

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ON THE
WISSOTA APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB,
INCORPORATED IN 1959**

Article 1. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as WAHC or Wissota.

Article II. DURATION

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

Article III. PURPOSE

The purpose for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

- A. This corporation is organized as a non-profit, non-stock corporation pursuant to chapter 181, Wisconsin statutes.
- B. To cooperate with and aid, in every way possible, the program and functions of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., Moscow, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the ApHC.
- C. Recognizing the parent organization, the ApHC, the primary function of this club will be to promote interest in the breed from a regional standpoint in cooperation with the overall program of the ApHC.
- D. This corporation shall represent the Appaloosa breed.
- E. To gain proper publicity through mediums of radio, television, newspapers, magazines, etc.
- F. To gain breed classes for Appaloosa horses registered in the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. in local county, district, and state horse shows and fairs.
- G. To forward historical data, bloodlines, records, and general information, etc., to the Executive Secretary of the ApHC, when it would be requested and helpful to him.
- H. To promote and stimulate interest in Appaloosa Horse shows for Appaloosa's registered in the ApHC.

Article IV. AFFILIATION

The corporate is affiliated in purpose with the ApHC.

Article V. LOCATION

The statutes of the State of Wisconsin require a registered agent from the state of Wisconsin. Any eligible member Wisconsin can be a registered agent. That agent is

recorded in the books of the secretary of the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

Article VI. DIRECTORS

The government and management of this corporation shall be vested in not less than three or more than fifteen directors as designated in the by-laws of this corporation who shall be elected by and from the current membership as the by-laws may prescribe.

Article VII. AMENDMENTS

- A. Proposed amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be submitted to the Secretary and read at one meeting, published in news and voted upon at the next meeting.
- B. The Secretary shall submit the proposed amendments to the Officers and the Board of Directors for their recommendations to the membership.
- C. Following the recommendation and report of the Officers and the Board of Directors to the membership, the amendment or amendments shall be put to a vote and to pass shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at which time there is a quorum.

BY-LAWS

Article I. MEMBER

- A. The membership year shall be from January 1 to December 31.
- B. The annual dues shall be as follows: \$10.00 for individual adult membership, \$5.00 for youth and \$15.00 for family memberships including children to 18 years of age as of January 1.
- C. Each member shall have only one vote. Each family membership shall have only two votes per family.
- D. Membership is not transferable.
- E. Members may vote in person or by proxy. Proxy votes must be signed and given to the Secretary prior to the opening of the business meeting. Each member is limited to submitting two proxy votes for Wissota members not attending the meeting.

Article II. MEETINGS

- A. Business meetings shall be held at such a time and place as designated by the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting business and social activities.
- B. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held in conjunction with the awards and banquet.

- C. A quorum is necessary for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members shall be five percent (5%) of paid-up members.
- D. Notice of the meeting of the members shall be given not less than ten (10) days prior to such a meeting.
- E. Special meetings of members may be called by the President, or by the majority of the Board of Directors or by any ten (10) members requiring in writing that the Board of Directors call a meeting.

Article III. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members make up the Board of Directors.
- B. The President and the Treasurer shall be elected on alternate years.
- C. The Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected on the other alternate years on which the President and the Treasurer were elected.
- D. Each Director shall serve a term of two years.
- E. The President abstains from voting except to break a tie.
- F. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the remaining members of the Board until the next annual meeting of the members.
- G. The Board of Directors shall hold its annual meeting without notice immediately preceding the annual meeting of the membership. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be designated by the Board of Directors. The new Board shall take office January 1st of the following year.
- H. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the elected directors. A majority of the directors present shall decide all questions.
- I. If a member of the Board misses more than three (3) meetings during the year, he or she may be suspended or replaced by the remaining Board of Directors.
- J. Candidates for the offices shall be chosen by the nominating committee appointed by the President from a list of Wissota members. Nominations of members may be taken from the floor.
- K. Each Officer and Director must pay their Wissota membership dues for the duration of their term upon being voted into office.

