

BY- LAWS
of the
MID AMERICA MINIATURE HORSE CLUB
As Of February, 1997

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Mid-America Miniature Horse Club.

Article II: Affiliation

The Mid-America Miniature Horse Club shall be an affiliated club of the American Miniature Horse Association and its members shall abide by all rules and regulations of the American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA).

Article III: Purpose

1. To develop and promote the miniature equine breed.
2. To develop and promote good fellowship among other people and associations.
3. To encourage breeding, training and exhibition of good quality stock.

Article IV: Members

Membership in this organization may be for an individual or a family group. The family group may consist of parents, or guardians, and dependent children under the age of eighteen years. Any individual member of such a family group may become an individual member of the organization upon payment of the annual dues.

Article V: Dues

1. Club Annual Renewal Membership Dues:
 - A. Single Membership - \$15.00 per year (any age).
 - B. Family Membership - \$20.00 per year (Two adults, unlimited number of children under age 18, as of January 1 of that membership year).
 - C. Farm Membership - \$30.00 per year (Three adults, unlimited number of children under age 18; may add additional adults at \$10.00 per adult).

All members must be named on the membership form (including children).

One MINI-GAZETTE will be issued for each membership, with the exception of Farm Memberships; in which an additional GAZETTE will be issued to the first additional adult and then for every two additional adults thereafter. The annual dues for new members shall be \$5 more than renewal membership dues.

2. The annual membership shall start January 1st, and dues must be paid by December 31st of the previous year. Anyone who fails to renew his/her membership by December 31st will be assessed the additional \$5.00 of a new membership.
3. No one shall participate, nor have a vote at any meeting, until all dues are paid as of the current year.
4. A family membership entitles one vote per each parent or guardian. A single membership entitles one vote.

Article VI: Meetings

1. This organization shall meet monthly, place to be determined by the membership. Whenever possible, the meeting location shall rotate between Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.
2. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of November each year.
3. Special meetings may be called by the President, a majority of the Board of Directors, or by the Secretary upon individual written request of any other five members in good standing of the organization.
4. The Board, at their discretion at each meeting, may designate a member to act as parliamentarian. It shall be his/her duty to insure the meeting is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
5. All members may have a voice and participate at all meetings.

Article VII: Officers

1. The elected officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and shall function as the Board of Directors.
2. The officers of the organization shall be elected at the September or October meeting, taking office in January, and serve for a one year term. There shall be no limitation as to the number of terms of office.
3. The 1st year abbreviated terms of office for the officers shall end December 31, 1984.

Article VIII: Duties

1. The general supervision and direction of affairs of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors, and they shall audit all bills against the organization; may fill any and all vacancies which occur among the officers between annual meetings; and carry on all business and other activities of the organization subject to general membership knowledge and approval.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and all meetings of the Board of Directors, and he/she shall perform all duties of this office. The president shall have the power to appoint such committees as he/she may deem necessary for the advancement of the club.
3. The Vice-President shall act for the President in his/her absence.
4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the club, and also the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and at the next meeting to report the activities and proceedings of each previous meeting to the Board of Directors, and meeting of the general membership.
5. The treasurer shall keep a detailed record and have charge and custody of all funds, and pay out same upon orders of the Board of Directors. He/she shall make an annual report upon the financial state of affairs of the organization, and upon all funds coming into his possession. All monies shall be deposited in a bank by the Treasurer and all checks shall be signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget, prior to expiration of the current term, to serve to guide the membership and the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Article IX: Standing Committees

Show committee: The Show committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall serve from September 1 of the year appointed until August 31 of the following year. The committee shall supervise the production of all club-sponsored shows, including the rental of show grounds, the securing of show dates with AMHA, the ordering of trophies and ribbons, and such other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. The Show Committee shall nominate the manager of each club-sponsored show, for ratification by a simple majority of the voting members present.

Futurity committee: The futurity committee will administer the MAMHC futurity program.

High Point committee: The high point committee will administer the MAMHC high point program and will run the annual awards banquet.

Article X: Elections

1. At each annual meeting, all officers and those directors whose term has expired shall be elected.
2. Prior to each annual meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee to select nominees for the various offices. At least one name must be nominated for each office. Nominations may also be made from the floor by the general membership.
3. All voting for officers of the organization shall be by secret ballot and a majority of those members present is required to elect. If more than 2 persons are nominated for each office and if none of these persons receives a majority (greater than 50%) vote on the 1st ballot then the 2 nominees with the highest non-majority vote shall then be placed on and elected by a 2nd separate ballot.
4. Only members in good standing, whose dues are paid in accordance with these By-Laws, shall be eligible to vote at any election or hold office.
5. Any vacancy occurring between the annual elections shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President, then, the Vice-President shall automatically become the President for the unexpired term so that the vacancy then to be filled would be the office of Vice-President.

Article XI: Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered and amended at any meeting of the organization by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present at such meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing and read by the Secretary at a previous meeting, and that all members receive notice in advance of said meeting.

Article XII: Proxies

At all meetings associated in any way with this organization no proxy votes will be allowed, nor any absentee ballot.

Article XIII: Organization

The President, and in his absence, the Vice-President, and in their absence any member chosen by the members present, shall call the meeting of the members to order, and shall act as chairperson of the meeting. The Secretary shall act as Secretary at all meetings of the organization, but in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding officer or chairperson may appoint any member in that capacity.

Article XIV: Salaries

There shall be no salaries for any member or officer of the organization. Budgeted telephone expenses of the President shall be paid from the club treasury.

Article XV: Shows

The club will offer two types of shows: Club Sponsored shows and Point Approved shows.

Club Sponsored shows: The MAMHC assumes the responsibility for club sponsored shows. The show chairman is responsible for submitting a financial report in the specified format within 60 days of the completion of the show. All club sponsored shows are automatically point approved shows, i.e., points are awarded to nominated horses for year end awards. Chairman for club sponsored shows are nominated by the show committee or from the floor and approved by the club membership. Judges for club sponsored shows will be selected by the show chairman and shall be selected in accordance with AMHA rules.

Point Approved shows: Any AMHA approved show may become a MAMHC Point show by executing a MAMHC Point Show contract. No point approved shows may be held on the same date as a club sponsored show; however, State Fairs are exempt from this rule. The club has no financial responsibility for point approved shows and is not involved with selection of chairman or judges for point approved shows.

Article XVI: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws or any other special rules of order the organization may adopt.