

GREEN COUNTRY ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS
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ARTICLE 1
NAME and ORGANIZATION

- Section 1 This Club shall be known as the Green Country Arabian Horse Association (GCAHA).
- Section 2 The purpose of the Green Country Arabian Horse Association is to foster principles of good horsemanship and sportsmanship with a special emphasis on youth; to encourage the interaction of owners of all breeds of horses; to promote the use of Arabian horses in developing versatile and colorful part-Arabians; and to develop activities and programs to accomplish the above.
- Section 3 The principal office or place of business, unless stipulated by the board of directors, shall be the home of the duly elected President of GCAHA (e-mail/street), with a permanent alternate street and/or e-mail address for GCAHA correspondence.
- Section 4 The fiscal year of GCAHA shall be January 1st though December 31st of each year.
- Section 5 There shall be no capital stock. All new members shall be given a copy of the Bylaws on request by said member.
- Section 6 As an Arabian Horse Association (AHA) chartered club, GCAHA shall abide by the current rules of AHA.

ARTICLE II
OFFICERS and DUTIES

- Section 1 The Officers of GCAHA shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All Officers of GCAHA shall be nominated and elected by the general membership. These officers shall hold office for a period of one year.
- Section 2 The President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings of GCAHA. The President shall appoint all special and standing committees, chairpersons and serve as ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall conduct the business of GCAHA in accordance with GCAHA Bylaws.

- Section 3 The Vice-President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall act as chairperson of the Nominating Committee. In the event of vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office for the unexpired term. The President, while ultimately responsible, should remind the Vice President of their duty.
- Section 4 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and safeguard the records of GCAHA and shall be ex-officio Secretary of all Board meetings. The Secretary shall conduct, supervise, count, and record the balloting of all elections and perform other such duties as usually pertain to this office, including those specifically assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors.
- Section 5 The Treasurer shall keep and safeguard the funds of GCAHA and keep accurate records of same. The Treasurer shall be required to report monthly receipts and disbursements of all monies handled through this office. The Treasurer shall also act as Membership Chairperson unless one is appointed separately by the President.
- Section 6 Chairpersons of all committees shall serve for a period not to exceed one year, unless appointed for a second term.
- Section 7 As an AHA chartered club, all Officers/Directors must be an individual affiliate voting member of AHA through GCAHA at the time of the election and during the term of office.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS and DUTIES

- Section 1 The Board of Directors of GCAHA shall consist of seven members: President, Vice-President, most recent past President, and four elected from the general membership.
- Section 2 The four Directors elected from the general membership shall hold office for a period of two years, two being elected each year.
- Section 3 The Secretary shall serve as ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 The Publicity Chairperson shall be an honorary, non-voting member of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5 The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of GCAHA.
- Section 6 Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, any three members of the Board, or any four general members in good standing. Each Director shall receive written or telephone notice of the time and place of each meeting in advance.

- Section 7 A quorum at any meeting of the Board shall consist of four or more Directors. A majority of the quorum shall decide any question that may arise. No business shall be conducted until a quorum is present.
- Section 8 The duties of the Directors shall be to advise the GCAHA in accomplishing the purpose of the Association. The Directors shall review and act on potential member applications and function in the capacity of an Ethics Review Committee.
- Section 9 All vacancies in the offices of the GCAHA, except that of President, shall be filled by appointment from the Board of Directors. Those so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy on the Board of Directors, for any reason, shall be filled by election at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

- Section 1 The time and place of the general membership meeting shall be designated by the Board of Directors or by approval of the general membership. Each member shall receive a written, newsletter/e-mail, or telephone notice of each meeting in advance.
- Section 2 Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the President at any time and place with written, newsletter/e-mail, or telephone notice to all members in advance.
- Section 3 A quorum shall consist of ten (10) percent of the voting members in good standing. A majority of the quorum shall decide any question that may arise. No business shall be conducted until a quorum is present.
- Section 4 All meetings shall be conducted by the Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

- Section 1 The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members: The Vice-President, acting as chairperson, one Director, appointed by the President, and two other members from the general membership, excluding, if possible, officers and member of the Board.
- Section 2 The Nominating Committee shall report at the October general meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be in order at this meeting. Elections shall be conducted at the December meeting.
- Section 3 Absentee ballots will be furnished with the December meeting notice.

Section 4 Voting shall be by secret ballot for any office for which there is more than one candidate. The candidates shall be elected by a majority of the voting members.

Section 5 Installation of Officers and Directors shall be held at or before the January meeting. Term of office shall begin upon installation.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIPS, VOTING RIGHTS, and DUES

Section 1 Eligibility for active membership in good standing:
(a) Any individual of good character and reputation, interested in promoting general horsemanship;
(b) Payment of annual dues for the membership year which shall run from the anniversary of the member's date to that date on the following year..

Section 2 Types of membership:
(a) Individual Affiliate Voting membership: a person who is a current AHA member through GCAHA. May vote, hold office, and/or be a delegate through this association. The member is also eligible to vote, hold office, be on a committee and/or be a delegate at the regional and national levels of AHA.
(b) Youth Non-Voting membership: open to an individual under the age of 18 as of December 1st of the previous calendar year. Has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold office or be a delegate.
(c) AHA Life (voting) membership: a lifetime member of AHA who has listed this association as his/her "designated" club. May vote, hold office, and/or be a delegate to/of this association.
(d) Associate membership: a person/family who is not a current affiliate AHA member through this association. Has no voting rights in AHA issues of this association and is not eligible to hold office or be a delegate.

Section 3 Voting rights on AHA issues are granted only to individual affiliate voting members paying AHA affiliate dues through GCAHA. Voting by verbal proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 4 (a) Dues for the succeeding calendar year shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and set by vote of the general membership at the October meeting.
(b) Dues shall be paid to the Treasurer or to AHA.
(c) New members may join AHA and GCAHA at any time during the membership year.
(d) GCAHA shall remit to AHA the sum assessed and collected by GCAHA per AHA individual affiliate voting member for dues.

Section 5 Termination of all or partial privileges of any member of GCAHA for unethical practices of any kind may be accomplished by the Board of Directors after holding a hearing. The member in question shall receive written notice of the hearing with adequate time to appear.

ARTICLE VII
FINANCIAL

- Section 1 This Association is a non-profit organization. All funds shall be used in accordance with our stated purpose and to provide for the continued functioning of GCAHA.
- Section 2 To access GCAHA funds, two of three authorized signatory member signatures, approved by the board, shall be required.
- Section 3 At the close of the fiscal year, the financial statements shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 Should GCAHA be dissolved, any remaining assets shall be donated for youth promotion, equine research, or other selected benevolent use. The current board of directors shall make such decisions.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 These Bylaws may be altered and amended at any meeting of GCAHA, providing a quorum is present, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the regular members present at such meeting, and providing that the proposed amendment or alteration was presented in writing to all members in good standing at least ten days prior to the meeting.
- Section 2 All amendments passed shall be dated, signed, and sent to the AHA Membership Committee, in addition to a cover letter signed by both the GCAHA President and Secretary, requesting review and approval.

President

Secretary

Date