



BY-LAWS

TRI-STATE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Incorporated 1966

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be named “THE TRI-STATE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.”
This organization is subject to the directives and rules established by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of “THE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.”

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

This purposed non-profit organization shall be:

- To promote and encourage the breeding of the Pinto Horse.
- To promote the general interest in the Pinto Horse.
- To further the purpose of THE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. on a local level in a manner prescribed by the National Association, thereby assisting the National Association to continue it’s promotional work on a National and International basis.
- To hold Horse Shows, Trail Rides and other events as shall be deemed advisable and necessary to the promotion of the Pinto Horse.
- To promote good sportsmanship and good fellowship among lovers of all horses and to improve general conditions and welfare of all horses.
- To oppose any activity that is, would be, or tends to be derogatory or inauspicious to the Pinto Horse or THE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

ARTICLE III. POLICIES

This organization shall have no interest in personal grievances of one member toward another and no discussion of this nature will be allowed at any meeting of the Organization; likewise, no discussion of a political nature will be allowed.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person of good moral character who is interested in Pinto Horses and their welfare and in the purpose of THE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. All Officers shall be members of, or shall become members of, THE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., to hold office in a Charter Association. An Officer is automatically representing the National Association so is therefore a “SYMBOL” of said Association.

Section 2. The Officers shall be selected from those of the membership at large who have been in good standing for a minimum of six (6) months prior to election date and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasure. These officers shall be the Executive Committee and be responsible for the routine administrating and management of the organization. The duration of office shall be one (1) year, November membership meeting to November, and until their successors have been elected and qualify.

Section 3. The Officers, after routine nomination, shall be elected at the General Membership November meeting each year. Election shall be a closed written ballot, each eligible member having the privilege of casting one (1) vote for each office. A person receiving a majority of votes cast for each office shall be deemed to have been elected.

Section 4. Any, Officer absent more than two (2) consecutive meetings, or resigns without legitimate excuse, forfeits their Office and is not eligible for election to any Office the ensuing year. Replacement in any Office shall be made by appointment by the President through the Board of Directors from general membership, Executive or Committee members.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of eleven (11) members. Four (4) of whom shall be the newly elected Executive Committee, six (6) shall be elected from the membership at large and the eleventh (11) member shall be the retiring President. These voluntary positions shall be for one year with the exception of a two year seat from the two Board members with the highest number of votes.

The eleven (11) member Board shall meet to formulate the policy of this Organization. The President shall sit as Chairman of the Board of Directors and vote only to break a tie vote. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President and at least twice (2) a year at the time and place set by them, one such meeting to be held each six (6) months. The Executive Committee may call special meetings and/or the Board of Directors at such a time as thought advisable. Such meetings may not supersede regular meetings except when especially provided for and with proper notification.

Any, Board member absent for more than two (2) meetings without notification may forfeit their seat on the Board and is not eligible for elector to any Office the ensuing year. Replacement on the Board shall be made by appointment by the President through the Board of Directors.

The Youth shall elect a Representative as a Junior Director with the approval of the Board, to sit on the Board of Directors, and shall have full privileges of a Director with in the framework of this Constitution. Money to be budgeted to the Youth Group for necessary expenses. Any benefits to be bestowed on the executive committee or directors as a hole would need to be approved at a general membership meeting.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Any proposed Amendments to this Constitution may be submitted in writing at any regular meeting of this organization. Three (3) active members of the Organization in good standing must sign such proposed Amendments. Before acceptance, the Secretary shall read it at the meeting. After such notice it shall be read and discussed, at length, at least at one (1) more regular meeting and then voted upon and shall become part of the Constitution only if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present and voting at said meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. EXCEPTIONS

Article I. and Article II. Of this Constitution MAY NOT be amended or altered any form or manner by this affiliation association.

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The Constitution lays down the principles of the Organization. The By-Laws concern chiefly the method of procedure rather than the basic principles. These By-Laws are more easily amended than the Constitution and their amendment needs not in any way effect the aim and main purpose of the Organization.

ARTICLE BL. I MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Names of proposed new members along with the proper fee shall be submitted to the Membership Chairperson on a specific Membership form.

Section 2. Membership in this Charter Association is open to anyone who is interested in the betterment of the Pinto Horse and the benefit of its owners and who will give their full support to the promotion of this local Pinto Organization and the National Association whether or not they are owners of a Pinto Horse.