Article IV. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- A. President: Shall preside at all meetings of the club and that of the Board of Directors, shall appoint all committee chairmen, subject to Board approval, and may call special meetings.
- B. Vice President: Shall act as President in the absence or disability of the President.
- C. Secretary: Shall keep the minutes of all meetings, be Wissota contact person to the ApHC, and shall have a copy of the current complete membership list.
- D. Treasurer: Shall collect all dues, pay all bills, act as Treasurer on the show committee, keep a current account of finances of the club, and provide regular financial reports including a year-end closing statement.
- E. Members of the Board of Directors shall assist in decisions concerning the government of the club.

Article V. SHOW CHAIRMAN

- A. Show Chair(s) shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- B. The responsibilities of the Show Chairman include: meeting with necessary organizations to arrange the shows, obtain verification from all judges hired, appoint a show Secretary to be responsible for recording show points to the ApHC, appoint all stewards, timekeepers, race judges, etc., be responsible to the Board of Directors and make no financial charges, contracts or commitments without Board approval, give a full report of the regional show to the Board of Directors, present all bills for approval and payment, and recommend any changes in future regional shows.

Article VI. COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS NEEDED

- A. Banquet Chairman: With the approval of the Board of Directors, determine the time and place of the Wissota banquet for the presentation of year end awards.
- B. Publicity Chairman: Shall be responsible for publication of Wissota news items.
- C. Youth Chairman: Shall act as representative for Wissota youth by promoting interest in showing at ApHC halter and performance events; and shall recommend changes or suggestions by youth to the Board of

- Directors. This could include sponsorship of a Wissota Youth Team. Show Catalog/Sponsorship Committee
- E. Race Chairman: Shall promote and supervise racing, be a representative of this club to the newspaper, radio, television, magazines, supply information to local Appaloosa publications, and shall be a member of the show committee.
- F. Futurity Chairman: Coordinates all activities related to Wissota Futurities.
- G. Awards Chairman

Article VII. WISSOTA SHOW GUIDELINES

- A. Wissota Regional Shows will operate in accordance with all ApHC rules and regulations. No horse is eligible to participate in a Wissota approved show unless it meets all requirements as stipulated by the ApHC.
- B. All Wissota show entries must be made on an official blanks furnished by the WAHC, and must be signed by the proper parties. The exhibitor is responsible for any errors that may occur on the entry blanks. No entry will be accepted when the exhibitor prescribes conditions under which he will exhibit.
- C. The Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., and sponsoring organization, if any, will not be responsible for any accident which may occur to, or be caused by, any horse exhibited at the show, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person or animal, or damage to any property, while on the ground by any horse owned, exhibited or in his custody or control, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., or sponsoring organization, if any, from and against all claims, demands, cause of action, cost, charges and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever arising out of or which may be incurred by reason of any accident, injury or damage to person or property caused by the ownership, exhibition, or custody of any animal exhibited. Presentation of signed entry blanks shall be deemed acceptance of these rules. In the event of failure to sign the entry blanks, the first entry into the show ring as an exhibitor shall be deemed acceptance of said rules.

Article VII. CONDUCT

When an exhibitor or owner guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct pursuant to ApHC rules and regulations, Wissota shall have the right to withhold Wissota points earned at a show at which the misconduct occurred or suspend the exhibitor's rights and his horse to participate in future shows for such a period as judged appropriate following a hearing by the Board of Directors. The person guilty of the infraction may be present at such a hearing.

Article IX. PROTESTS

If an exhibitor has a complaint, said complaint shall be made after the class to the Show Chairman or a member of the Board of Directors of the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., If the decision does not meet the satisfaction of the exhibitor, he must post a \$25.00 bond with the Treasurer of the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., and appear before the Board of Directors. If the complaint is upheld, the money will be refunded. /If the complaint is not upheld, the money shall remain in the treasury of the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

Article X. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Health requirements shall be in accordance with the prevailing livestock sanitary board of the state which the animal is to be exhibited. Wissota will make every possible effort to inform all exhibitors and owners of any such requirements.

