

**RESTATED  
BY-LAWS  
OF  
NORTH AMERICAN SUFFOLK HORSE ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I.

**Place of Business**

Section 1. PRINCIPAL LOCATION. The principal office of the association for the transaction of business shall be at such location as the Board of Directors shall determine from time to time.

Section 2. ADDITIONAL OFFICES. Additional business offices may be established at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE II.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the association is to keep and maintain a register of Suffolk horses; to keep and maintain descriptions and genealogies, or pedigrees, of such stock and their descendants, in order to maintain a pure breed; to issue certificates of registry and transfer of purebred Suffolk horses and for the advancement of the interests of the Suffolk horses internationally and to do any and all things that may be necessary to properly conduct the business of the association.

ARTICLE III.

**Corporate Seal**

The seal of the association shall consist of two concentric circles between which the name of the association shall appear. The association seal as shown by the impression in the margin hereof is hereby adopted as the seal of the association.

ARTICLE IV.

**Directors**

Section 1. NUMBER. The number of directors shall be seven (7). All of the Directors must be members of the North American Suffolk Horse Association and the owners of registered Suffolk horses.

Section 2. TERM. The Directors shall be elected by the process set forth in Article VII, Section 11, the results of which shall be announced at the Annual Meeting of the members of the association. Each Director shall be elected to serve a term of four (4) years or until his successor shall be elected and shall qualify, until his death, until he resigns, or until he shall be removed, provided that in the event of failure to elect the directors by the process set forth in Article VIII, Section 11, the Directors may be elected at any Special Meeting of the membership called for that purpose. Every year two (2) Directors will be elected with the exception of every fourth (4th) year when only one (1) Director will be elected. New Directors will assume their seats immediately following the Annual Meeting. Directors may serve no more than three (3) full, consecutive terms, and may not be a candidate for Director again until he or she shall have been off the Board of Directors for at least two (2) years.

Section 3. QUORUM. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If at any meeting of the Board there shall be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present, or, if only one director shall be present, such Director may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is obtained. Notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given other than by announcement at the meeting which shall be so adjourned. Any meeting at which a quorum for any purpose is present may likewise be adjourned. At any adjourned meeting any business may be transacted or taken at the meeting as originally called.

Section 4. NOTICES. Any notice of meeting required to be given or which may be given to a Director shall be personally served or mailed by United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the last known address of such director, and

shall be deemed to be given and received, if mailed, ten (10) days following the date of mailing or by electronic mail. The additional posting of the meeting on the associations website or social media will qualify as notice to the membership. Attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where the director attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or shall be called by the President on the written request of any two directors. Written notice of special meetings of Directors shall be given to each director at least three (3) days before the meeting.

Section 6. POWERS AND DUTIES. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the management of the business of the association, and, subject to the restrictions imposed by law, by the charter of the association, or by these By-Laws, may exercise all the powers of the association.

Section 7. SALARY & COMPENSATION. Directors may receive a salary for their services as Directors, but any such salary must be approved by unanimous vote of all the directors. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the association in any other capacity as an officer, agent or otherwise and receiving compensation therefore so long as the compensation is approved by the Directors. Any director who submits receipts for travel to an annual meeting may be reimbursed up to an amount approved by a unanimous vote of Directors.

Section 8. VACANCY AND REMOVAL. Any Director may be removed, with or without cause, by the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. In all cases, prior to a vote to remove a Director, the Board shall provide at least fifteen days' notice to the Director in question and provide reasonable opportunity for that member to state their case to the Board in a duly noticed executive session of the Board of Directors. Any vacancy that occurs in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the candidate that received the second highest vote total at the most recent election for that board position, or if that candidate is no longer able or willing to serve as a Director, then the vacant position shall be filled by vote of a majority of the remaining directors. Each interim Director shall hold office until his successor is elected by the mail-in ballot process or at the next meeting of the membership held for that purpose.

