

# **SHO-ME HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL BY-LAWS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS 2012**

## **ARTICLE I TITLE, ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE**

### Section 1: Title

The name of this organization shall be Sho-Me Horse Show Association, Inc. Hereinafter referred to as Sho-Me.

### Section 2: Organization

- A. Sho-Me shall be operated and conducted as a nonprofit organization.
- B. The fiscal year of Sho-Me shall be January 1 through December 31.

### Section 3: Purpose

- A. To aid, promote, encourage, and stimulate interest in the use and exhibition of horse breeds.
- B. To encourage good sportsmanship and proper conduct among Sho-Me members and all other persons.
- C. To promote saddle clubs to hold sanctioned Sho-Me horse shows.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

### Section 1: Rights

- A. The right to attend and participate at regular Sho-Me meetings and shows.
- B. To hold office or committee assignment except as otherwise limited.

### Section 2: Eligibility and Term

- A. A member must be 18 years or older to be eligible to hold an office.
- B. Officers shall be elected by all the members for a one (1) year term and the Year-End Banquet and Meeting by ballot.

- C. The Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot by all the members for a two (2) year term with 50% from each category being elected for a one (1) year term at the Year-End Banquet and Meeting.
- D. Term of office shall be January 1 through December 31.

Secretary/Treasurer may be combined as one office, in the event there are not any nominations excepted.

### Section 3: Duties

- A. PRESIDENT : The President shall preside at all meetings, decide questions or order, enforce rules, and choose chairpersons and committees. Report to meeting of the membership all proposals made to the Board of Directors. Appoint an acting Secretary at all meetings, wherein the Secretary shall be absent, to record the minutes of the meeting.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT : The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, assume all duties normally conducted by the President. He/She shall assist the President in matters.
- C. SECRETARY : The Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting and submit a written report, keep a current membership list, attendance records, and mail all notices as required by the President.
- D. TREASURER : The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of Sho-Me; keep all Sho-Me records and transactions; and give a financial report of conditions at all Sho-Me meetings. A co-signer will also be designated by the Board of Directors.
- E. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS : The Board of Directors shall be empowered to make such rules and regulations, which it deems necessary to promote the objectives of this association, and shall be ratified by the governing body.
- F. THE TABULATOR : The Tabulator shall tally all show results, post points at each show and maintain a complete record book wherein all tallies of show results will be maintained.

### Section 4 : Vacancies

If the office of any officer or Board of Directors becomes vacant by reason of resignation, death, disqualification or for missing three (3) Sho-Me consecutive regular meetings, the members shall elect a successor who shall hold office during the unexpired term. Special situations will be considered, i.e. illness.

## Section 5 : Termination

Termination for cause shall follow the subsequent procedures.

- A. Complaints against any member of the association shall be presented in writing to the office of the President and must be signed by at least three members in good standing.
- B. Whenever a complaint against a member has been received, the President shall notify the said member of all complaints against him/her.
- C. The member and complaint shall be asked to attend a meeting for a hearing of the complaint.
- D. If action should be taken, a motion shall be made to terminate the membership of said member.
- E. It shall take a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present to terminate a membership.
- F. Notice of action taken shall be given by the President of Sho-Me in writing to said member.
- G. With presentation of additional information, an appeal shall be considered if submitted in writing within thirty (30) days from receipt of written notice of action.

### **ARTICLE III VOTING PROCEDURE ON ASSOCIATION MATTERS**

- A. The following officers of Sho-Me shall each be entitled to one vote : President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tabulator and the Board of Directors.
- B. If the Secretary and Treasurer are combined as one office, one vote shall be entitled.
- C. A person must be 18 years old or older to be eligible to vote in an election.
- D. To exercise voting privileges, authorized voting person must be physically present at a Sho-Me meeting.
- E. No individual may cast more than one vote on any motion or ballot.

### **QUORUM**

The members of the organization present at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and the act of majority of the members present shall be the act of Sho-Me.

Footnote : Eleven (11) voting members present.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

### Section 1:

Advanced written or verbal notice of Sho-Me meetings shall be given to Sho-Me members. (Officers and Board of Directors)

### Section 2:

Regular or special Sho-Me meetings shall be scheduled or postponed by the President's discretion.

## **ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS**

### Section 1:

Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the office of the President. The proposed amendment shall specify the article and paragraph to be amended.

### Section 2:

Proposed amendments shall be brought before the Sho-Me membership for their vote at the first meeting of the fiscal year. At least twenty (20) days prior to such meeting, the proposed amendments and notice that this will be voted on at the next meeting, shall be sent to the membership (Officers and Board of Directors). Two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at the meeting may approve the amendment. The President may use his/her discretion in postponement of amending the voting.

### Section 3:

The Sho-Me By-Laws shall be reviewed annually at the last regular meeting of the fiscal year.

## **ARTICLE VI DISBANDMENT**

If for any reason Sho-Me is disbanded, all assets of the organization shall be donated to a worthy, charitable organization.