ADHHA By-Laws

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be American Dutch Harness Horse Association.

The Principal office shall be located at the residence of the Secretary, or at such place as designated by a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this organization shall be the collection, revision, preservation, and publication of the history and pedigrees of pure-bred, 3/4, and 1/2, Dutch Harness stallions, mares, and geldings; the recording of stallions, geldings or mares with less than 1/2 purebred stock in the pedigree; as well as promotion of the breed, and education of new members and the general public, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the organization.

ARTICLE III Officers

- The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and other such offices as the Board of Directors may choose.
- Officers will be elected within the board of Directors annually. The most recent past-president may act as an advisor to the Board of Directors if requested.

ARTICLE IV Duties of Officers

- The president shall preside at all meetings and conference calls of the members and Board of Directors and enforce all rules and regulations of the organization.
- The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and perform all his duties. In the event the Vice President and the President are absent, the Treasurer shall assume the President's duties. In the event neither the President, Vice President nor Treasurer are present, a Chairman shall be elected from the directors present.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

- The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members in good standing, and shall represent as far as practical, the different regions of the U.S.A.
- Three Directors shall be elected each year to serve a three-year term (Effective 2013). All members in good standing of the Association may vote for directors. No director will serve more than two(2) consecutive three(3) year terms.
- In case of a vacancy, the Board shall appoint a member in good standing of the Association to serve until the next Annual Election. Consideration should be given to the person receiving the highest number of votes, who was not elected at the last Annual Election.
- A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually. The President, or three Board members, may call special meetings, as required.

ARTICLE VI Duties of the Board of Directors

- The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its business meetings, set the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the association, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these by-laws. The Board of Directors shall be subject to the orders of the association. No action taken by the Board of Directors shall conflict with action taken by the association.
- The Board of Directors shall elect from their midst a President, First Vice President, and Treasurer at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Election.
- The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and may or may not be a member of the Association. The Secretary shall carry out the duties as outlined by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be paid such remuneration's and expenses as determined by the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee which will be five members.
- It shall be expected of each Director that he/she shall always be willing to give freely of time and effort in helping to solve the problems of management of this association, and that he/she be continually conscious of the responsibility toward the membership which he/she represents to the end, that the Director does everything within his/her power to more thoroughly establish the breed, and to help maintain the highest possible standing of integrity for the records of this association.

- The Board of Directors shall receive and hear and may investigate all allegations of willful misrepresentation of pedigrees, registrations or transfers, exhibition of animals under false representation at any fair, show or exhibition, sale, or any other infractions of the Rules and Regulations of the association, or any other acts deemed derogatory to the good name of the association.

ARTICLE VII Membership

- Any person who pays his membership fee shall become a member in good standing and shall be eligible for all the privileges that the corporation provides.
- Any member neglecting or refusing to pay assessments within sixty days after notice of such assessment has been mailed to him shall be deemed to have his membership reviewed by the Board. The Lifetime membership fee of the American Dutch Harness Horse Association will be determined by the Board of Directors. (The Board of Directors may set an annual dues fee which will enable the payee to remain on an active list and thus receive the literature distributed by the Corporation. Members not on the active list will not receive literature and notices of the Corporation. Each membership present shall be entitled to one (1) vote at all meetings of the Corporation.)

ARTICLE VIII Duties of Membership

- It is the duty of every owner of a purebred/part-bred DHH, member or non-member, who enjoys the benefits that come from having an animal which belongs with a certificate of registry or recording, issued and backed by this association, to do everything within his/her power to live up to the Rules and Regulations as provided in these by-laws. Failure to live up to the requirements of these by-laws works to the financial disadvantage of the association and the owners of purebred/part-bred DHH horses, and tends to destroy the high standing and integrity of the certificates of registry and transfers issued by your corporation.
- Each owner shall keep the following records:
  - List of all registered animals.
  - List of all mares bred to his/her stallion(s).
  - List of all foals born to his/her farm, including date of birth, dam, and sire.
  - List of all stallions used on his/her mares with breeding dates.
  - List of recorded animals with pedigree & birth dates.
- Any member of this corporation or any ADHHA breeder or dealer who sells or offers for sale or exchange, or gives away, any ADHHA Certificate of Registry, or any person who purchases or accepts or uses such Certificate of Registry in violation of any of the provisions of these by-laws, shall (regardless of whether or not he is a member or non-member of this association) be immediately and automatically barred from transacting any further business with this association until and unless he is reinstated by the Board of Directors of this association. Certificates of Registry for animals which have died or been euthanized must be returned to the Secretary for cancellation.

