but not limited to selection of counsel and direction of settlement negotiations.

ARTICLE XIV
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws may be submitted at any time, but will be acted and voted upon by the Board of Directors, once a year in January, then approved by the General Membership at the following General Membership meeting.

Original By-Laws filed in April 1973 - Commonwealth of Massachusetts

First revision done in November 1986 - Filed March 1987 in the State of New Hampshire

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Third revision done in January 1990

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Fifth revision done in January 1994

Sixth revision done in March 1999

Seventh revision done in February 2000

Eighth revision done in February 2002

Ninth revision done in February 2005

Tenth revision done in February 2007