

# **OHIO PAINT HORSE YOUTH CLUB BY-LAWS**

PURPOSE: To create, stimulate and promote interest in the breeding, riding and showing of the Paint Horse for the Youth of the State of Ohio. To, at all times, promote the upgrading of the Paint Horse to improve the breed in this State. To promote and hold horse shows, participate in horse shows, hold trail rides and other activities, to promote and create interest with the Youth towards the Paint Horse and to do any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishment of such purposes.

## **CODE OF REGULATIONS**

### **1. MEETINGS**

- A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Meetings of the organization shall be held at such time and place as agreed upon by a majority of the members. Notice of the same shall be sent to all members by the Secretary.
- B. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: Meetings of the Officers shall be held at the discretion of the President or Vice President.
- C. NOTICE OF MEETINGS: Notice of special and monthly meetings shall be given to the members by the Secretary either my mail or telephone, whichever is appropriate at least ten (10) days before such meetings.
- D. SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings may be called by the President, Vice President, Youth Advisor or by a majority of the members.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: Any youth eighteen (18) years of age and under, having a bona fide interest in Paint Horses may apply for membership. Any youth who pays membership dues to the Ohio Paint Horse Club will automatically become a member of the Ohio Paint Horse Youth Club.**

### **3. OFFICERS**

- A. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the last General Membership Meeting of each calendar year for a term of one (1) year.
- B. Youth Advisor(s) shall be selected by a majority vote of the members present at the last General Membership Meeting of each calendar Year. This selection will be subject to approval by the Directors of the Ohio Paint Horse Club.

### **4. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

- A. PRESIDENT: The President shall perform all duties incident to such office, preside at all meetings, and perform such other and further duties as may from time to time arise, cast ballot in case of tie vote and appoint special committees.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the President's absence or disability.
- C. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the members and shall give all notices required by law and Code of Regulations or By-Laws of the Club. They shall keep a proper book and record of membership and at the expiration of his/her term of office shall deliver all books, papers and property of the Club to the President or their successor.
- D. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all monies and securities of the Club and to keep account and records of the finances which shall be open to inspection by

club members at all times and to perform all other duties incident thereto. All checks must be signed by two (2) officers, being either the President, Vice President or Treasurer, whose names and signatures will appear on the signature cards held at the financial institution where funds are kept. *The OPHC Treasurer's name and signature will be required on the signature card held at the financial institution where funds are kept. The Treasurer shall submit quarterly reports and yearly reports to the membership and OPHC Treasurer, and submit the financial records to the OPHC Treasurer for an annual audit. The OPHC Treasurer shall receive the bank statements from the bank and a copy forwarded to the Youth Treasurer.* All expenditures exceeding \$150.00 for the actual running expenses of the Club shall be approved by the OPHC Board of Directors before payment is ordered. An exception shall be the expenses incurred for the Youth Club sponsored horse show(s) and Year End Awards which the Club sponsors. These expenses may be paid without approval of the OPHC as long as they are kept within the figure of the previous year.

5. ELECTION: All voting for Officers and Youth Advisor(s) shall be by ballot. Nominations may be made by a nominating committee or by nomination from the floor. Any person nominated must have previously consented to such nomination. Each officer shall be nominated, voted upon and election completed before nominations can be accepted for the next office.
6. ORDER OF BUSINESS
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - C. Treasurer's Report
  - D. Communications and Notices
  - E. Reading of Reports and Statements
  - F. Unfinished Business
  - G. New or Miscellaneous Business
  - H. Adjournment
7. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS: Any members may be suspended or expelled by the membership for failure to pay dues or for conduct unbecoming of a member. Before any member is suspended or expelled, written notice of the charges against him/her and of the time and place of the meeting of the membership at which the same are to be considered, shall be mailed to him/her at his/her address as it appears in the records of the corporation, at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. He/she shall be given an opportunity to defend and shall have the right to appeal from the decision of the membership and upon his/her written request the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the members to consider such appeal.
8. AMENDMENTS: These regulations may be amended, supplemented or repealed by the written assent thereto at any membership meeting provided all members have been notified of such desire to amend said regulations.

*These By-laws were amended by the Ohio Paint Horse Youth Club on Nov. 21, 1999 and reviewed on Nov. 20, 2004  
The Ohio Paint Horse Club Board of Directors voted and approved the amendments on Nov. 21, 1999.*