Section 9. CONSENT AND WAIVER OF NOTICE. Any transactions of the Directors at any meeting thereof, regardless of how or whether call was made, or notice given, shall be as valid as though transacted at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum be present, and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the Directors entitled to vote and not present in person sign a written waiver of notice, or a consent thereof. All such waivers, consents or approvals shall be filed with the Secretary of this association and made part of the records of the meeting.

Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of these By-Laws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the actual giving of such notice.

Any action, which under any provision of these By-Laws might be taken at a meeting of the directors, may be taken without a meeting if a record of memorandum thereof be made in writing and signed by all of the directors who would be entitled to vote at a meeting for such purpose and such record or memorandum be filed with the secretary and made part of the association records.

Section 10. CONFERENCE TELEPHONE CALLS. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of such Board by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

## ARTICLE V.

### Officers

Section 1. ELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS. The officers of this association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as may be appointed by the Board of Directors. No officer shall execute, acknowledge, or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if such instrument be required by law or these By-Laws to be executed, acknowledged or verified, as the case may be, by any two or more Officers, except that the same person may be both Secretary and Treasurer, and may be bonded at the expense of the association.

Section 2. TERMS AND COMPENSATION. The term of office and the salary of each of said officers, if any, and the manner and time of the payment of such salaries shall be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors and may be altered by said Board from time to time, and at any time at its pleasure. Any officer may be removed at any time by the Board.

## ARTICLE VI.

### **Powers and Duties of Officers**

Section 1. PRESIDENT. The powers and duties of the President shall be:

- (1) To preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- (2) To call all meetings of the Board of Directors to be held at such times and places as are provided by these By-Laws.
- (3) Except when otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, to affix the signature of the association to all deeds, conveyances, mortgages and other papers and instruments in writing that may require the same, to sign certificates of membership of the association, and to supervise and control, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, all officers, agents, and employees of the association. Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, all deeds, conveyances, mortgages and other papers and instruments of the association need only be signed by the President and need not be signed by the Secretary or any other officer of the association.

Section 2. VICE-PRESIDENT. In case of the absence, disability or death of the President, the Vice-President, in order of rank, of this association shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be granted or prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 3. SECRETARY. The powers and duties of the Secretary shall be:

- (1) To keep full and complete records of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the membership.
- (2) To keep the seal of the association and to affix the same to all instruments which may require it.
- (3) To countersign such instruments, if any, as may be required by law to be executed, acknowledged, or verified, as the case may be, by two officers.
- (4) To make service and publication of all notices that may be necessary or proper, and without command or direction from anyone.
- (5) To supervise and control the keeping of the accounts and books of the association.
- (6) To transfer upon the books of the association any and all membership certificates; provided, however, that no membership certificate shall be issued or delivered, or if issued or delivered, shall have validity whatsoever, until and unless it has been signed by the President of the association.
- (7) Generally, to do and perform all such duties as pertain to his office and as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to or paid unto the association and give receipts therefore, and shall deposit moneys, as he shall be directed by the Board of Directors, with one or more solvent and reputable banks to be designated by the Board of Directors and shall keep full and complete records of the funds received and the disbursement thereof. He shall render to the members at the regular annual meeting thereof, and also to the Board of Directors at any meeting thereof, or from time to time whenever Directors or the President may require, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the association and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors. He shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited the books of the association to the Board of Directors, or to any committee appointed by the Board, or to any director on application during business hours, or to any person entitled to inspect such books pursuant to pertinent provisions of the Washington Nonprofit Association Act, Chapter 24-03.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Members

Section 1. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS. Members may be admitted at any time upon the approval of the Board of Directors, and upon payment of membership fees as provided herein. Memberships shall not be transferable.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP FEES. Membership in the North American Suffolk Horse Association will be open to any person, or registered business (corporation, LLC, or partnership) including an educational institution, owning, or engaged in the breeding or buying, selling, or importing of purebred Suffolk horses or any individual representative of a registered business not actively involved but interested in the purebred Suffolk horse. The Board shall have the right to request and receive documentation confirming the current existence of the registered business and the name of the appointed representative. The annual membership fee shall be set by the Board and is due on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>. All members shall be entitled to reduced registration and transfer fees. If the membership fee is not paid before April 30 of the membership year, the privilege to vote in the board elections shall be forfeited that year.

