ME Hunter/Jumper Association By-laws

Article I

The name shall be "ME Hunter/Jumper Association"

Article II

Purpose of organization: To promote hunters, jumpers, and hunter seat equitation in ME, the breeding of horses and ponies suitable for hunters and jumpers in ME, education regarding hunters, jumpers and hunter seat equitation, and to provide rules for fair and equitable competition.

Article III

Membership: Any person interested in Hunters and Jumpers may apply for membership. Membership will run from Dec. 1st to Nov. 30th. Only current paid members will be able to accrue points toward year-end awards, and member will not be entitled to any points accrued prior to the secretary receiving said dues. The age of the member on Dec. 1st shall be maintained throughout the year. In the event that the age of the member changes on Dec. 1st, the greater age shall apply. There will be two levels of membership; individual and family. A family membership shall consist of husband, wife and any children age 17 and under.

Article IV: Directors and Officers

The organization shall be run by a board of directors consisting of 9 members. This board will be elected by vote of the general membership at the first annual meeting. To keep a balanced board no one barn/stable can represent more than one-third of the board. At this first annual meeting, 3 will be elected for a one year term, 3 will be elected for a 2 year term, and 3 will be elected for a three year term. Each year thereafter, as each term expires, the election will be for 3 years. Exception: If a director leaves mid-term, the board can appoint someone to fill that vacancy until the annual meeting, then at the annual meeting, that position will be voted to be filled for the remainder of that term only. From the board of directors, the directors will elect the following officers: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. If at any time during the year one of these officers resigns or is unable to continue his/her duties, the board may appoint another to fill the officer position. The board will elect officers each year immediately following the general election for the board. The board will be responsible for running the organization, reviewing rules, and attending to the affairs of the organization. The president may call a meeting of the board of directors, or three directors may call a meeting of the board of directors. Notice of the meeting must be given in writing and/or via e-mail a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least 5 members of the board of directors. If a director misses three consecutive meetings, the board may consider the director unable to continue his/her duties, and may appoint a replacement.

Article V: Rules of Order:

The board of directors shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Orders.

Article VI. Dissolution

If this organization is dissolved, any funds left after paying all outstanding legal obligations, shall be donated to a non-profit organization to be determined by the board of directors.

Article VII. Amendments of the by-laws.

The board of directors may amend any of these by-laws with a vote of not less than 2/3 of the directors.