

## **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**

12/16/2002 Art III, Sec 5, alright  
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.  
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.

### **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.

### **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.

## 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.

## SHOW CLASS CHANGES

- 1/8/2002 add Two Year Old Western Pleasure class for 2002 show season  
2/9/2003 combination of Jack Benny and Adult Walk-Trot classes  
\*add In-hand yearling trail class behind longeline class  
\* move the Reining class behind the Adult Western class  
\* split Jr/Sr Pleasure class along with splitting men/women due to tack changes  
\* add statement "Show management has the discretion of combining classes" to the bottom of the showbill.  
2/15/2004 Add Boot Race 15 & Under, and Boot Race 16 & Older, in place of the Flag Races  
2/15/2004 the Jack Benny class will be included again for the 2004 showbill, behind the Adult Trail class  
3/17/2007 All shows will be OCAP & PAC approved.  
1/12/2008 Yearling Triathlon competition will be added. Yearling Longe-line, Halter & Trail will be offered at a \$2 discount. Must compete in all 3 yearling classes to be eligible & receive discount. Year-end prizes to be awarded.

## 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.

## 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