## **Regulations Of the**

# Ohio Haflinger Association Article I Membership, Dues, Meetings

Section 1 **Membership**. The members of the corporation shall be any natural person, corporation, whether profit or non-profit, *group* or partnership who is the owner of one or more registered Haflingers and if a natural person is 18 years of age or older.

<sup>i</sup>AMEND Section 1 Membership: The members of the corporation shall be any natural person, corporation, whether profit or non-profit, *group* or partnership if: a natural person is 18 years of age or older. You need not own a Haflinger but any horse-related function must be with a Registered Haflinger.

Section 2 **Membership Dues**. There shall be charged against and payable by all members of the association annual dues, the amount to be set by the board of trustees, which shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of January in each year. Failure to pay said dues shall automatically constitute the person so in default, an inactive member. Membership may be restored upon the payment of the current year's dues.

Section 3 **Annual Meeting**. The annual meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held the last Saturday of January of each year at such time as may be designated in the notice of meeting.

Section 4 **Special Meetings**. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or, in his absence, the vice president, or by a majority of the board of trustees.

Section 5 **Notice**. Notice of all meetings of the members shall be given either by mail or wire or in person to each member entitled thereto at least 14 days prior to the date of such meeting. In the case of any special meeting, the notice therefore shall state briefly the purpose of such meeting.

Section 6 **Voting by mail**. The board of trustees in its discretion, with respect to any annual or special meeting, may provide that the members may vote by mail with respect to all matters which are to be voted or acted upon by the members of any such meeting.

Section 7 **Voting** Only active members may vote on matters that are to be voted or acted upon by the association. Each member, as defined in Article I, Section I of these Regulations, shall be entitled to cast only one (1) vote regardless of the name or names by which the member is recorded on the rolls of the association.

### Article II Board of Trustees

Section I **Number and Term**. The number of trustees of the corporation shall be three or such greater number' as shall be fixed from time to time at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting of the members called for the purpose of electing trustees, and shall be elected for a term of three years and until their successors are elected.

Section 2 **Election**. The election of trustees shall be held at an annual meeting of the members or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The election shall be by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

Section 3 **Meetings.** An annual meeting of the trustees shall be held each year immediately following the annual meeting of the members. Special meetings of the trustees may be called at any time by the president, vice president, or by any two trustees.

#### Article III Officers

Section 1 **Number and Title.** The officers of the corporation shall be president, a vice president, a secretary arid a treasurer, who shall be elected by the members, and such officers shall hold office for the period of One (1) year and/or until their successors are elected and qualified. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person.

<sup>ii</sup>AMEND Section 1 Number and Title: The offices of President and Secretary will hold Two (2) year terms. The remaining offices will hold One (1) year terms.

Section 2 **President**. The president shall preside at all meetings of the members. He shall see that the bylaws, rules and regulations of the association are enforced, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to

time by the board of trustees.

Section 3 **Vice President**. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of trustees.

Section 4 **Secretary**. The secretary shall keep the minutes of all members and trustees meetings. He shall collect all moneys due the association and give the balance thereof to the treasurer. He shall be the ex-officio secretary of all committees appointed by the president or the board of trustees. He shall make a report to the board of trustees when demanded and to all the annual meetings of members.

Section 5 **Treasurer**. The treasurer shall receive the proceeds from the secretary and all other moneys. He shall disburse the same only upon itemized demands and upon the order of the board of directors. He shall account for all the same by itemized statements in detail to each annual meeting of members and to the board of trustees when demanded.

## Article IV Executive Board

Section 1 Board Composition The officers of the association, including the Trustees, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2 **Duties and Powers** The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association between its business meetings. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the association and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the association.

# Article IV Transactions between Corporation and Trustees, Officers, or Employees

No contract or other transaction shall be void or in any way affected or invalidated by the fact that it is between the corporation and one or more of its trustees, officers, or employees or between the corporation and any other corporation, firm, association or other entity in which one or more of the trustees, officers, or employees of this corporation are trustees, directors, officers, stockholders or otherwise financially interested, provided that: (1) the interest of any such trustee, officer or employee is disclosed or made known to the board of trustees or such members thereof as shall be present ant any meeting of the board of trustees at which any action on such contract or transaction shall be taken and (2) at such meeting there is a quorum of trustees, without counting the interested trustees, and the contract or transaction is approved by a sufficient number of votes without counting the vote or votes of such interested trustees.

### Article V Indemnification

The trustees, officers and employees, together with former trustees, officers and employees, of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation to the frill extent permitted by the Ohio Non-Profit Corporation law.

### Article VI Seal

The trustees may adopt a seal which, if adopted, shall be in such form as the trustees from time to time may determine.

### Article VII Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on December 31 of each year or on such other date as the trustees from time to time may determine.

# Article IX Amendment of Regulations

These regulations may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the members in writing along with the notice of the meeting.

Items in italic were accepted at the January 2005 business meeting.

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