

By Laws for the Heartland Paint Horse Club

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Location

- Section 1. Name: The name of this organization shall be the "Heartland Paint Horse Club".
- Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of this organization is to provide an opportunity for the enjoyment of the Paint Horse through organized shows, trail rides, clinics, and any other means deemed appropriate.
- Section 3. Location: The general location of this organization shall be Northwest Iowa. The club shall be headquartered at the address of the Secretary.

Article II: Members

- Section 1. Any person who has an interest in the Paint Horse is eligible for membership.
- Section 2. Membership dues shall be paid on application for membership and are renewable on January 1 of each year.
- Section 3. Each single membership shall have one vote and each family membership shall have two votes. Must be at least 18 years old to vote. Memberships are non-transferable.

Article III: Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer.
- Section 2. The President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and a points secretary (no voting privileges on board) shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Winter Meeting for a period of one year.
- Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all transactions of the club, keep official records of the club, and shall keep an accurate record of all the finances and financial transactions of the club.
- Section 4. Books shall be open for inspection and examination by the Board of Directors. The balance in checking and savings shall be available to any Board member upon reasonable request. All books will be audited at the end of each year by a committee appointed by the President.
- Section 5. Only one member per household to hold an office, or position on the board of directors.

Article IV: Board Of Directors

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of eight members serving two alternating terms. There will be two district directors serving two-year terms, both residing in each district. See Section Two.
Four shall be elected by the General Membership each spring at the annual meeting as four retire or elect to run again.
- Section 2. There will be four districts divided for approximately same amount of members in each district. Districts may be changed as needed. See map.
- Section 3. The Board shall take whatever action is deemed necessary to carry out the primary purpose of this club, without membership vote when deemed necessary.
- Section 4. Property, funds, and affairs of the Club shall be directed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. Only one member per household to be a board of director or an officer.

Article V: Meetings

- Section 1. The annual meeting of the membership shall be at such a place as the Board designates. At least two meetings of the membership shall be held each year including the annual meeting.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet whenever it is necessary.
- Section 3. Late fall meeting in each of the four districts for proposed rule changes and ideas to be presented to the board for approval to be voted on at the Annual Meeting by the General Membership.
- Section 4. A majority vote of all members present at any regular meeting shall be required to pass or carry any issue put to a vote, with the exception of the By-Law Amendments. .
- Section 5. Board Meetings during "off" show seasons to be held on a weekend. During the show season directly after the horse show if deemed necessary. Special meetings may be called when warranted.

Article VI: Amendments:

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, so they may appear in the notice of the Annual Meeting to be voted on by the General Membership.
- Section 2. Following discussion, the amendment shall be put to a vote and shall require a 2/3's majority vote of all members present to pass.

Heartland Paint Horse Club By-Law Amendments

Art V, Sec. 5, discussion (deemed necessary)
Art II, Sec 3 (age) single-family household one vote
Art IV, Sec 2, Districts may be changed as deemed necessary
Art IV, Sec 1, changes made to copy

OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11/14/2000 Officer positions one (1) year
2/2002 Officers and Board members must attend 75% of meetings and 3 of 5 shows.
12/16/2002 President is a tie-breaker voting position
12/16/2002 Create four (4) Districts with two (2) representatives from each, one with holding a two (2) year term, with the other holding a one (1) year term
11/2/2003 redo the Board of Directors, with (1) from each District and four (4) at large. Alternating 2yr terms.
1/17/2004 Amendment to allow two (2) family members to serve on the board, as long as both are not an executive position
1/17/2004 Split the Secretary & Treasurer offices
1/17/2004 Allow the Treasurer as a voting position
1/14/2006 Allow the District 1 position to be "At Large" in 2006 due to the lack of residence in that area.
1/12/2008 Allow to combine the Secretary/Treasurer position.
1/12/2008 Allow the Treasurer to move account to the local bank of choice.
1/16/2010 Reduce the At-Large Directors from (4) to (2).
1/12/2013 Make the executive board positions 2yr staggering terms, beginning with the President. The VP & Sec/treas will be up for re-election the following year.
1/12/2013 If a district has no members or willing nominees, the district representative position can be filled by any other member outside of the district.
1/10/2016 Point secretary position will be a 2 year rotating term beginning immediately.
1/8/2017 District representative positions are eliminated & now (6)At-Large with a 2 year rotating term.

