

BI-LAWS
OF
THE IOWA DONKEY AND MULE SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization should be to increase the interest and education of Donkeys and Mules in the state of Iowa.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

The members of this corporation shall consist of all members in good standing of the Iowa Donkey and Mule Society, Inc. who shall have paid their dues in the club. Anyone may become a member of the organization that is interested in donkeys and mule's activity, and upon payment of the annual dues. Membership in this corporation shall not be transferrable. Only one membership shall be owned by any one individual. A family may be granted to a family by paying the dues as fixed by the IDMS. Junior membership is any person 11 to 17 with parents or guardian not members they will not be able to vote. Memberships will run from November 1 to October 31 each year.

ARTICLE III

DUES

The annual dues for memberships in this organization shall be

\$25 dollars per person, or a family membership at \$45 dollars, which shall be payable on or before the first day of each year. \$15 Junior membership 11 to 17 without privilege to vote with parents or guardians not members. Any members of the organization that has not paid their dues shall not be eligible for any of the benefits offered or conferred by this organization.

ARTICLE IV

VOTING

Only members in good standing may vote regardless of age, but MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE TO VOTE, age as of Jan 1 of current year.

ARTICLE V

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings, or near thereto as is reasonably possible.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-President,

Secretary and Treasurer. The same person shall not be Secretary and Treasurer. Members must be a member of the society for at least 2 years in good standing to be eligible to serve as an officer, and 1 year in good standing to be a board member.

Members must be at least 18 to hold an office or be a member of the board.

Elections will be held at the November annual meeting.

The Governing Body: The Officers and Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the society and shall determine all questions and changes of the policy that may arise during the interval between and/or meetings.

President: The President presides over all meetings, is responsible for maintaining decorum at the meetings and is the primary spokesperson for the society. The President shall appoint the Vice-President and a minimum of two other members to special committees.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside over meetings and maintain decorum in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall be a part of special committees set by the President.

Secretary: The Secretary will keep accurate records of every meeting and is responsible for getting these meeting minutes to the membership and send the newsletter. The Secretary also writes necessary correspondences including a report on society activities to the IDMS member's quarterly. The secretary will maintain the current membership list. This will include receiving membership forms and forwarding the dues to the IDMS Treasurer.

Treasurer: The treasurer will keep the financial records of the society and collect dues. The treasurer will receive, deposit and disburse all monies for the society, maintain an accurate accounting of all financial transactions and submit a written report for the presentation at the

Annual Meeting in November each year. An audit committee will be appointed by the President to annually review the IDMS financial records. Financial records will always be open for inspection by any elected officer of board of director. The President shall be an alternate signatory on the IDMS checking account and be provided a copy of the monthly bank statement.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the IDMS between its business meetings, make recommendations to the society and perform other duties as set forth in these by-laws. They will also be appointed to special committees set by the President.

Appointed by the Board and Officers:

Reporter: Reports to the public on Facebook, magazines, events, show results, etc.

Futurity Coordinator: shall oversee all futurity business, includes nomination, reports, and futurity entries

Show Coordinator: Responsible for overseeing all aspects of IDMS shows. Includes working with officers and board to resolve any issues that may arise.

COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint special committees as considered necessary to carry out the activities of the society.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings: Regular meetings of the membership will take place at least twice a year. The annual meeting will be in November and the second meeting in February. The Executive Board will determine meeting dates and times. Additional meetings may be called and may coincide with society events.

Meeting Agenda: The order of business at regular meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes
4. Treasurer's report
5. Old business
6. Additional reports
7. New Business
8. Election of New Officers
9. Next meeting
10. Other business
11. Adjournment

Quorum: There must be at least two officers and three Board of Directors for a quorum

ELECTIONS

Nominations: Nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors will be taken at the annual meeting in November. Members being nominated will have the opportunity to accept or decline the nominations.

Voting: Voting may be done by a secret ballot. The secretary and one board of director will count ballots.

Assuming Office: The Officers take possession of their office effective immediately after the voting has determined a winner.

MIS-CONDUCT

Any member whose conduct shall be decided by a majority of the Governing Body to have been injurious to the interest or welfare of the organization shall forfeit his/her membership and rights, but such vote shall not be taken without giving the offender two weeks' notice of the charge against him/her and affording him/her an opportunity of being heard in his defense. He/she may appeal from a decision of the Board to the organization, at a special meeting called for that purpose, but it shall require a 2/3 vote of those present to reverse the Governing Body's decision.

AMENDMENTS

These articles may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Governing Body present at any club meetings or special meeting duly and legally called, providing a notice stating the nature of such contemplated amendments, together with the time and place of said meeting, shall have been given not less than ten days before said meetings. Members will be notified by mailing or e-mailing copies of such notice to members of the corporation in good standing at their last known addresses.

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