

New England Pinto Horse Association Inc. Constitution

Article I: Name

This Association shall be known as New England Pinto Horse Association, Inc. The Official abbreviation shall be NEpTHA. This Association is subject to the directives and rules established by the Executive Officers and the Board of Directors of the Pinto Association of America Inc.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this Nonprofit Association shall be the promotion of the Pinto Horse through Horse Shows, Trail Rides and other Events. The promotion of Horsemanship, Horse Husbandry and Sportsmanship is encouraged.

It shall 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 its promotional work on a National and International basis.

The local Association shall carry out all social endeavors so important and necessary to the promotion of the Pinto Horse and approved outcross breeds . Each Organization shall be a division of the Pinto Horse Association of America. It shall be promoted as a charter of the official registry of the Pinto Horse of America.

Article III: Dissolution

Upon the Dissolution of the Corporation the Executive Officers and Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of liabilities of the Corporation, Shall liquidate all assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation in such a manner, or to such Association(s) organized and operated exclusively for agricultural purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt Association(s) under Section 501.C (5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws), as Board of Directors shall determine. The Pinto Horse Association of America Inc. Bethany, Oklahoma is to be given first consideration, **in no case shall any monies or properties of the Corporation be dispersed among the members.**

Article IV: Membership

Membership shall consist of Breeders, Owners and Exhibitors of the Pinto Horse and outcross breeds accepted for registration through the Pinto Horse Association of America.

Membership shall consist of Individual, Youth, Joint, Family, Lifetime Youth and Lifetime Individual Memberships.

Members who are also eligible to vote in the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. Shall be subject to directives of their rules. For info on memberships refer to NEpTHA By-Laws Article 1 section 2 Types of Membership

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Article V: Officers and Board of Directors

Section I: Qualifications and Terms

1. The Executive Officers and the State Board of Directors shall be elected from the Membership and must be at least nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1st, and a member in good standing on January 30th. of the year of the election. Any Officer or State Board of Director who resigns from their Office shall not be eligible for an election to another Executive Officer Position or State Director position for a period of two (2) full years following their resignation.

2. Any Officer or Board Member that resigns their seat twice (2 times) shall not be allowed to run for any position on the Board or its committees.

3. An Officer or Board of Director MAY NOT receive compensation of any type for doing their appointed position for New England Pinto Horse Association Inc. An Officer or Board of Director Must maintain a membership in good standing of Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. and New England Pinto Horse Association, Inc. and shall be removed from office immediately if good standing is not retained.

Section II: Officers

The Officers shall be Chairman of the Board, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall comprise the Executive Committee and together with the Board of Directors shall be responsible for the routine administration and management of the Association. The duration of office shall be for one year from the Fall Meeting to the next Fall Meeting and/or until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified.

In order to hold an Office in this Charter Association the Executive Committee and Board of Directors shall be, or become with in thirty (30) days of election, member of the Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc. and New England Pinto Horse Association and must maintain a membership in good standing of the charter and Pinto Horse Association of America, Inc.

The Executive Officers, after routine nomination, shall be elected at the Fall Meeting each year and may serve any number of consecutive terms. After completing two years of serving as an Executive Officer a member may be considered for the position of Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the Executive Officers seated for the present year and shall be appointed each year. Refer to NEpTHA By-Laws Article III Sections 1 through 5.

Section III: Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the Executive Board and no less than six (6) or no more than twelve (12) directors. A Maximum of two (2) directors from each of the six States. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Connecticut and Rhode Island. Directors will serve a term of two (2) consecutive years from Fall Meeting to the Fall Meeting.

Directors from the same state shall have alternating years so as not to terminate their positions in the same year.

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In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, resignation or by any other cause, the President and Board shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The successor shall be from the same area in which the vacancy occurs if there is an eligible and willing Member from that region. If no Member from that region is eligible or willing to be appointed, the President and the Board of Directors shall appoint another eligible member from the General Membership as long as that member meets the requirements to hold a Board of Director Position. The Youth Club may have one (1) Youth and one (1) Youth Advisor as non-voting representatives sitting on the Board of Directors.

Article VI: Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet to formulate the policy of this organization.

The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the Chairman or President at least twice a year at a time and place set by them. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors at such times as thought advisable. Such special meetings may not supersede regular meetings except when especially provided for.

Article VII: Amendments

Any Proposed Amendment of this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by a Member in good standing. The Executive Committee will be responsible for preparing and recommending amendments for the submission to the Board of Directors for action. If the proposed amendment is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, it shall be submitted to the membership for vote at any scheduled Board Meeting.

A written notice of intention to revise or amend, and the recommended amendment to be revised or amended will be mailed, electronic distribution and/or published in the Official Newsletter at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date.

The amendment will become effective only upon the affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Membership present.

Article VIII: Exceptions

Article I and Article II of this Constitution may not be altered in any form or manner by this affiliated association.

This Constitution lays down the principles of the Association.

The By-Laws concern chiefly the method of procedure rather than basic principles. These By-Laws are more easily amended than the Constitution, and their amendment need not in any way affect this main purpose of the Association.

This Constitution revised on said date:

November 2016 John Cunningham February 2017 John Cunningham November 2021 John Cunningham

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