Section 3. PLACE OF MEETING. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these By-laws provided, any meeting (whether annual, special or adjourned) of the stockholders of this association may be held at any place within or without the State of Washington which has been designated therefore by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. In the event the Directors are not elected each year by the process specified in Article VII, Section 11, a Special Meeting may be held for that purpose, and it shall be the duty of the President, the Vice-President, or the Secretary, upon the demand of any member entitled to vote at such meeting, to call such Special Meeting for the Election of Directors.

Section 5. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors or by one or more members holding not less than one-tenth of the voting power of the association.

Section 6. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. Notice of the Annual Meeting of the membership shall be given by written notice or email address previously transmitted to the association, or personally served on each member, or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his last known post office address appearing upon the books of the association for the purpose of notice, not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days before the time fixed for holding such meeting. Any notice of the meeting shall be deemed given and received, if mailed, 10 days following the date of mailing.

Upon a request being made by written notice to the President, the Vice-President or the Secretary by any person or persons thus empowered to call such meeting, such officer shall give notice to the members that such meeting has been called for the purpose or purposes stated in such request and is to be held at a specified time, which time as fixed by such officer shall not be less than ten, nor more than thirty-five, days after receipt of such request. If notice of such meetings be not given to the members by such officer within said time, such person or persons making such request may fix the time of meeting and give notice thereof in the manner provided by these By-Laws.

All notices of Annual or Special meetings shall state the place, day, and hour and, in the case of Special meetings, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.

Section 7. CONSENT AND WAIVER OF NOTICE. Any transactions of the members at any meeting thereof, regardless of how or whether call was made or notice given, shall be as valid as though transacted at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if quorum be present, either in person or by proxy, and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the members entitled to vote and not present in person or by proxy sign a written waiver of notice, or a consent to the holding of such meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents or approvals shall be filed with the Secretary and made a part of the records of the meeting.

Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of these By-Laws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the actual giving of such notice.

Any action, which under any provisions of these By-Laws might be taken at a meeting of the members, may be taken without a meeting if a record of memorandum thereof be made in writing and signed by all of the holders of shares who would be entitled to vote at a meeting for such purpose and such record or memorandum be filed with the Secretary and made a part of the association records.

Section 8. QUORUM, VOTING AND PROXIES. At any meeting of the members (whether annual, special, or adjourned) the majority of members present, and voting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each membership certificate shall entitle the duly qualified and registered holder therefore to one vote. All proxies shall be in writing subscribed by the member entitled to vote or his attorney-in-fact, and no such proxy shall be valid or confer any right or authority to vote or act thereunder unless such proxy has been offered for filing to, and left with, the Secretary of the association prior to the meeting at which the same is to be used; provided, however, that in case any meeting of the membership whatsoever (whether annual, special or adjourned) shall have been for any cause adjourned, proxies shall be valid and may be used at such adjourned meeting, which have been offered for filing to, and left with the Secretary of the association prior to the date upon which said adjourned meeting shall in fact be held. There shall be no quorum requirements if the members are voting to elect directors by mail-in ballot, and all ballots returned shall be counted to determine by majority vote who is elected to serve as a director.

Section 9. ADJOURNMENTS. Any business which might be transacted at an annual meeting of the members may be done at a special or at an adjourned meeting. If no quorum be present at any meeting of the members (whether annual, special or adjourned) such meeting may be adjourned by those present from day to day, or from time to time, until such quorum be obtained, such adjournment and the reasons therefore being recorded in the journal or minutes of proceedings of the members, and no notice whatsoever need be given of any such adjourned meeting if the time and place of such meeting be fixed at the meeting adjourned.

Section 10. PRESIDING OFFICER MAY VOTE. At any meeting of the members the presiding officer may vote upon all questions, the same as any other member.

