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New York Hereford Breeders Association, Juniors

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Article 1 – Name

Section 1: The name of this association shall be The New York Empire Polled Hereford and Hereford Breeders Association, Juniors Association, and shall operate as the New York Junior Hereford Association (NYJHA).

Article 2 – Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of this association is to promote the Hereford breed and the character of the youth in New York State.

Article 3 – Membership

Section 1: To join the New York Junior Hereford Association, one must be under the age of 21 at the start of the fiscal year and must pay the one time membership fee of \$25.

Section 2: The fiscal year will begin on November 1 and will conclude on October 31.

Article 4 – Dues

Section 1: Annual membership fees for this association shall be \$5 per fiscal year and shall be paid for member to be considered active and shall be required for member to participate in NYJHA events.

Section 2: If one is not considered an active member at the entry deadline of a NYJHA show and wishes to compete in a showmanship competition at that show, they will be required to pay \$15 and will ONLY be eligible for showmanship competitions and not breeding cattle classes.

Section 3: If any member becomes inactive for a period exceeding twelve months, they may pay a \$10 fee to regain their active membership status.

Article 5 - Officers and Directors

Section 1: The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publications, and Director, each of which shall be elected to a one year term.

Section 2: The officers shall be nominated by the director and from open floor nominations at election time and shall be voted on by the general membership.

Section 3: Any officer, who becomes inactive and/or is unable to perform their duties, shall be removed from their position upon agreement between the advisor, president, and vice president. If either the president or vice president is the inactive officer then they must be

impeached by 2/3 vote of the general membership in addition to having the agreement of the advisor.

Article 6 – Advisor

Section 1: One or more persons shall be appointed by the adult New York Hereford Breeders Association (NYHBA) and shall serve as the advisor to the NYJHA, attending all meetings and assisting with the NYJHA program in every possible way.

Section 2: The advisor(s) shall serve until they wish to resign or until the NYJHA membership votes to have the advisor removed from their position with a 2/3 consensus needed, at which time a new advisor shall be appointed by the NYHBA and approved by the junior association membership by a majority vote.

Section 3: Additional advisors may be added only with the agreement of the current advisor(s) and a majority vote by both the NYHBA and the NYJHA in favor of adding the new advisor.

Article 7 – Conducting Business

Section 1: The principal place of business of this association shall be following the NYHBA meetings.

Section 2: The President and Advisor shall have the authority to call special meetings of the membership of the association providing a two week notice is given to all members.

Section 3: The annual meeting of this association shall be held in November in conjunction with the NYHBA annual meeting and elections shall take place at this meeting.

Article 8 – Vacancies

Section 1: Any office that may become vacant shall be filled by the Director and approved by the President and Advisor. This appointee shall hold the office only until the next annual meeting for the election of officers.

Article 9 – Duties of Officers

Section 1: *President:* It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular meetings and special meetings of this association and to appoint all committees. The President shall also maintain a general oversight over the affairs of the association.

Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to act at any time during the absence of the President. The Vice-President will also be expected to serve on and to chair some committees, including the finance committee.

Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the association and applicable committee meetings and to attend to the

correspondence and general business of the association. The Secretary will be expected to tend to communications within the association and to serve on at least the finance committee.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of the financial state of the association and of all of its transactions, issuing and recording proper receipts, and to make a report of the association's financial activity to be presented at each meeting. The treasurer shall also be expected to serve on at least the finance committee.

Publications: The publications officer(s) shall report on activities of the Association and of its individual members to livestock press and local media. The publications officer(s) shall submit a short blurb to the NYHBA newsletter for every issue detailing the activities of the association. The publications officer(s) shall also handle all communication of the association to outside groups or individuals. It shall be the duty of this officer to promote the Hereford breed and the juniors of that breed as well as this association to the highest possible standard.

Director: It shall be the duty of the Director to assist the President and Advisor in coordinating all major activities. This shall include, but not be limited to, making telephone calls, writing emails, price shopping for supplies, purchasing materials, and setting up at various functions. It shall also be the duty of the Director, when necessary, to fill necessary offices which are temporarily vacant due to the absence of an individual, other than the office of the President (unless the Vice-President is not in attendance either). The director shall also form a nominations slate for each annual meeting for the election of new officers.

Article 10 – New York Hereford Queen and Princess

Section 1: There shall be a queen program in place that allows young women of the NYJHA the opportunity to apply to be the New York Hereford Queen or Princess depending upon their age. Depending on the size of the applicant pool, alternates may be selected. The NYHBA shall appoint a committee consisting of at least 3 members of their association to review the applications for this program and select the queen and princess on an annual basis.

Article 11 – Amendments

Section 1: The By-Laws of this association may be amended at any of the meetings provided a quorum is present or at the annual meeting regardless of attendance and must be approved by a 2/3 vote of all members in attendance. Notice of a vote to amend the By-Laws shall either be emailed out to the active membership or shall be published in the newsletter with at least two weeks notice.