

EVERGREEN PYGMY GOAT ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Article I

This society will be known as the "Evergreen Pygmy Goat Association" hereafter shall be referred to as the E.P.G.A.

Article II E.P.G.A. Objectives

Section 1. The showing and intelligent study of Pygmy Goats, with the aim to produce the finest Pygmy Goats, always aiming towards the highest standards of excellence.

Section 2. Sponsorship of shows and exhibitions. Keeping E.P.G.A. abreast of current judging standards.

Section 3. To promote and help protect the high standards of ethics among Pygmy Goat breeders, keepers, and exhibitors.

Article III Memberships

Section 1. Any person may become a member of the E.P.G.A. by filling out an application agreeing to the by-laws and payment of membership dues to the treasurer.

Section 2. All members are in good standing except a member who has failed to pay his or her current annual membership dues by the January meeting, or any other subscription or debt due and owing by him or her to the E.P.G.A. and he or she is not in good standing so long as his or her debt remains unpaid.

Section 3. Only members in good standing may vote in the E.P.G.A.

Section 4. There shall be ~~two~~ three types of memberships in the E.P.G.A.

~~A. A single membership of \$25.00 initial thereafter \$15.00 annually. A single membership will have one vote.~~

~~B. A family membership of \$25.00 initial thereafter \$20.00 annually. A family membership will have two votes.~~

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B. A family membership of \$15.00 annually. A family membership will have two votes.

C. A Youth membership of \$5.00 initial thereafter \$5.00 annually. A Youth membership will have no vote.

Section 5. Annual dues shall be payable at the December meeting of each year. The amount of the dues for each type of membership shall be agreed upon at the November meeting with a floor vote of the present at that meeting. Dues for new members joining after July 1st shall be reduced by half.

Section 6. Any member who misrepresents him or herself as a duly elected officer in the E.P.G.A. and/or engages in suspected willful fraudulent sales shall be investigated by a committee appointed by the president. The member will have the opportunity to present their case. Failure to do so shall terminate their membership in the E.P.G.A., and disqualification from participating in any of the E.P.G.A. sponsored activities.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. Elected officers of the E.P.G.A. shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The President may appoint assistants to these officers.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings. The President shall appoint all committees, subject to the voting approval of the membership present at the meeting.

Section 4. The Vice President shall act as presiding officer in the absence of the president, or in case of the Presidents inability to act.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all E.P.G.A. meetings. The Secretary shall send copies of the minutes from the meeting to the President and the Newsletter Editor within one week after the monthly meeting for publication. The Secretary shall also keep an up to date record of membership addresses. The Secretary shall also perform any other duties assigned that office.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and pay all bills authorized by the E.P.G.A. The Treasurer shall also provide the president and the Newsletter Editor with a monthly report of all financial transactions for publication in the newsletter. The Treasurer shall send a dues reminder to the newsletter for publication in the October, November and December Newsletter. The Treasurer will also send a statement for dues before January 1 each year to those who have not renewed their membership.

Section 7. Upon request by the President, the Treasurer shall turn all accounts and books over to the President or his appointed committee for the purpose of account auditing or transfer to a new Treasurer. Any member in good standing may also request an audit by a motion from the floor with a majority vote for approval.

Article V Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations

A. A Nominating Chairperson shall be nominated by the President and voted

in by the membership present at the September meeting.

B. The Chairperson shall submit a list of consenting names to the President and the Newsletter Editor for presentation to membership at the October meeting and again in the December news letter as a ballot.

C. Nominations may be made from the floor at the October meeting with consent of the person nominated.

Section 2. Election of Officers

A. The proposed slate of officers (both proposed by the nominating chairperson and those nominated from the floor) shall be printed according to Article V, Section 1B.

Voting shall be made by ballot at the December meeting or by mail that is received by the Nominating Chairperson before the December meeting date. In the case of a Family membership a handwritten absentee ballot will be accepted. The Chairperson shall furnish extra ballots for the December meeting.

B. All candidates for office must be in good standing.

C. The term of office for President, Vice President, and Secretary shall be for one year or until a successor has been elected. The term of office for Treasurer shall be for two years or until a successor has been elected. Consecutive terms will be allowed for all Officers of EPGA.

D. If any officer fails to attend three consecutive meetings without adequate excuse, that office shall be declared vacant and filled by ballot election for the balance of the term of office by those present at that meeting.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. The meetings of the E.P.G.A. shall be held at such times and places as the membership may decide upon.

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Article VII Rules of Order

Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts Rule or Order shall govern the E.P.G.A. in

all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of the E.P.G.A.

Article VIII By-Law Amendments

Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting provided that all members have been notified twenty days prior to the meeting.

Article IX Standing Rules

Section 1. There shall be standing rules as needed by the E.P.G.A. Standing rules may be amended, rescinded, or suspended by two-thirds vote at any regular meeting without prior notice.

A. President and Treasurer will both be authorized signers on the Association's checking and/or Savings accounts.

Article X Dissolution

The E.P.G.A. may be dissolved with a two thirds majority vote. In the event of dissolving the E.P.G.A. any funds and/or assets remaining after the satisfaction of debts and liabilities shall be donated to the National Pygmy Goat Association.

9/12/15

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