



Ohio Morgan Horse Association

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Article 1 – Name

The name of the association is the Ohio Morgan Horse Association, Inc. There is a tax identification number associated with this organization and it is recorded with the club treasurer.

Article 2 – Statement and Purpose

Section 1 -- The object of this association is to encourage and promote interest in the breeding, use and ownership of Morgan horses as versatile breed, working in co-operation with the American Morgan Horse Association, Inc.

Section 2 – In order to achieve the purposes, the board of directors shall plan a minimum of four events per year. Two of the four shall be for breed promotion and two shall be membership events.

Article 3 – Membership

Section 1 – An exhibitor, owner, or trainer of Morgan horses, or a Morgan enthusiast, may become an active member in good standing on the basis of the following conditions:

- a) Submittal of a membership form; and,
- b) Payment of yearly dues and all outstanding obligations.

Section 2 – There are to be three classifications of membership: Individual (18 years and older); Family (Parents, and children under age 18); and, Junior (17 years and younger). Annual membership dues are to be determined by the board. The membership period is from January 1 to December 31.

Section 3 – Conduct that the board of directors deems inconsistent with the best interests of the association shall constitute grounds for termination of membership by a vote of the board of directors.

Article 4 – Officers

Section 1 – The officers of the association shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and six directors. Two directors are to be elected annually for a three-year term. The Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President for a one-year term. Appointments shall be with the approval of the board. The term of office for the President and Vice-President shall be for two years beginning January 1.

Section 2 – Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote on or to serve as officers.

Section 3 – The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and the board members. The retiring President of the association shall automatically become a member of the Executive Committee to serve until replaced by a subsequent retiring president.



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Article 5 – Duties of the Officers

Section 1 – The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and act as Chairman of the Executive Committee. He/she shall appoint all committees not otherwise voted by the association, call special meetings of the association and of the Executive Committee, and perform all other duties usually assigned to this office.

Section 2 – The Vice President shall, in the absence of or the inability of the President, perform all the duties of the Office of President.

Section 3 – The Treasurer shall receive and keep records of all monies, debts, obligations, etc. of the association and shall have the authority to sign checks and make disbursements upon majority vote of the Executive Committee for the purpose of meeting financial obligations of the association. He/she shall render a complete financial report at each annual meeting.

Section 4 – A requisition for any expenditure over \$100.00 must be submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 5 – The Recording Secretary shall conduct general correspondence of the association, shall send all notices of meetings of the association and Executive Committee, and shall record all minutes of such meetings.

Section 6 – The Correspondence Secretary shall carry on all correspondence pertaining to activities of the club, its members, and their horses.

Section 7 – The board of directors may delegate the powers of the board to any committee, officer, or agent by vote.

Section 8 – Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent for three meetings within the calendar year without sufficient reason shall be removed from office. A determination to be excused is to be voted on by the Executive Committee at the meeting for which the excuse is given.

Section 9 – The President shall form a nominating committee, at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the general meeting, of no less than three members in good standing. The duties of the nominating committee shall be:

- a) To submit a slate of candidates for open seats to the Executive Committee.
- b) To ensure that nominees are members in good standing and are qualified to fulfill the office for which they are nominated.
- c) To assist in the conduct of the election of officers at the annual meeting in any manner specified by the presiding officer.



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- d) To notify all members in good standing, via electronic mail or postal mail, fourteen (14) days before the closing of voting of all nominees for office, with provisions for voting electronically or by postal mail.

Article 6 – Vacancies in Elected Offices

When a vacancy occurs in an elected office, prior to the normal expiration at the annual meeting from any cause whatsoever, it shall be filled by appointment of a member in good standing by the Executive Committee. Such appointment shall continue until expiration of the term.

Article 7 – Meetings

Section 1 – The annual meeting shall be held in November or December. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent by the Recording Secretary to all members in good standing one month prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2 – There shall be two meetings of the general membership per calendar year.

Section 3 – At all meetings there shall be only one vote per membership, whether it is a Family, Junior, or Individual. A member may be represented by proxy by an officer or other member in good standing upon presentation to the secretary of authorization in writing and signed by the absent member.

Section 4 – Special meetings may be held upon call by the President and notice shall be sent to all members in good standing not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 5 – Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held upon call by the President, or by the request of five (5) or more members of the committee. Members of the committee shall be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time of the meeting.

Section 6 – All notices of meetings shall include the date, hour, place, and agenda.

Section 7 – The order of business shall be:

- Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Executive Committee
- Reading of communications
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Discussions
- Adjournment

Section 8 – An Executive Committee quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Executive Committee, present and voting. A general membership quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the membership.



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Section 9 – Parliamentary procedure for both Executive Committee meetings and general membership meetings shall be the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. Should there be any conflict with Roberts Rules of Order and a specific section of the bylaws, that specific section shall take precedence.

Article 8 – Committees

Section 1 – The President shall appoint standing committees as may be authorized by vote of the association.

Section 2 – All committees shall make full reports of their activities at the annual meeting, unless otherwise instructed by the vote of the association.

Article 9 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the association shall be the twelve-month period ending with the last day of December.

Article 10 – Amendment or Repeal of Bylaws

Any of these bylaws may be amended or repealed with a vote of approval from two-thirds of a membership quorum. The proposed amendment to the bylaws is to be mailed to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to date of the vote.

As Amended by the Membership on November 11, 2017