Article XI. JUDGES AND JUDGING

- A. At the Wissota Regional Shows, all judges must be chosen from a list of approved Appaloosa judges obtained from the ApHC, and pursuant to ApHC rules and regulations.

Article XII. APPROVAL OF OTHER REGIONAL SHOWS

- A. Regional shows approved for Wissota year end points will be determined through Board of Directors and recommendation and membership approval.
- B. The results of all approved shows should be submitted to the Wissota Point Keeper no later than ten (10) days following the last day of the show.

Article XIII. WISSOTA YEAR END POINT QUALIFICATIONS

- A. In order to be eligible for Wissota points, owner of a horse must be a Wissota member. Only points obtained

- following membership payment date will apply toward year end points.
- B. In the event that a horse is leased or jointly owned, owners or leasees of such an animal must be members in good standing with the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

Article XIV. POINT SYSTEM

- A. Halter: Points shall be awarded as follows:
- 1st Place 6 points
 - 2nd Place 5 points
 - 3rd Place 4 points
 - 4th Place 3 points
 - 5th Place 2 points
 - 6th Place 1 points

In the event there are less than 6 entries in any class, points awarded shall start at the total number of horses entered in any class; for example, should there only be 4 entries, points shall be 4, 3, 2, 1. Should there be only 3 entries in the class, points shall be 3, 2, 1.

GRAND CHAMPION: Horse receives 1 point more than the high point horse in any class in its own division.

- B. Performance & Youth: Points shall be awarded the same in the halter classes except that no extra points shall be given for the horse accumulating the most performance points at any one show.
- C. Champion Performance Horse: In order to be eligible for year-end awards, Champion Performance Horse and Reserve Champion Performance Horse must be owned or leased by Wissota members. The horse with the highest number of points at the close of a designated show or season will be declared the Champion Performance Horse and will be presented with an award. No performance points will be awarded for the following classes: 1. Horsemanship 2. Youth classes 3. Owner-rider classes.

Article XV. YEAR-END AWARDS

Year-end awards shall be presented for all classes offered at the Wissota Regional Shows. To receive a year-end award in any class, the horse must have placed three (3) times at Wissota approved shows, and must have been shown at a Wissota show(s) that year.

Article XVI. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- A. It is the intention of the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., to promote all activities relating to the encouragement of youth and the

Appaloosa horse. Wissota will follow the rules and suggestions set up by the Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA) as closely as possible.

- B. It is the intention of the Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., to promote the ideals of citizenship, sportsmanship, and leadership to develop the pride that a youngster can receive by showing and/or owning an Appaloosa.
- C. The Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., will assist at all times in providing educational aids through which an understanding of the breed will be standardized throughout the United States.

Article XVII. WISSOTA FUTURITY

The WAHC may sponsor a yearly futurity. Current rules to be printed in the regional Appaloosa publication.

Article XVIII. QUEEN CONTEST

A queen contest shall be held at the annual Wissota regional show when there is sufficient interest expressed by the membership. The rules of the contest to be set by the Board of Directors approved by the general membership, and in conjunction with ApHC rules.

Article XIX. STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The Wissota Appaloosa Horse Club Constitution and by-laws will be sent to each new member or family membership upon payment of dues, and will be available upon request from the current WAHC Secretary. The rules contained in this handbook are governed by parliamentary procedure and they shall be governed according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. The WAHC will operate in compliance with the rules and regulations of the ApHC at all times.
- C. Problems involving policy and questions arising at any Wissota approved Appaloosa horse show, not specifically covered by the ApHC rules and regulations or this document will be referred to the Show Chairman and/or Board member and/or the Board of Directors.