Section 11. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. The Directors may be elected by the current members pursuant to a USPS mail-in ballot or by an electronic ballot as follows:

- (1) The President will initiate the process each year by appointing a nominating committee, which committee will consist of the current Vice-President, and two (2) current members, who can be board members or non-board members at the discretion of the President. The President needs to appoint the committee early enough in the year so the time deadlines set forth herein can be met. The nominating committee will then solicit names from members and prepare to submit names the committee has decided to nominate for the open Director positions for that year and inform any interested person not selected of such decision of the nominating committee on or before the date falling 100 days prior to the Annual Meeting date.
- (2) In addition to the committee process in (1) above, the members at large are able to nominate a candidate for Director directly by submitting to the nominating committee a petition signed by ten (10) current paid members, whose memberships were current as of 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, April 30<sup>th</sup>. A current member may only sign one direct nominating petition annually. The nominating committee will then submit the names of all persons nominated to the President on or before the date falling ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting date. The list of nominees shall consist of two (2) nominees per open position, exclusive of any nominees directly petitioned by the members at large.
- (3) Approximately fifty (50) days prior to the Annual Meeting date, all current paid members of the association as of 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, April 30<sup>th</sup> who maintain a valid email account, previously transmitted by the member to the association, and who have not opted out of the electronic voting will receive an electronic ballot emailed to the voting member's email address of record held by the association. Such procedure shall be initiated and conducted by the association via an online balloting system chosen by the Board of Directors. An electronic Notice of the Annual Meeting shall also be emailed to the member, along with a short biography on the candidates (which electronic biography may be limited in length by the nominating committee in its discretion). Such electronic notice shall direct the member to the online balloting system, at the same time the USPS Mail-in ballots are mailed to the membership. The deadline for the receipt of electronic votes, cast by the Membership, shall be governed by the same rules as for USPS Mail-in voting.
- (4) Approximately fifty (50) days prior to the Annual Meeting date, each current paid member as of 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, April 30<sup>th</sup> without a valid email account on file with the association, will be sent, via USPS, Notice of the Annual Meeting, a short biography on the candidates (which biography will be limited in length by the nominating committee in its discretion), a ballot packet which will include a ballot with a seal, a ballot envelope and a mailing envelope. The ballot must be returned postmarked within thirty (30) days of the date of the initial mailing postmark, and all ballots will be opened and counted by the CPA or Notary Public designated pursuant to subsection (5) below.

- (5) Sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting or any Special or Adjourned meeting called for the purpose of electing Director(s), a licensed CPA or a registered Notary Public shall be approved and designated by the Board of Directors to receive the electronic ballots and USPS Mail-in ballots for tabulating. The Approved CPA or Notary Public and the Secretary of the Association shall be the only individuals to have access to the online balloting system's results module or the USPS Mail-in votes. The approved CPA or Notary Public shall be instructed to tabulate all electronic votes and the USPS Mail-in votes and report the results, in full, to the Vice-President, who shall announce the results at the Annual Meeting.
- (6) Voting for Director by members at the Annual Meeting is not permitted.
- (7) The nominees receiving the highest vote totals shall be deemed elected to the open seats for Director annually. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the nominating committee shall determine who the new director(s) will be, by majority vote of the nominating committee, to be cast within five (5) days after the report of the approved CPA or Notary Public as announced by the Vice-President at the Annual Meeting.

Section 12 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: The Board may suspend or terminate a member upon an affirmative vote of two thirds of directors present at a quorum of the Board. The Board may suspend or terminate a member for failure to pay membership fees, harassment, offensive or derogatory behavior, conduct that harms the reputation of the association, or conduct that jeopardizes the integrity of the Association's books and records. In the case of failure to pay membership fees, the Board will first provide notice and an opportunity to cure any deficiency before taking further action. In all cases, prior to suspension or termination, the Board shall provide notice to the member in question and provide a reasonable opportunity for that member to state their case to the Board. In the event of termination or a suspension lasting longer than one year, the Board shall provide the member in question at least fifteen days' notice before suspending or terminating the member. The Board may reinstate a member upon a majority vote of directors present at a quorum of the Board.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### **Membership Certificates**

Section 1. CLASS. The association shall have only one class of membership.

