

FarWest Appaloosa Champions

THE CLUB

Mission: The FarWest Appaloosa Champions Club mission is to encourage the camaraderie of all Appaloosa owners whom show at the 4H, Open and Breed level, by offering a year end awards program to recognize and celebrate their efforts.

Article I

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be FarWest Appaloosa Champions Club. Hereafter referred to as Farwest.

Section 2. The club shall be affiliated with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc of Moscow, Idaho. Hereafter referred to as the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

Section 3. The general area in which the Farwest Club will operate is the North West including but not limited to the State of Washington, Oregon, Idaho; however membership shall be open to residents of other areas as well.

The principal office for transaction of business of this Club shall be located at the current Treasurers residence.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1. To serve and promote the best interests of the registered Appaloosa's shown in recognized shows.

Section 2. To promote fellowship and good will of Appaloosa enthusiasts.

Section 3. Recognized shows for this club are; 4H classes or shows, Open shows and Appaloosa Breed approved Shows. (No schooling shows)

Section 4. To celebrate and recognize the achievements of those Appaloosa's and their owners and riders who that participate in 4H shows, Open Shows, and Breed level shows where one judge or multiple Judges are shown to.

Section 5. To cooperate with and aid in every way possible the programs and functions of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.

Section 6. To support other organizations with similar interests to the mutual benefit of all.

Article III

Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone with a bona-fide interest in Appaloosa Horses and the objectives of the Club.

Article III Cont'd

Section 2. Membership: classification;

There shall be four (4) classifications of membership.

1. Individual Adult members.
 - a. Individual Adult members shall be defined as nineteen (19) years of age and over.
2. Individual Junior members.
 - a. Individual junior members shall be defined as being eighteen (18) years or younger as of January 1st of the current calendar year.

3. Family members.
 - a. Family members shall consist of one or both parents and all unmarried children under twenty-one (21) years of age and living in the same household.
4. Couple.
 - a. Couple members shall consist of two (2 adult members living in the same household.)

Section 3. Honorary membership may be granted to a person who has performed a distinguished service to the club. This would be complementary lifetime membership with all rights and privileges of paid memberships.

Section 4. Membership fees shall be determined for the ensuing year at the Annual business meeting. Dues are due and payable on or before March 1st of each year. Dues are considered late after March 15th.

Section 5. Membership shall be recognized when a completed application form and yearly dues are received by the club treasurer. Membership received after July 1st for the current year shall be double.

Section 6. Membership received after October 1st shall count for the following show year. (Show year is from January 1st to September 30th of each year.)

Section 7. Membership dues and Awards enrollment fees must be paid before your points for Awards will count. Dues are non refundable. (Points count for top 10 placing) i.e. 11,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1

MEMBERS ONLY can compete for FarWest year end Awards.

Section 8. All monies received from the membership dues will be used for breed promotional work, expenses of the Awards and other activities in connection with the purpose of this club. All funds of the Club shall be deposited from time to time by the Treasurer to the credit of the club in such banks of trust companies as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 9. The membership in this club is non-transferable. Any attempt to transfer shall immediately void the membership and relieve the Club of any obligation to refund any dues paid.

Section 10. Those members abusing or misusing their privileges of membership will have their membership revoked after an appropriate hearing of The Club's Board of Directors.

- a. Membership may be terminated for the following reasons:
 1. By resignation for the member
 2. By default in the payment of dues, Dues are payable on or before March 1st of the current calendar year.
 3. By suspension or revocation for valid cause after an appropriate hearing to the Board of Directors, giving the member involved notice of said hearing and opportunity to be present, upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 11. A copy of the bylaws and any amendments shall be presented to all members.

Article IV Meeting and Elections

Section 1. Business meeting will be held at the Annual General membership meeting.

Section 2. Board of directors shall meet via conference call, email or in person prior to members business meeting as needed.

Section 3. Notice of the meeting shall be given in writing or via email to the members not less than 5 days before the meeting.

Section 4. At the Annual Meeting;

- a. The President, vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected from the general membership. The Awards Chairperson shall be appointed by the BOD and serve the same term. These positions shall be for one (1) year terms.
- b. To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, a person shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older (WA state law) and a member of the ApHC and the FarWest Club in good standing for at least one year.
- c. The immediate Past President shall serve on the Board for a period of one (1) year following term of office.
- d. The Board of Directors shall consist of the four elected board members and the immediate past president.
- e. To run for a Board of director position you must be a member in good standing of the Farwest Appaloosa Champions Club for a minimum of 18 months and a current member of the Appaloosa Horse Club, inc. of Moscow Idaho. ApHC.

Section 5. In the event of death, written resignation or refusal to serve on the Board, the un-expired terms of these vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the BOD at the next regularly scheduled business meeting. Should any member of the Board be absent from three (2) consecutive scheduled board meetings during the fiscal year of this Club without just reason accepted by the Board, this office may be declared vacant on a majority vote of the Directors present, and the unexpired term be filled by appointment.

