

Bylaw Changes for 2009

CORPORATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME & PURPOSE

Section 2. The purpose of the NRCHA is to improve the quality of the western reined stock horse: to perpetuate the early Spanish traditions of highly trained and well reined working cow horses; to promote exhibits and cow horse events and contests in expositions and shows: to promote the training of reined cow horses and to promote interest in reined working cow horses among the younger horsemen of this nation and the world: to use and encourage the use of standard rules for holding and judging contests of the reined working cow horse. Reined cow horse is synonymous with working cow horse or stock horse.

PASSED

ARTICLE II - MEMBERS

Section 1. There will be one class of Regular membership and each Regular member will have one vote. In order to exercise their right to vote members dues must be paid and current at the time of any vote. The vote of regular members will not be transferable by proxies or otherwise. There will be one class of Youth membership for persons 18 years of age and under on November 16th of the current year. Youth members will have all the rights and privileges of regular members, except the right to vote.

There will be one class of membership that shall be designated a "Life Membership". An individual may qualify for the life membership category upon payment by that member. The Board shall approve fees. Upon payment of said sum and acceptance thereof by the Board of Directors, the Life member shall have the following privileges: (A) a Life membership card; (B) no further payment of annual dues; (C) such other privileges as the Board of Directors may from time to time bestow including all privileges of a Regular member. A non-voting honorary membership may be bestowed on any Regular member at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Such honorary membership may be a Life membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall determine dues for each Regular and Youth member. Said dues shall become due and payable to the NRCHA on November 16th of each year and delinquent on the following January 1st. Members failing to pay the annual dues by December 16th of each year shall be considered delinquent and will forfeit all rights and privileges of participation in any activities of this Association until delinquent amounts are paid. Each member shall receive an annual membership card upon payment of his/her dues, and such membership card shall be non-transferable. The membership card shall be in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors, and all members, by accepting the membership card, shall be deemed to have agreed to comply with all the provisions of the By Laws and other rules and regulations of this Association. All members may be required to present their membership cards or a copy of, to show management prior to exhibiting at an NRCHA approved event.

Section 3. There shall be one class of membership that shall be designated as "Affiliate". Each Affiliate shall be a recognized reined cow horse association representing a state, region or "locale". Each Affiliate shall be governed by its own Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation that shall be in conformance with those of the Association. Each Affiliate shall pay annual dues to the Association at a level that shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be due November 16th of each year and delinquent on the following December 16th. Membership dues not paid by December 16th of each year shall be considered delinquent and all rights and privileges of membership are forfeited. Each Affiliate member shall receive an annual membership certificate and upon paying membership dues and receiving membership certificate shall be deemed to have agreed to comply with all the provisions of the Bylaws, and other rules and regulations of the Association.

PASSED

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Section 3. Three percent (3%) of voting members of this Association, based on membership numbers at end of previous show year, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

PASSED

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of eleven (11) members in good standing elected by the general membership for a two-year term. The President of the NRCHF shall sit as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee. The President may recommend and the Board shall approve the appointment of up to four (4) additional members to the Board of Directors, who will serve a one (1) year term and will sit as voting members of the Board of Directors. In addition to the 4 appointees, the President is required to appoint additional board members to insure that each region with over 250 members (as of the end of the preceding show year) is represented by a member on the NRCHA Board of Directors. This will occur providing that there was a representative from said region on the ballot and will be the person with the highest number of votes from that region. In case of a tie, the President shall make the decision. The appointments, if made, shall be a one-year term. The elected incoming and entire outgoing Board of Directors will meet annually prior to the annual general membership meeting at which time they will elect officers for the coming year and conduct other business deemed necessary for the continued functioning of the Association. Outgoing Board members will have no voting rights at this meeting. Following the election of the officers, the Board shall approve all appointments at this meeting and the appointees shall attend the following Board meeting and General meeting.

PASSED

Section 7. A Director's term of service will be terminated immediately if the Director serves as an officer or director of an organization which either has affiliates or is affiliated with an organization using in its name the words Reined Cow Horse, Stock Horse or Working Cow Horse and which is not affiliated with the National Reined Cow Horse Association.

PASSED

ARTICLE VII - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 2. Any rules adopted by the Board of Directors in any given calendar year go into effect the following November 16th and will remain in effect through the next annual general meeting at which point they will be ratified by a majority of the general membership in attendance.

Section 3. Any change in the rules or regulations proposed from the floor of any annual meeting must be considered and voted upon by the newly elected Board of Directors within fifteen (15) days after said annual meeting and, if adopted by the Board, will be effective the following November 16th.

PASSED

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1.

j. Youth Advisory Committee: The Youth Advisory Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President and consist of up to five (5) additional members, including the NRCHA Staff Liaison.

PASSED

Section 2.

c. Hall of Fame Committee: The Hall of Fame Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President and the committee shall be responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors the inductees for the Hall of Fame and the Hall of Merit each year.

PASSED

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

Section 2. No less than ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting each year, the general membership shall be given official notice that:

a. Any member in good standing in the Association may request and receive a Director Nomination Form.

The Director Nomination Form shall contain an explanation of the eligibility requirements and commitments for service on the Board of Directors which shall include, but not limited to, the following:

(i). membership in the Association in good standing for a minimum of three (3) years;

(ii). attainment of at least twenty-one years of age;

(iii). agreement to attend Directors' meetings as set forth herein;

(iv). full disclosure of any felony convictions on record;

(v). signing of NRCHA Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement.

Additionally, a person submitting false information on the nomination form, if discovered, will be immediately suspended from the ballot or later from the board.

PASSED

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 2. The Bylaws may also be changed or amended by giving notice to the members of the Association by mail of the proposed changes which the Board of Directors has passed and which changes shall go into effect beginning with the following show year, unless within fifteen (15) business days after they have been published, the NRCHA Management has received objections in writing signed by at least one hundred (100) members in good standing of this Association as to all or any portion of said changes. Said objections shall be in the form provided in the notice.

PASSED