

# BYLAWS OF THE NORTHWEST MISSOURI STALLION OWNERS

## FUTURITY

### ARTICLE I

#### Title

This futurity shall be known as the Northwest Missouri Stallion Owners Futurity (NWMSOF).

### ARTICLE II

#### Objectives

Established in 1992, the objective of the futurity shall be to further the public awareness of the stock horse, to offer the members of this futurity and to the public, the opportunity to exhibit the stock horse.

### ARTICLE III

#### Members

**Section 1.** Any person shall be eligible for membership.

**Section 2.** There shall be three (3) types of memberships.

- A. Single Membership shall be one (1) person and shall be accorded one (1) vote.
- B. Family Membership shall be for immediate family member(s) including children under the age of 19 and shall be accorded two (2) votes.
- C. Partnership Membership shall be required for any and all horses having two (2) or more Owners or Lessee and shall be accorded one (1) vote.

**Section 3.** The annual dues for the membership shall be \$25.00 due by September 1, annually.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Officers

**Section 1.** The officers of this Futurity shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) Directors. These Officers shall perform the duties as prescribed by these bylaws and the Parliamentary authority adopted by this Futurity.

- A. The President shall have the specific duty of carrying out any and all programs approved by the executive board. The President shall preside over all meetings of the NWMSOF and be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- B. The Vice President may be assigned to any program(s) the President may consider necessary. Furthermore, the Vice President shall be responsible in the absence of the President in performing the above described duties in Article IV, Section 1.A, until the return of the President or a new election of officers.
- C. The Secretary shall inform members and/or the Executive Board of dates of meetings, rule changes, dates of shows, keeping record of all meetings, submit verbal records of previous meetings, coordinate timely publications and/or advertisements.
- D. The Treasurer shall present a Treasurer's report, in regards to the NWMSOF, at each regularly scheduled meeting; consisting of current liabilities, assets and impending expenditures known at the time of such report.
- E. The newly elected Treasurer may move and/or open all banking accounts deemed necessary for the NWMSOF.

**Section 2.** On banking transactions requiring more than one (1) signature; the signatures required will be from the Treasurer, Secretary or President.

**Section 3.** Candidates for office shall be nominated from the membership at large at the membership meetings.

**Section 4.** The officers shall be elected by a vote for a period of one (1) year or until their successors is elected. The five (5) Directors shall be elected in 2015 as follows: Odd numbers will be elected for a two (2) year term, even numbers will be elected for a one (1) year term. In 2016 the even number will be elected for a two (2) year term. The terms of all offices

shall begin at such time of the election, or in case of replacement elections, shall assume the balance of the remaining term.

**Section 5.** No member shall hold more than one (1) office at a time.

## **ARTICLE V Meetings**

**Section 1.** A minimum of one (1) regular membership meeting shall be held during the Stallion Auction, for the purpose of installing officers, planning show dates, any further activities for the upcoming calendar and any pertinent business of this Futurity.

**Section 2.** Special meetings can be called by the President, the Executive Board and can be called upon written request of ten (10) votes composed of any combination of single and/or family membership(s) of the Futurity. The purpose of such meeting shall be stated in the call, and must be given at least a three (3) day(s) written notice in hand or by mail to the member(s) of record at the time of the call. The only exception to a special meetings; are case(s) of an emergency (to be determined by the Executive Board).

**Section 3.** Absentee or proxy votes will not be accepted.

**Section 4.** At any meeting of the members held in accordance with the foregoing provisions as to notice, the members attending such meeting, present in person, shall constitute at least 20% of the total membership by votes, unless the representation of a larger number shall be required by law and in the case, the representation so required shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI The Executive Board**

**Section 1.** The Officers of this Futurity, including the Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of this Futurity between its business meeting(s), making recommendation(s) to the Futurity and to act as the governing body of the Futurity in matter(s) of an emergency nature. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the Futurity the following year and none of the acts of the Executive Board shall be in conflict with action taken by the Futurity membership.

**Section 3.** The Executive Board shall be required to meet no less than six (6) times in a calendar year. A special meeting of the Executive Board can be called by the President and shall be called upon via a written or telephone request by three (3) members of the board.

## **ARTICLE VII Committees**

**Section 1.** An auditing committee of at least two (2) and not more than five (5) members shall be appointed by the President ( at the Futurity's membership meeting), whose duties shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and to report at the next Executive Board meeting.

**Section 2.** A show committee of not less than two (2) and not more than (5) members shall be appointed by the President (at the Futurity's membership meeting) whose duties shall be to engage arenas, plan shows, hire judges (with prior approval of the Executive Board) and any other duties necessary to host a show.

**Section 3.** Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Futurity and/or Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Futurity. The President shall be an Ex-officio of all committees.

## **ARTICLE VII Committees**

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED shall govern this Futurity in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order this Futurity may adopt.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendment of By-Laws**

These By-Laws may be amended at any general membership meeting of this Futurity by two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous Executive Board meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Fraudulent Practices**

**Section 1.** No person or person shall represent any horse owned or managed by said person or person to be registered in any association unless that horse is duly registered in the official stud book of the Association so intended.

**Section 2.** No person or person shall advertise or enter in any horse event or competition any horse registered or listed with this Futurity by any name other than that with said horse has been so registered or listed.

**Section 3.** Any person or persons found to be in violation of either Section one (1) or two (2) of this Article shall not be eligible for recognition or awards made available by this Futurity for the calendar year in which the infraction was committed.