Section 3. Individuals 17 years of age and under shall be Junior Members, and must have the consent of their parents or legal guardian in writing. Senior Membership is for persons 18 years and older. Family Membership shall include husband, wife and their children, stepchildren or legal wards. Voting privileges in Association matters are for those 18 years of age and older.

Section 4. It is the member's responsibility to notify, in writing any changes in address or telephone number to the membership chairperson. In the event, the member fails to do so, or until chairman is notified, any rights to the Newsletter, Ballot, notification to run for election, or any club-sponsored mail, will be forfeited.

ARTICLE BL II. DUES

Section 1. Annual membership dues shall be current. Dues may be paid by family (as defined above, ARTICLE BL I. Members, Section 3) or by an Individual yearly at the current rate. All person's 18 years of age or over shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the Associations matters.

Section 2. Membership forms will be available in almost every issue of the Newsletter and will be available at the Organizations events (shows, Expos, etc.). It is up to the member to fill out a current form, pay appropriate dues and become a current member. Should their membership fees remain unpaid after the date of December 31st, they shall cease to be a member of this organization. A new member joining the organization at or after the November meeting/ banquet shall automatically be considered to have paid their membership for the ensuing year.

Section 3. The interest of any member in the property or moneys of the organization ceases with the termination of their membership.

ARTICLE BL III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall: preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the membership, and shall exercise general supervision and management over all affairs of the organization and shall serve as an ex-officio member on all Standing Committees, who may vote only to break a tie therein, except the Nomination Committee.

The President shall call meetings as deemed necessary for the transaction of the Association's business,

or cancel those meetings deemed unnecessary.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall: preside in the absence of the President, and shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee and insure submission of the annual budget to the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall present the approved budget to the membership at the November meeting for ratification.

Section 3. The Secretary shall:

- A.) Cause to be kept and maintained the minutes of all meetings of the Organization, Standing Committees, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. These minutes shall be an accurate and official record of all business transacted.
- B.) Cause to be kept and maintained, accurately, a roster showing names and address, and position held in the Organization of each active member and shall, at all times hold these records open to the membership.
- C.) Be custodian of all club records, including monthly financial reports of the Treasure, and cause to be prepared all correspondence, report and routine business records of and for the Organization
- D.) Notify each member of all-regular meetings, special meetings and show or social activities, except when otherwise provided for; likewise, send out notices of Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.
- E.) Act as personal Secretary to the President likewise, all Officers of the Board of Directors, where and whenever the need for correspondences arises.
- F.) Read to the membership at the regular business meetings, all current correspondences to and from the Organization.

Section 4. The Treasure shall:

- A.) Receive all Organization funds, keep them in a bank of repository approved by the Executive Committee; keep faithful records of all receipts and expenditures and disburse the Organizations funds.
- B.) Must exhibit and file vouchers for all disbursements.
- C.) Must read the current Treasure Report at each regular meeting of the membership; likewise, read the Annual Financial Report at the November Year-End Banquet.
- D.) Have access to a current list of members to be published in the newsletter before nominations and elections.
- E.) Shall be a member of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE BL IV DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be the policy making body of the Organization and act upon all important issue brought before the Board by the Executive Committee, and their decision is final unless vetoed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors shall approve the Annual Budget submitted by the Finance Committee, require an audit of the financial records and assets of the Organization no more than two (2) months before the Annual Meeting for ratification.

The Indiana, Michigan and Ohio Sector Directors are to be honorary and advising Board Members with no voting privileges. If however, the electee is currently a Tri- State Board member, he/she may retain that Board Position until the Board term he/she was elected for.

ARTICLE BL V. COMMITTEES

Committee, other than the Standing Committees, shall be volunteer or appointed by the President just before the event and charged with their responsibilities.

All Standing Committees shall consist of a Chairman (or Co-Chairman) appointed by the President, at least two (2) members appointed by the Chairman. These Committees shall meet at the call of their Chairman to conduct business necessary to their Committee.

They shall prepare a recommended program and present said program to the Board of Directors who shall review the program for presentation to the membership at a regular meeting for membership approval by simple majority vote.

Section 1. Show Committee: There shall be a separate Show Committee for each show sponsored by this organization. Each person so deemed necessary by the Chairman. Each committee shall be voluntary unless designated by the President. This committee shall supervise the show it is responsible for and keep accurate records and points earned in the show. Points will be kept track of and accumulated by the show committee and the computer system and recorded for all current Tri-State members.

