

Bylaws of Cascade Cow Cutters

The following Bylaws of Cascade Cow Cutters were adopted by the association at a meeting called specifically for the purpose of discussion and adoption of bylaws. Present were the designated officers and directors of the association and members following notification to said members that the bylaws were to be adopted at the meeting.

Article I

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected by the general membership. The officers shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are qualified and duly elected.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all general membership meetings of the association and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all special and standing committees and conduct the business of the association in accordance with the bylaws and other rules and regulations to the association. He shall be an ex-officio of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent from any meetings of the general membership or Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be elected by the membership and shall keep the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall be required to make such reports pertaining to the activities of the association, as may be required by the rules and regulations of the association and by appropriate state and other governmental agencies. The Secretary shall specifically issue all notices on calls to the Directors and members, and conduct, supervise, count and record the balloting of all elections and perform all other duties that usually pertain to the office of Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be elected by the membership and shall be responsible to keep and safeguard the records and funds of the association, and perform all other functions customarily associated with the role of Treasurer and the association.

Section 6. The Board of Directors of the association shall consist of nine (9) adult members in good standing and shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors elected at large by the general membership.

- (a) The Board of Directors at large shall be elected by the membership and shall serve for a period of three years, two years and three (3) one year terms. *Thereafter, three Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting, one for a three year term and two for one year terms.* The annual meeting pertaining to the election of officers and directors of this association shall be conducted at the annual awards banquet.
- (b) Election of officers shall be done by ballot, with only current members voting.
- (c) All members of the Board of Directors must be in good standing. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a Director or Directors to fill the vacancy of any Director until a meeting is called specifically for the purpose of selecting and electing a replacement Director for the vacant position.
- (d) The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of this association shall be held immediately preceding or following the annual membership meeting of the members.
- (e) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time or place based upon at least one week advance notification of that meeting.

- (f) A quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be 60%, to include the President or Vice President. A majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may come before the meeting. All directors' meetings may be adjourned from day to day or from time to time until a quorum appears.
- (g) The Board of Directors shall act as planning and nominating committee.
- (h) In the event of any controversy, a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors shall be required to decide the questions. A contested action of the Board may be nullified only by a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members.
- (i) A vacancy shall occur within the Board of Directors of this association should any of the Board of Directors die or should any member of the Board of Directors miss attending three consecutive meetings without good cause and without prior approval of the President of the association.
- (j) The Board of Director's term shall begin December 1. All projects, tasks and records should be completed before turning them over to the new directors.

Article II

Section 1. Meetings of the members of the association, other than the annual and general membership meeting, shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors upon appropriate advance notification to the members.

Section 2. Monthly membership meetings may be called by the President at any time and place on reasonable written notice to all members, which reasonable written notice shall be at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. 20% of voting members shall constitute a quorum at any general membership meeting or any other meeting calling for vote of the membership and a majority of such quorum shall decide any questions that may arise at such meetings. All general membership meetings and other meetings may be adjourned from day to day and from time to time until a quorum is present.

Section 4. Membership shall be of the following types:

- (a) Adult members shall be persons having attained at least the age of 18 years.
- (b) Youth members shall be persons under the age of 18
- (c) Family membership shall comprise of a husband and wife or a father alone or a mother alone together with any children under the age of 18 years.
- (d) A Corporation shall be same as adult member.

Section 5. Voting members shall be adult members. A family membership is entitled to have *two votes*. A corporation may have one vote. There shall be no proxy votes in the association.

Section 6. Any member who shall make himself or herself a nuisance by constant complaints or fault-finding or by harassing the Officers or Directors of the association, may at the direction of the Board of Directors of the association, be dropped from membership; upon appropriate notice being provided to said member. If such action is taken, the membership fee shall be returned and all privileges of the association shall be denied to that member following termination of membership.

Section 7. The order of business at any meeting of the general membership shall be:

- a) Call to order
- b) Reading of the minutes
- c) Treasurer's report
- d) Report of Officers
- e) Election, if any
- f) Unfinished business
- g) New business
- h) Adjournment

Article III

Section 1. Any individual, regardless of whether he or she rides or owns a cutting horse, any firm, any partnership, any organization, any riding club, any state or regional group of good character or reputation interested in cutting horses may become an acting member of this association. Each adult member shall pay annual membership dues of \$30.00. Each family membership shall pay annual dues of \$35. Free dues are offered for each youth member. Any proposed increase in membership fees will be considered first by the board of directors, and then made into a motion to be voted on by the membership during the General Membership Meeting. Any membership dues paid after October 1 will be applied to the following association year. Failing to pay membership fees will result in loss of association privileges.

Section 2. All membership dues shall be paid to the Show Secretary or Treasurer.

Article IV

Section 1. Bylaws may be repealed, modified or amended at any special meeting of the members of the association following due notice. Notice must give the amendment of the bylaws and shall be part of the order of business of that particular meeting. These bylaws may be amended by a vote of 20% of the membership at any general meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment of the bylaws of the association will be sent by mail or email to members in good standing not less than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Any standing rule pertaining to the association may not be changed unless the proposed change shall be submitted in writing, or emailed to each member not less than 10 days prior to the meeting where the change to be voted upon shall be conducted.

Section 3. Standing rules of the association shall be the National Cutting Horse Association standing rules with the following additions:

- a. A member of the Cascade Cow Cutters may work at any show.
- b. For year-end awards, points are accumulated at all CCC approved shows. A member must show in at least 50% plus 1 of the regular 12 shows (6 full weekends) in order to qualify for year-end awards. In the event that any additional shows are approved, the points from the highest scoring 12 shows will count for year-end awards.