BOARD MEETINGS

2/2002 All meetings will be held the second Monday of every month at Godfathers in Spencer
1/14/2006 Monthly meetings will be held at a date & place to be determined by the board.
1/12/2008 All meetings will be held at a centralized location for all board members. Currently, Cherokee, IA.
1/10/2009 Electronic discussions will be permitted on a group site, as needed by the board in the case we can not all drive a lengthy distance for a meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

9/26/2000 Membership is to be paid before show participation
9/26/2000 Family Membership \$15.00
9/28/2001 Membership Fee Change- \$10 Single; \$20 Family, \$5 One Day
3/11/2002 Only paid members can have voting privileges.
7/07/2002 Club newsletters will only go out to members.

Miscellaneous

HORSE/PONY REQUIREMENTS

9/26/2000 Pony will be under 57"
11/14/2000 Non-painted horses have papered breeding stock
7/20/2003 All breeding stocks will be allowed to show as long as the owner provides actual proof of registration from APHA by November 1 of that show season. If proof is not provided by November 1 following the show season, any year-end awards will be deleted.
1/16/2010 Papered Pinto horses (PtHA), either regular or breeding stock registry allowed.
7/15/2014 We will allow a non -Paint/Pinto owner who is new to showing to show for one show season. Will not receive any year end or high point awards. Will be required to pay all fees and volunteer just as a regular member. After that one year probation they have the option of registering their horse continue showing with HPHC or continue showing with us in the open classes.

Those exhibitors back numbers have a letter P added to identify them and make an announcement before and during the show that those exhibitors are here to audit the show and will not be awarded any awards.

ENTRY FEES

- 9/26/2000 \$3.00 horse entry fee & \$2.50 class entry fee
- 3/5/2001 \$4.00 class charge- no horse charge
- 3/5/2001 add pony class
- 2/15/2004 promotion for new members in 2004 show season. New members will receive one (1) free \$4.00 value entry to their first show. One (1) free \$4.00 entry will also be awarded to the club member that recruited the new member.
- 11/18/2006 Youth flat-fee of \$25 per judge per show.
- 7/8/2007 \$1 will be charged for new exhibitor numbers issued.
- 3/30/13 Entry fees increased to \$5 per class.
- 10/10/16 Youth flat-fee increased to \$40 per judge per show.

AWARDS

- 9/18/2001 must show in 3 out of 5 shows in order to receive year-end award
- 11/2/2003 Points are awarded as follows: First-5, Second-4, Third-3, Fourth-2, Fifth-1
- 12/13/2003 Awards presented for First through Third place. This was created by precedence in 2002.
- 3/14/2004 Points system revised: One point will be awarded for each entry in the class, up to 5 entries
- 11/18/2006 High Point awards will be given in each of the 3 age divisions for each show. This will be based on one horse/one rider. Awards will be presented to the winners at the following show or year end awards night.
- 1/13/2007 It will be required that each exhibitor volunteer to work a shift at one show per season to qualify for year end awards. If unable to work, a substitute may be found by the exhibitor.
- 2/7/2009 A youth scholarship will be set up & limited to 2 being awarded per year & being allowed to apply as long as they meet eligibility requirements, as stated in the scholarship rules. 50% of the youth account will be reserved for scholarships annually.
- 9/27/2009 ½ + 1 judges for season must be shown to in order to be eligible for year end awards. Open class horses will be awarded an alternate way, as deemed by the board.
- 10/25/2010 Open class horses/All breed, will be given ½ the credit as regular class horses. 2 sets of points will be run for Open classes & they will each be awarded in the top 3 for year-end. Entry cards will identify all-breed or grade horses.
- 1/11/14 A buy out option of \$50 per member will be offered if the member cannot meet the volunteer requirements for year end awards.

JUDGES

- 2/2002 Club members cannot judge a show

QUEENS CONTEST

- 3/11/2002 1 Judge, 2 Secret judge- judged by the show judge for the day, no board members will be allowed to judge
 - *Showmanship pattern; Queens run
 - *1 Queen, 1 runner-up