Section 2. Finance Committee: This Committee shall consist of a Chairperson who shall be the Vice-President of this organization and one (1) other Board member appointed by the Chairperson, plus the Treasurer of this organization. The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget for the ensuing year and it is to be presented to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for approval prior to it" reading at the November meeting. This budget when ratified, shall be the plan for managing all assets of this organization. The Finance Committee shall cause to be held each year, one (1) month before the November meeting, a comprehensive audit and inventory of all financial records and asset of this organization.

Section 3. Membership Committee: This Committee shall consist of one (1) Chairperson who shall be the Treasure and any additional persons as deemed necessary by the Chairperson. The duties of this Committee are to keep accurate dated record of all active members which must be in turn rendered to the Points Committee Secretary and the Newsletter Committee, also the Secretary, within a reasonable amount of time as agreed upon between Committees. This Committee shall cause to be kept and maintained accurately, a roster showing names, addresses and phone numbers and on all members seventeen (17) years and under, birthdates.

Section 4. Points Committee: This Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and/or one (1) or more persons so designated and shall be a volunteer or appointed by the President of this organization. The duties of this Committee shall be to accumulate all points earned by members at Tri-State Pinto, Inc., approved shows and to cause a roster to be maintained and updated and available at each show hosted by this organization for all members to view. This Committee shall at the end of each show render to the Newsletter Committee a completed list of show results and total points accumulated with first (1st) thru sixth (6th) place for each class and division to be printed in the next available Newsletter. Upon clarification of all discrepancies, the points listed will be rendered to the Year-End Awards Committee for use in ordering said awards.

Section 5. Newsletter Committee: This Committee shall consist of any number of persons deemed necessary and approved by the Board of Directors. The duties of this Committee shall be to print by-monthly issues on a timely basis and see that these issues are mailed to each member of this Organization so as to keep the membership updated with all the events hosted by this organization and any other information deemed necessary and important. They however shall also be responsible for budgeting income and expenses generated from this newsletter with monies to be added from this organization's Treasure as deemed necessary and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Banquet Committee: This Committee shall be volunteer or appointed by the Board of Directors. The duties of this Committee is to schedule the Banquet, entertainment, etc. as deemed necessary for the Year-End Awards Banquet to be held at the conclusion of this Organization's activities. A said budget could be deemed for this event.

Section 7. Year-End Awards Committee: This Committee shall be volunteer or appointed by the Board of Directors and consist of at least two (2) or more persons. The duties of this Committee are to obtain points from the Show Committee and tabulate the winners of specified Divisions and categories. Also to obtain from various sources, prices for various awards to be considered for Year-End Awards with the final decision to be made by the Board of Directors. This Committee or a member shall be in charge of the awards portion of the Year-End Banquet, including announcing the recipients.

Section 8. Youth Activities Committee: This Committee shall be composed of all Youth Members eighteen (18) years of age and under who shall have one (1) or two (2) advisors as approved by the Board of

Directors. This committee shall promote youth in this organization and this organization shall give support to our Youth. Money to be budgeted to this Committee for necessary expenses as so warranted by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Queen and Princess Committee: This Committee shall be volunteer or appointed by the Board of Directors and consist of a Chairperson and/ or any other persons as may deemed necessary. The duties of this Committee shall be to organize a contest in which delegates may run for the Title of Queen and Princess with the age limitation of Queen contestants 17-25 and unmarried, also age limitation of Princess contestants 12-16 years. Included in each shall be oral and written tests. English Equitation, Western Equitation and Showmanship with each division under one (1) judge and each being exhibited at a different show, as well as silent judges selected by this committee to evaluate in their conduct and sportsmanship. Results shall be given to each delegate in writing with Coronation Ceremonies to be held at the Year-End Awards Banquet. Money to be budgeted to this Committee as warranted for necessary expenses as approved by the Board of Directors. The duties of the delegates and winners to be designated by the Committee as approved by the Board of Directors but must include participation at every function (Shows, Banquets, Booths. Etc.), hosted by this Organization as Representative of this Organization.

