

ROGUE VALLEY ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1: This club shall be known as Rogue Valley Arabian Horse Association aka RVAHA (hereinafter called "the Club").

Section 2: The purpose of the Club is to encourage the development of and public interest in the promotion, exhibition and enjoyment of the Arabian, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian Horse, to encourage youth activities and interest, and to cooperate with other organizations that share a common interest in horses.

Section 3: The principal office or place of business shall be the home of the duly elected President of the Club, with a permanent, separate Post Office Box for Club correspondence. The corporation shall have and continuously maintain a registered agent (which may or may not be the Club President) in the State of Oregon and the registered agent may change from time to time as decided by the board of directors. The President shall hold a key to the Post Office box and distribute a key to an appointed member of the Club.

Section 4: The fiscal year of the Club shall be January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Section 5: There shall be no capital stock. All new members shall be given access to a copy of the Bylaws. The Corporate Seal shall be the reproduction of an Arabian Horse with the initials RVAHA enclosed within a circle. Said Corporate Seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or reproduced.

Section 6: As an Arabian Horse Association (AHA) chartered club. The Club shall abide by the current rules of AHA.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1: The officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. As an AHA chartered club, all officers shall be members for the term of their office.

Section 2: Prior to October of each year, the Board of Directors shall elect a nominating committee consisting of four (4) members and chaired by the Vice President. The nominating committee shall conduct, supervise and count the balloting of all elections.

Section 3: At the general meeting in November of each year, the membership shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from the members selected by the nomination committee. In the case of a tie vote, the tie shall be broken by the toss of a two-sided coin. These elected officials will assume office and be effective on January 1st of the coming year.

Section 4: The President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings of the Club. The President shall appoint all special and standing committees, chairpersons, and serve as ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall conduct the business of the Club in accordance with the Club Bylaws.

Section 5: The Vice President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall act as chairperson of the Nominating Committee and serve as chairman of the Membership committee. In the event of vacancy in the office of President, The Vice President shall succeed to that office for the unexpired term.

Section 6: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and safeguard the records of the Club and shall be ex-officio Secretary of all Board meetings. The Secretary shall record all elections and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office, including those specifically assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

Section 7: The Treasurer shall keep and safeguard the funds of the Club and keep accurate records of the same. The Treasurer shall be required to report monthly receipts and disbursements of all monies handled through this office and provide said report to the secretary.

Section 8: Chairpersons of all committees shall serve for a period not to exceed one year unless appointed for a second term.

Section 9: As an AHA chartered club, all officers must be an individual affiliate member of AHA through the Club at the time of election and during their term of office.

Section 10: Anything generated on behalf of the Club by an officer is the property of the Club and shall be turned over to the Club historian at the end of the officers term of office. If an elected officer does not agree with this policy, they cannot assume office. If the officer refuses to hand over the property, action against that person shall be taken through AHA.

ARTICLE III: DELEGATES

Section 1: Any Club member in good standing who would like to be considered as a Club delegate may apply for such position with the board of directors. If more than one person applies for the delegate position this shall be decided by a vote of the board of directors. The delegate is a representative of the Club, shall vote according to the Clubs wishes and shall report back to the Club the happenings at the delegate meetings. The Club shall pay for the

earlybird registration for conventions to be attended by the delegate. Other expenses are the responsibility of the delegate (such as airfare, hotel, meals, etc).

ARTICLE IV: DIRECTORS AND DUTIES

Section 1: The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of eleven (11) members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, and six people elected from the general membership.

Section 2: Three directors shall be elected for two year terms and three directors shall be elected for one year terms. Each year 3 of these terms will expire so that three of the directors' terms expire in even years and the other three expire in odd years (to prevent the entire board from changing over all at once).

Section 3: As an AHA chartered club, all Directors must be an individual affiliate voting member of AHA through the Club at the time of election and during their entire term of office.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of the Club.

Section 5: Meeting of the Board of Directors may be called either by the President, any three members of the Board or any four general members in good standing. Each Director shall receive written (email or regular mail) or telephone notice of the time and place of each board meeting at least five days in advance.

Section 6: The Board of Directors shall have the general management of the affairs of the Club and may make contracts in its name and behalf, or authorize such contracts to be made by the Officers of the Club.

Section 7: A quorum at any meeting of the Board shall be five or more directors. A majority of the quorum shall decide any question that may arise. No business shall be conducted until a quorum is present.

Section 8: The duties of the Directors shall be to advise the Club in promoting, encouraging, and fostering interest in the Arabian horse. The Directors shall function in the capacity of an Ethics Review Committee.