ARTICLE IX Charges and Complaints

- Complaints may be submitted to the Secretary, or any Board member, orally or in writing accompanied by such evidence as is available. It shall be up to the discretion of the Board to decide if an investigation is warranted. Should the Board decide an investigation is warranted, the privileges of the person in question may be suspended until such investigation is completed. The person in question must be notified by registered letter that he/she has been suspended.
- Any breeder, member or non-member, who in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, purposely refuses or neglects to cooperate fully with a Board of Directors investigation of allegations of wrong-doing against him or her, shall forfeit privileges of membership until such time as an investigation is completed. The Board's determination to suspend privileges of a member or non-member shall not be appealable.
- The Board of Directors shall be empowered to take such actions as they deem necessary to determine the facts in the matter. They shall have access to such evidence as registrations, transfers, pedigrees, photographs, records of person(s) in question, animal(s) in question, medical records and tests as required to further the investigation.
- Any accused member or non-member shall be given full opportunity to refute the charges in person or in writing, as they see fit, before any final decision is rendered by the Board.
- If, in the option of the Board, the evidence is sufficient to sustain the charges, the Board may reprimand, fine, suspend or recommend expulsion of the person so charged. A list of names of these people, and the action taken shall be sent to the membership. In the event of an expulsion, the Board shall make available all the facts in its ' possession before the members following the completion of the investigation.

- When a member or non-member is found guilty of misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the corporation, he may be penalized, in addition to such other penalty as the Board may see fit to impose, by having all certificates or register set aside for horses which he owns and which do not agree with their certificates of registry in age, color or description, provided, however, that no animals shall be stricken from the Stud Book whose registration has stood for six years.
- The Board of Directors may limit, suspend, or deny any of the services of this corporation to non-members found in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the corporation.
- Those found guilty of any infractions of these by-laws, or Rules and Regulations of the corporation, shall be liable for the costs of the investigation and shall remain suspended until such costs are paid.
- Members that have been suspended or expelled from doing business with the association could have their name listed in association publications.

ARTICLE X Meetings

- The Annual Meeting of the corporation shall be held at such time and place as designated by the majority of the Board of Directors. Sixty days previous notice must be mailed to each active member of the corporation, at his or her last known P. O. address, giving the time and place of the meeting.
- All meetings of the Board of Directors and general membership shall be conducted according to the current edition of Robert Rules of Order, newly revised, inasmuch as they do not conflict with these by-laws.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

These by-laws may be amended, altered, or changed at any called or Annual Meeting of the members, with the approval of two-thirds of the members present, sixty days notice being given to the active members of the corporation. The mailing of a copy of any proposed resolution or of any proposed change in these by-laws to the post office address of each active member shall be deemed a sufficient compliance with this article.

ARTICLE XII Committees

The standing committees shall be at least the following:

- By Laws
- Promotions - Education
- Publications
- Keuring
- Nominating
- Association sponsored events

ARTICLE XIII Disposition of Funds

Upon the dissolution of the association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the association, dispose of all of the assets of the association for the same or similar purposes of the association in such manner and to such organizations organized and operated for charitable, educational, or other purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding or other applicable provisions of any future code or statutes with respect to similar organizations exempt from taxation), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a judgment of the court having jurisdiction over the association or its dissolution, to an organization whose purposes are for one or more of the charitable, educational, or other purposes above described.