Section 10. Nominating and Election Committee: This Committee shall consist of a Chairperson who shall be the Vice-President and two (2) other members of the Board of Directors as selected by the Vice-President. They shall accept all nominations for positions open for elections for that year in a month of September/ October. They shall confirm with the persons nominated that they will accept the nomination by mid-October. They shall cause ballots to be mailed to each and every voting-eligible member with a deadline listed on each ballot for return to the Chairperson prior to the November meeting at which time this Committee will open all ballots and tabulate the results. A person receiving the majority of votes for each office or position shall be deemed to have been elected. Newly elected Officers and Board Members are to be seated at the November meeting. Election ballots: There shall be ballots printed with names of persons listed and for which position there are candidates. There shall be one (1) ballot mailed to each voting member, a voting member being any member in this organization who is 18 years or older.

Section 11. Futurity and Maturity Committee: This committee shall consist of a chairperson approved by the Board of Directors and /or any other person deemed necessary to the operation of this Committee. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to set forth the rules and Regulations as guidelines for the Futurity and Maturity pending the approval of the Board of Directors and that all Rules and Regulations are followed by each entry and to determine the allocation of Futurity and Maturity. Money to be budgeted to this Futurity and Maturity as designated by the Board of Directors and can only be changed by the same.

ARTICLE BL VI. MATERIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION

All officers and Committee heads shall turn over all information, office supplies, records and propriety pertaining to the Organization, to their successor.

ARTICLE BL VII. YEAR-END AWARD RULES

Section 1. All owners must be paid members of the "TRI-STATE PINTO HORSE ASSOC., INC". before points will be counted for year-end awards.

Section 2. All leased horses must have a copy of the lease on file with the Points Chairperson. The owner and person leasing the horse must be a Tri-State Pinto member.

Section 3. Points will be accumulated for all current Tri-State members, and will be counted toward

Year-End Awards.

Section 4. Points are awarded according to the National ROM Rules. Points are awarded with classes of three (3) or more entries.

Section 6. The show committee for all Tri-State shows will accumulate points for individual members. Single points will also be awarded at the Regional Championship Show. Exhibitors will have to notify the Points Committee to send in their placings for Championship Show.

Section 7. Year-End Awards will be given for all categories held at a minimum of Three (3) Tri-State sponsored shows. (A show is defined in Section 4)

Section 8. Lead-Line and Pee-Wee Classes; No Point requirements. Participation awards will be given. Nov-Amateur walk-trot class; No Point requirements. Year-End awards placings and participation awards will be given. Each participant in Lead-Line and Walk-Trot may qualify for an award in only one (1) of the two (2) categories.

Section 9. Awards will be given to members with the highest number of points in the categories deemed appropriate by the High Point Awards Chairman and Committee and approved by the Board.

ARTICLE BL VIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. This Organization shall meet at least four (4) times a year at a time and location designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Annual meeting shall be the meeting for hearing all Annual Reports from all Officers and Committee Chairpersons (held in Nov).

Section 3. The Election of Officers and Directors for the following year shall be held at the general membership meeting in November.

Section 4. All Year-End Awards and Acknowledgments shall take place at the Annual Meeting, unless otherwise provided for.

Section 5. The Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors may call special meetings at such time thought advisable. Such meetings may not supersede regular meetings except when especially provided for.

Section 6. Email and or telephone meetings to be accepted as a viable form of communication for the Tri-State Pinto Organization. All voting results will be made available to board members upon completion.

ARTICLE BL IX. QUORUM

Members present and voting at a regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and general membership must have had notification of at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting unless otherwise noted.

A minimum of five (5) Directors is needed to constitute a quorum in a Board of Directors meeting to transact business. Notification to be given in writing at least seven (7) days before the meeting is necessary unless otherwise provided for: Exceptions: Special meetings when necessary.

ARTICLE BL X. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order of Business at all meetings of Organization shall be as follows:

- Meeting called to order
- Roll call
- Ascertain if a quorum is present
- Reading of the minutes of previous meetings
- Treasures report
- Committee reports
- Reading of Communications
- Unfinished Business
- Election of Officers – (November Meeting)
- New Business
- Adjournment
- Program – (November Meeting)

ARTICLE BL XI. RULES OF ORDER

This organization shall govern its procedure by “ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER REVISED.” In all points not covered herein or provided for by THE PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., Rules and regulations.

ARTICLE BL XII. TRIAL BOARD

The Board of Directors shall act as Trial Board for this Organization. The Board of Directors shall handle disputes and questions.

ARTICLE BL XIII. AMENDMENTS

Any Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed at any regular meeting, if in the meantime, the proposed Amendments received approval of the Executive Committee. It may be voted on at the next regular meeting. PINTO HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.