Section 6. There shall be at least two (2) regular BOD meeting during the fiscal year. Such business as may come up before these meetings may then be properly considered and acted upon.

- a. The fiscal Year shall begin January 1st thru Oct 15th. (No meetings Oct, {Worlds Show} Nov, Thanksgiving, and Dec. Holidays other than Executive session by conference call if necessary).

Section 7. Special meetings may be call at any time by the Board of Directors, giving not less than 10 days notice either by mail or email of said meeting to the members. No other business except the specific subject may be discussed other than the subject requiring the special resolution by the Membership.

Section 8. The Secretary will send an annual report of The Club activities and progress of the prior year to the Secretary of the Appaloosa Horse club, Inc by the required date each year. (After charter with the ApHC)

Section 9. Quorum. A quorum at the Annual business meeting shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the paid Adult members. A quorum at a Directors meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the BOD/Officers.

Section 10. Proxy votes will not be recognized for any business conducted by the Club.

Section 11. Any officials of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc may be present at any Club meeting and join in discussions.

Article V Management Authority

Section 1. The Board of directors shall define the policies of the Club and shall have administrative direction and management of this association.

Section 2 Officers: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate past President, shall carry out the policies of the Club as guided by the preferences of the membership.

Section 3. Duties of the Officers:

1. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer. He/she shall in general supervise the business and affairs of the Club. He /she shall preside at all meetings of the members or Board of Directors. He/she shall co-sign, with the Treasurer (if no co-treasurer), all checks that are drawn from the Club's bank accounts; and in general. Recruit new members and sponsors, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the BOD from time to time.
2. Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall also be responsible for all fees and dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer .He/she shall conduct an annual audit of the Club's books accounts, along with other designated members. He/she shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/ her by the President or by the BOD.
3. Secretary. The shall keep the minutes of all the meetings of the BOD and members in books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws, and be custodian of the corporate records. The Secretary shall also keep the membership roll containing the mailing addresses and email addresses of all members. It is the responsibility of the member to keep the Secretary informed of any address change.
Email is the primary source for information to be sent to members.
The secretary shall submit an annual report to the Appaloosa Horse club, Inc. listing the progress of the club. In general, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time be assigned to him/her by the President or BOD.
4. Treasurer/Co-treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the books and accounts, and shall deposit all Club funds in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check and co-signed by the Treasurer and co-treasurer or President. All disbursements must be approved by the BOD prior to payment. A financial report shall be given to the members at the Annual membership meetings. The Farwest club's books shall be audited annually by a three-member committee consisting of the vice President and three members appointed by the BOD.
5. No member shall hold more than one elected office at one time.
6. One director at large may also be elected to the BOD after meeting the minimum requirements to serve on the BOD, as needed and decided by the BOD

Section 4. Other positions and committees.

1. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter shall be published and distributed to the members periodically throughout the year via the FarWest web site. The Newsletter should publish club news and activities, as well as any advertising that will publicize and promote the Appaloosa Horse.
2. Points Keeper Committee. The Club may provide a point system for all appaloosa horses in the various show categories for (4H,TBD) Open Shows and Appaloosa Breed Shows.
3. Year End High Point Enrollment forms must be filled out and the associated fee paid for each of the categories you are competing in for an award.
4. Point sheets for members should be turned in within 45 days after the show with a copy of the points earned. You may attach a show program generated point form from the show secretary or fill out the point form and have the show secretary sign it. Either way the top of the point form needs to be filled out and mailed to the point's keeper at PO Box 2431 Woodinville, WA 98072.

5. Committees; Committees shall be formed as needed. The term of a committee should be determined at the time the committee is form but not to exceed one year.
6. Term of Office. The term for any position or committee member is one year, unless the committee is terminated sooner.
7. Conduct and Order of Business and Board of Directors meetings. Except as required by statute or as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all meetings of the members, Board of Directors and Committees shall be in accordance with ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER current revision.

Article VI Appendices;

Section 1. Appendix an Appendix shall be used to establish general guidelines for Club functions.

- a. An appendix can be adopted by a majority vote of members in attendance at a regular meeting without previous notice and will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 2 List of appendices

- a. FarWest Appaloosa Champions Exhibitors Rules
- b. FarWest Appaloosa Champions Enrollment Form Open Show
- c. FarWest Appaloosa Champions Enrollment Form Breed Show
- d. FarWest Appaloosa Champions Enrolment Form 4H (TBD)
- e. FarWest Appaloosa Champions Points keeper Report form Open show
- f. FarWest Appaloosa Champions Points keeper Report form Breed show
- g. FarWest Appaloosa Champions Membership Application

Article VII Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new ones adopted at any meeting of this organization by a two-thirds (2/3) of the BOD, and 2/3 of the active members present;

ApHC Charter will be applied for as soon as all requirements for club charter are met.

Article VIII Disbandment

TBD

Amended 2/12/2010