Section 9: All vacancies in an officer position of the Club, except that of President, shall be filled by appointment from the Board of Directors. Those so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The office of President shall be filled by the Vice President for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy on the board for any reason shall be filled by election at the next general meeting.

Section 10: Should any Board member miss three (3) consecutive meetings, the member shall be replaced as mentioned in Section 9.

Section 11: A historian will be delegated from one of the elected board members. The historian will be responsible to collect and securely store and maintain the Club records and property (ie. Show ribbons, trail course, anything that is owned by the Club) to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1: The time and place of the general membership meeting shall be designated by the Board of Directors or by approval of the general membership. Meeting dates and committee meeting dates shall be posted either on the website or in the newsletter.

Section 2: Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the President at any time and place with written or telephone notice to all members at least five days in advance.

Section 3: A majority of voting members in good standing, which are present, shall decide any question that may arise.

Section 4: All meetings shall be conducted by the Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members: the Vice President, acting as chairperson, one Director appointed by the President, and two other members from the general membership excluding, if possible, officers and members of the Board. The nomination committee shall hold caucus to select nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Nominating Committee shall report at the October general meeting. Nomination from the floor and elections shall be conducted at the November meeting.

Section 3: Voting shall be by secret ballot for any office for which there is more than one candidate. The candidates shall be elected by a majority of voting members present at the November meeting.

Section 4: The term of office of elected officials shall coincide with the fiscal year of the Club.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIPS, VOTING RIGHTS AND DUES

Section 1: Eligibility for active membership in good standing:

(A) Any individual of good character and reputation interested in Arabian, half Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian horses and promoting good horsemanship.

(B) Payment of annual dues for membership year which shall coincide with the AHA membership year.

Section 2: Types of Membership:

(A) Individual Affiliate Voting Membership: a person who is a current AHA member through the Club may vote, hold office, and/or be a delegate through this club. The member is also eligible to vote, hold office, be on a committee and/or be a delegate at the regional and national level of AHA.

(B) Individual Associate Non-Voting membership: a person who is not a current affiliate AHA member through this club. This member has no voting rights in this club and is not eligible to hold office or be a delegate.

(C) Youth Non-Voting membership: open to any individual under the age of 18 as of December 31st of the previous calendar year. The member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold office or be a delegate.

(D) AHA Life Voting membership: A life member of AHA, who has listed this club as his/her "designated" club, may vote, hold office and/or be a delegate in this club.

Section 3: Voting rights are granted only to individual affiliate voting members paying AHA affiliate dues through the Club. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 4: Dues:

(A) If Dues need to be adjusted, the new rate shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and set by vote of the general membership at the November meeting.

(B) The Club membership year shall coincide with the AHA membership year.

(C) Dues shall be paid either to the Treasurer or online through the AHA website.

(D) New members may join AHA and the Club at any time.

(E) If the Club collects the membership fee for the Club and AHA, the Club shall transmit to AHA the portion of the membership fee due to AHA less the club dues. These fees shall be transmitted to AHA according to AHA specifications and within 30 days of receipt by the Club.

Section 5: Termination of all or partial privileges of any member of the Club for unethical practices of any kind may be accomplished by the Board of Directors after holding a hearing. The member in question shall receive written notice of the hearing with adequate time to appear.

ARTICLE VIII: FINANCIAL

Section 1: The Club is a non-profit organization. All funds shall be used in accordance with our stated purpose and to provide for the continued functioning of the Club.

Section 2: Club expenses shall be approved by a quorum of the board. If there is an amount under \$100.00 it may be approved by two members of the board.

Section 3: To access the Club funds shall require two of three authorized member signatures approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: At the close of the fiscal year the books shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

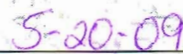
Section 5: Should the Club be dissolved, any remaining assets shall be donated for equine research, youth promotion, and other selected benevolent use.

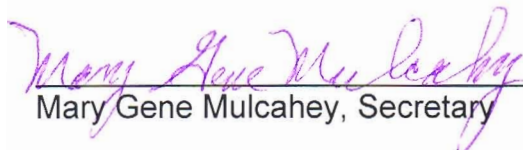
ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

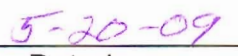
Section 1: These Bylaws may be altered and amended at any meeting of the Club providing a quorum is present, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the regular members present at such meeting and providing that the proposed amendment or alteration was presented in writing to all members in good standing at least twenty days prior to the meeting.

Section 2: All amendments passed shall be dated, signed and sent to AHA membership committee along with a cover letter signed by both the Club President and Secretary, requesting review and approval.


Lori Whitley, President


Dated


Mary Gene Mulcahey, Secretary


Dated