

## GREATER HOUSTON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

## BYLAWS

## Article I - NAME AND OBJECTIVE

The name of the association shall be THE GREATER HOUSTON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION.

The Association's objective shall be to promote the interest of the member Quarter Horse exhibitors, to increase the number of members, breeders, and exhibitors in the area and do any and all things necessary to advance the prosperity of the Quarter Horse breed and its' supporters. To stimulate, regulate, advance, publicize, and promote all matters such as may pertain to the exhibition, breeding, publicity, sale, and improvement of the Quarter Horse breed. All of the proceedings and activities of this Association shall be in harmony with the policies and activities of the American Quarter Horse Association.

## Article II - AREA COVERED

The hub of this association shall be Houston, Texas, and shall cover the counties adjoining Harris County and the general surrounding area.

The activities of this association shall be limited to within a circle bounded by a 150 air mile radius from the City Hall of Houston, Texas, excluding that area of the circle outside of the state of Texas.

## Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be opened to any reliable person interested in, and supporting the objectives of this Association. Provided that person is currently eligible for membership in the American Quarter Horse Association.

All memberships in this Association may be considered family memberships, entitling all family members living in a common household to be eligible to participate in any activity of this Association, subject to such rules and regulations as may be set up for that activity. However, each family membership shall be limited to two (2) votes on matters of business or election. Individual memberships, listing only one name on the Association records, shall be limited to one (1) vote.

Any person may join this association under the name of his company, ranch, or farm under the same terms as those which apply to him in a family membership. However, any partnership (ranch, horse, etc.) owned by different families, shall require each family to be a member of the Association and pay separate dues. NOTE: As applied to year end awards for the open classes, the AQHA owner of record of a horse must be an Association member. (Individual, ranch, or company.) Also, membership as a company, ranch, etc. would exclude a member from consideration as an amateur for Association awards.

Any person having joined this Association shall be subject to the rules and Bylaws of the Association, in force or later adopted, and shall be subject to expulsion from the Association for action deemed detrimental to the Association by the Executive committee of this Association, subject to review by the Association Board of Directors.

Any member expelled by the American Quarter Horse Association is automatically expelled from this Association.

#### Article IV - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The officers and directors of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and eighteen (18) Directors. These officers and directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual election meeting.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected and qualified. These officers shall be members of the Board of Directors. Also, the immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board.

The directors are each elected for a three (3) year term. Their terms being staged so that six (6) new directors are elected each year to fill the vacancies created by the retiring directors. All officers shall be eligible for reelection.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) Directors shall constitute the Association Executive Committee. The Four (4) Directors shall be nominated for the Executive Committee by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Each Director and Officer shall be expected to attend all meetings possible and to participate in the activities of the Association. Absence from four (4) consecutive meetings, general membership plus board meetings, shall be deemed failure to meet the minimum

requirements to continue his tenure as a Director or Officer, and said position shall become vacant. Provided, that consideration shall be given to absences caused by illness, vacation, or business demands necessitating such absence. Consideration being accepted by the Executive Committee, subject to appeal to the Board of Directors.

Any Officer or Director, other than the President, who resigns or is dropped from office for any reason, shall have their remaining term filled by appointment by the President, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. With the restriction that an appointment to the office of Vice-President shall come from those serving elected terms. Refusal by all those serving elected term shall then make any member in good standings subject to appointment to the office of Vice-President.

In the event of resignation or removal of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President. The office of Vice-President then being filled by appointment.

All Officers and Directors must be members, in good standing, of this Association.

#### Article V - OFFICERS DUTIES

The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the general membership and of the Board of Directors, and perform such duties as are usually attached to the office.

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when the latter is absent or unable to act.

The Secretary and the Treasurer shall perform the usual duties of their offices, subject to the authority of the Executive Committee.

The Association Board of Directors shall be charged to conduct and manage the business and operations of the association and shall have full authority to do so.

The Association Executive Committees shall have authority to act in behalf of the Association Board of Directors and to conduct such duties as are charged to them by these Bylaws.

#### Article VI - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin January 1st and end the following December 31st.

## Article VII - FINANCIAL PLAN

The annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable on or before the first of the calendar year, with a grace period of thirty (30) days. On expiration of this grace period, all rights of membership shall be dropped retroactive to the first of the fiscal year. Payment after the grace period renews full membership as of date of payment, BUT IS NOT RETROACTIVE.

It is specifically understood that the members of the Board of Directors shall not be excluded from this provision. Failure of payment of dues shall automatically vacate that Board member's office.

## Article VIII - MEETINGS

The general membership meetings of the Association shall be held on the third Tuesday of the odd numbered months of the year. With the January meeting being the first meeting of the year. Making possible (6) meetings for each year as applied to attendance requirements.

The election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the January general membership meeting.

Special General membership meetings may be called by the President, if necessary, or by any three (3) Board of Director members. At least five (5) days' notice, as established by Post Mark, of such meetings shall be sent to each member by regular mail to their address of record. The time and place of such meetings shall be determined by the President, or by those calling the meeting.

Provided proper notice has been given, a quorum shall consist of at least three (3) Board members and seven (7) other voting members of the Association.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President, or three (3) Board members, as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Association. At least five (5) days notice of such meetings must be sent to each Board member by ordinary mail. A quorum shall consist of at least six (6) Board members.

The Executive Committee meetings shall be held as deemed necessary by the Association President or by any three members of the Executive Committee.

All meetings shall be conducted pursuant to "Roberts Rules of Order."

## Article IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees may be appointed to conduct the ongoing business of the Association. Said Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the Association President. Members of such committees shall serve for the current term of the Association President, or until their successors have been named.

## Article X - LIABILITY

Knowing that considerable risk is involved whenever a public function is held, this Association has been duly incorporated in the State of Texas. In the event of liability, the liability of the Board and Officers shall be limited to the corporation; and neither the members, officers, nor directors shall be held responsible in any way whatsoever.

## Article XI - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special General Membership meeting by a majority vote of those present, provided that advance notice and a copy of the proposed amendments are sent to the membership with the meeting notice. Or an amendment may be proposed at any membership meeting and then approved at the next membership meeting by a majority vote of those present.

The above Bylaws duly present to and approved by the members present at the membership meeting at Houston, Texas, on the 19th day of May, 1992. Thus replacing any and all previous bylaws and/or amendments which may have applied to the GREATER HOUSTON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION.

Kendy 2. Hall  
Secretary

Date May 19, 1992