

GARDEN STATE PAINT HORSE CLUB, INC.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

- A. The name of this club shall be the GARDEN STATE PAINT HORSE CLUB, INC.
- B. The Official Abbreviation for this club shall be GSPHC.
- C. Location of said club will be the entire state of New Jersey.
- D. Principal place of business shall be the address of the duly elected Secretary, but business may be carried out at any place convenient to such members or officers as may be participating.
- E. Corporate Seal. The seal of the corporation shall be maintained in the custody of the Club Secretary.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

- A. To stimulate and promote interest in the Paint horse in the State of New Jersey.
- B. To promote and sponsor Paint Horse Shows and activities in the State of New Jersey.
- C. To promote the increase in quantity and improvement of quality of the Paint Horse breed in New Jersey.

ARTICLE III - RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Garden State Paint Horse Club rules and regulations to conform with the American Paint Horse Association rules and regulations. Anything not covered in the Garden State Paint Horse Club rules; American Paint Horse Club rules book to dictate.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any person having an interest in the Paint Horse may apply for membership.
- B. Family members are Mother, Father and any children under the age of eighteen (18) years; the age on January 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year.
- C. Individual members.
- D. Youth members are any persons eighteen (18) years of age or under; the age on January 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year.
- E. Membership will run from receipt of payment through December 31.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- A. The management of this Club shall be composed of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors totaling nine (9) members. Four (4) are the officers of the Club and four (4) are Directors elected by the general membership. These eight members are all voting members of the Board of Directors, however, the President votes only in the event of a tie. The ninth member of the Board of Directors will be the last voted past president with no voting privilege. All other past presidents shall be Directors at large, with no voting privileges.
- B. The term of office for all officers will be one (1) year. The term of office for all directors will be two (2) years, with two (2) directors being elected each year.
- C. The President shall preside at all meetings, regular, annual and special, as well as those of the Board of Directors. He/She shall cast a ballot in case of a tie vote and appoint special committees.
- D. The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the President's absence or disability.

- E. The Secretary shall keep efficient records of all meetings, attest to all certification of membership and process all billings for dues and correspondence. The Secretary shall submit a written report to be read at the annual membership meeting covering the activities of the Club for the preceding year. At the expiration of his term of office, the Secretary shall deliver all records, books of account and property of the Club to his successor; or to the President in the event a vacancy exists in that office at the time.
- F. The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all monies belonging to the Club, the same to be dispensed with the approval of and to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors. Checks must be signed by any two (2) officers of the Club. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep proper and accurate records of the finances of the Club, all books to remain open for inspection at any time by the Board of Directors or any appointed committee chosen for that purpose. The Treasurer shall submit an account of the Club's standing at all regular meetings and the annual membership meeting. At the expiration of his term, all money, property and records in his possession shall be delivered to this successor or to the President, if a vacancy exists in the office at the time. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by December 31 and a complete financial statement presented to the general membership by the first meeting (January) of the new year. The President shall appoint a special auditing committee for this purpose.
- G. The Board of Directors shall have control of the management, funds and property of the Club. The Directors shall meet prior to and immediately after the annual and regular membership meetings as needed. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, and it shall be his or her duty to call such a meeting upon request made upon him by any two (2) members of the Board of Directors. A quorum to conduct business shall be two-thirds of the Directors. No member or officer of the Club, acting individually, shall have the power to bind the Club for any debts or obligations without first obtaining the approval and authority of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancy or unexpired term of any officer or Board member, either temporary or permanent. Board members will serve for two (2) years, with two (2) Directors being elected each year. Officers and Directors shall not miss three (3) consecutive meetings or they will be removed from office. The Executive Board will appoint someone to fill that vacant office. In addition, if an officer or director representing Garden State Paint Horse Club pursuant to Article II, Sections A, B, C (e.g., promoting Paint interest in New Jersey, promoting Paint activities in New Jersey, promoting the increased quality of Paints in New Jersey), misses three (3) consecutive meetings due to an appointment mentioned above, upon the review and approval of the extenuating circumstances by the Board of Directors, said officer or director shall be exempt from remove from office.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

- A. Only family, individual, or youth members whose current dues are paid may vote. One (1) vote per individual or youth membership; two (2) votes per family membership.
- B. Nominations to elect officers are to be made by the Nominating Committee appointed by the President, who will prepare a slate and report their findings to the general membership at the September meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at this time. Nominees must be members in good standing. Ballots will then be mailed to members thirty (3) days in advance of the December membership meeting.
- C. Ballots will be mailed to all members. These ballots must be returned to the Nominating Committee Secretary by the December general membership meeting. Ballots will be counted and results announced at this time.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- A. Annual Meeting – The annual meeting of the membership of this Club shall be held in December of each year.
- B. General Membership Meetings – General membership meetings will be held the first week of each month, September through April. Notification of the time, place and date will be provided to all members in good standing. Additional membership meetings may be called as needed.
- C. Special Meetings – Special meetings may be called by the President, Vice President, Board of Directors or any group of ten (10) members submitting a proper letter of request to the President.
- D. Notice of Meetings – Notice of General Membership Meetings shall be given to the members by the Secretary, by mail, at least ten (10) Days proper to such meetings.
- E. A quorum to conduct business shall be six (6) voting members in attendance.

ARTICLE VIII – ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Call the meeting to order
- B. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
- C. Treasurer’s report
- D. Communications and notices received
- E. Reading of report and statements
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
- H. Adjournment

ARTICLE IX – SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors for failure to pay dues or any monies due Garden State Paint Horse Club or for conduct unbecoming a member. Before any member is suspended or expelled, written notice of the charges against him and possible suspension shall be sent by registered mail and regular mail to his address as it appears in the records of the Club ten (10) days prior to the next Board of Directors meeting. At this meeting, he shall be given an opportunity to present his position. He must also be notified, by registered mail and regular mail, at least ten (10) days prior to the next scheduled general membership meeting where he may appeal the decision of the Board of Directors, if he so desires. The decision of the Board of Directors may be overturned by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present at this general membership meeting. Disciplinary action or length of suspension will be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X – FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

The President may at any time and from time to time appoint committees and delegate to such committees such powers and duties as in his discretion may appear appropriate. Committees will be appointed on the volunteer basis and can be changed or amended to meet the club needs during any calendar year.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These regulations may be amended, supplemented or repealed at any general membership meeting. All members must have prior notification, in writing, of such proposed amendments. Six (6) Directors must be present at said general membership meeting to change said regulations.

ARTICLE XII – INDEMNIFICATION

Each officer, director, and committee member of the garden State Paint Horse Club shall be indemnified by the garden State Paint Horse Club against all costs, expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with/or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding to which he/she may be made a party by reason of his or her being or having been a director, officer or committee members of the Club, except in relation to matters which shall have been occasioned by the willful misconduct or dishonesty of such officer, director or committee member. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to any other rights to which such officer, director or committee member may be entitled as a matter of law.

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors, shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for agricultural purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organization or organizations under Section 501.C (5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. The American Paint Horse Association, Fort Worth, Texas is to be given first consideration.

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