

LOUISIANA CHAPTER
MISSOURI FOX TROTTING HORSE BREED ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS

(WITH REVISIONS AS APPROVED AT 1999 ANNUAL MEETING)

PURPOSE

This organization does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof. The specific purpose for which it is formed is to provide for family fun and entertainment and the promotion of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse breed within the State of Louisiana by sponsoring trail rides and horse shows.

ORGANIZATION

The organization shall conduct its financial affairs, and such other affairs as may be appropriate, on a calendar year basis.

Membership in the organization may be obtained upon request, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

An annual meeting of the membership will be held each year at which time the following action will be taken.

1. Election of officers and directors for the upcoming year.
2. Planning of activities for the upcoming year.
3. Any other business duly brought before membership.

Special meetings may be called whenever deemed necessary by the president and/or board of directors, or upon petition duly signed by two-thirds majority of members in good standing.

All members in good standing will be mailed or telephoned notification of all meetings at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

Those members present at any duly called membership meeting shall represent a quorum. Provided, however, that no objection to a lack of quorum may be voiced or heard except by a member to whom notice of the meeting was not properly given.

This procedure to be used for the election of officers and directors shall be as determined by the board of directors. Notice of said procedure shall be provided to membership prior to the taking of nominations.

OFFICERS

Officers of the organization shall serve for one (1) year and shall consist of the following:

President
Vice-President
Secretary-Treasurer

All officers of the organization shall be current members of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association (MFTHBA).

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

President: The president shall be the principal officer of the organization. He shall preside over all meetings of the membership and of the board of directors; shall decide the date, time and place of all meetings; shall appoint committees as he deems necessary; shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees; shall be the representative of the organization at the annual conference of the MFTHBA; and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be fixed by the board of directors.

Vice-President: The vice-president shall perform any duties of the president in his absence, and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be fixed by the board of directors.

Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping records, in writing, of all meetings of the membership and/or board of directors; shall assist the president in notifying the membership or board of directors of meetings; shall be responsible for all funds of the organization; shall keep current records reflecting the financial status of the organization; shall prepare a financial report of the financial status for presentation at each annual meeting of the membership and whenever called upon for same by the president; shall keep current records to reflect the membership of the organization; shall determine members in good standing for the purpose of voting at membership meetings; and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be fixed by the board of directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In addition to the above listed officers, the board of directors shall consist of a minimum of three (3), but not more than four (4) directors elected from the membership of the organization. These directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years on a rotating basis, whereby, at least one director shall be elected each year. Any reference hereinafter to the board of directors shall include the above named officers.

The board of directors shall govern the affairs of the organization and shall enjoy full and complete powers for that expressed purpose.

The duties of the board of directors shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Present each member with a copy of the by-laws.
2. Monitor and recommend changes in by-laws to membership for approval.
3. Accept and act upon any applications from prospective members.

4. Determine amount of dues for the coming year.
5. Enforcement of all rules and by-laws of the organization.
6. Appoint a member to fill any vacancy on the board of directors which might occur during the year.
7. Supervise the review actions of the secretary-treasurer.
8. Accept and screen recommendations for members at-large.

The officers and directors of the organization shall serve without compensation for their services.

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Notice of meetings of the board of directors shall be given in the same manner as membership meetings.

Any vacancy in the board of directors shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining directors. The person so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the membership.

MEMBERS

Rights to membership in the organization shall be as determined by the board of directors.

Family memberships shall be provided to those who pay dues at a rate of twice that of the single membership. Family memberships shall be entitled to a maximum of two votes at any duly called membership meeting; provided that two family members are either present or represented by proxy.

Lifetime memberships shall be provided to those who pay dues at a rate of ten times the regular annual dues in effect at the time of the payment.

Any member, whose dues are not paid by March 31 of the current year, shall be deleted from the membership roll of the organization. The member so deleted, may be reinstated upon the payment of his dues.

No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during any function sponsored by the organization.

Members shall be expected to conduct themselves at any function of the organization in a manner conducive to the purpose of the organization.

Any member, whose conduct is deemed so unseemly as to offend the membership at large, may be expelled from the organization by action of the board of directors. Any member, so expelled, shall forfeit all dues he has paid to the organization and shall not be permitted to participate in future activities of the organization.

Any member in good standing shall have the right to vote at any duly called membership meeting. Members shall have the right to vote by proxy, provided the proxy is properly signed by member, specifies the meeting to which it relates, and is presented to the secretary prior to the meeting.

HORSE SHOWS

All horse shows sponsored by the organization shall meet the following criteria:

Shall be conducted according to MFTHBA rules.

Shall employ approved MFTHBA judges. Judges so employed shall reside outside the state of Louisiana.

AUTHORITY RELATIVE TO FUNDS

The authority to withdraw funds of the organization shall be limited to the president and/or secretary-treasurer. The board of directors shall have the authority to review and deny any withdrawal of funds they deem necessary.

LIABILITY

No member of the board of directors, or member at-large, shall be or become liable for any act or contract of the organization.

AMENDMENT

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of this organization represented at any duly called membership meeting.