Section 2. CERTIFICATES. Membership in the association shall be represented by membership certificates prepared by the Board of Directors and signed by the President and sealed with the seal of the association or a facsimile thereof, if any. The certificates shall be numbered consecutively and in the order in which they are issued; and a membership register shall be maintained in which shall be entered the names of the persons to whom the membership certificates are issued and the date of issue. Membership cards, in any form, approved by the Board, may be issued in lieu of, or in addition to, membership certificates.

## ARTICLE IX.

### **Stud Book Entries - Registration**

Section 1. Any Suffolk stallion or mare, by a sire and out of a dam both recorded in the North American Suffolk Horse Association Stud Book, shall be eligible for registry. Effective January 1, 2003, all horses submitted for registration must be DNA typed and Parentage Qualified before an animal can be eligible for registration.

Section 2. Any Suffolk stallion or mare recorded in the Suffolk Horse Society Purebred/Pedigree Register shall be eligible for registry. Effective January 1, 2003, all horses submitted for registration must be DNA typed and Parentage Qualified before an animal can be eligible for registration.

Section 3. Any Suffolk stallion or mare, by a sire and out of a dam recorded in the North American Suffolk Horse Association Stud Book, the Suffolk Horse Society Purebred/ Pedigree Register, or the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation General Stud and Herd Book, shall be eligible for registry. All Canadian pedigrees must trace back to animals duly registered in the Suffolk Horse Society Purebred/Pedigree Register or the North American Suffolk Horse Association Stud Book. Effective January 1, 2003, all horses submitted for registration must be DNA typed and Parentage Qualified before an animal can be eligible for registration.

Section 4. Any Suffolk stallion or mare registered with the Suffolk Horse Society Purebred/Pedigree Register, when presented for registry in the North American Suffolk Horse Association Stud Book, must be registered with the same name.

Section 5. No animal other than a chestnut color shall be accepted. If shade or markings change as foal matures, the owner shall notify the Secretary so that changes can be recorded.

Section 6. An application for registry of an animal must be signed by the owner or lessee of the dam at time of service, and the owner or lessee of the mare at time of foaling. The breeder of the animal is the recorded owner or lessee of the dam at time of service and dictates the cross. The first owner of a foal is the recorded owner or lessee of the dam at the time of foaling. The owner or lessee of the mare at time of foaling may apply for registration of the foal provided that a signed breeding certificate has been filed with the Secretary and the mare is recorded on the Stallion Breeding Report for the sire of the foal.

Section 7: In addition to paper applications, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, electronic applications for registration, transfers, and breeding reports may be filled out and submitted by members through the online studbook. Notification of gelding and death may also be reported online. These applications and reports will be considered certified by the owner of record and accepted by NASHA in lieu of paper applications and reports.

Section 8. Effective January 1, 2003, all horses submitted for registration shall be DNA typed and Parentage Qualified before an animal shall be eligible for registration. Subject to review by the Pedigree Committee, a horse may also be proven eligible for registration through the DNA Certification process. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary. Fee is to be set by the Board of Directors and may be changed at any time.

Section 9. Stallion owners and owners of transferred frozen semen must file a Stallion Breeding Report for all mares covered. Report will be due to the Secretary by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary or the website. Stallion reports postmarked after January 31<sup>st</sup> will be charged a late fee. Mares omitted from the Stallion Breeding Report and added at a later date will be charged a late fee. This fee is to be set by the Board of Directors and can be changed at any time. For mares included in the Stallion Breeding Report that are not owned by the stallion owner, a Breeding Certificate must be filed with the Stallion Breeding Report. If a bred mare is sold before foaling, the Breeding Certificate must be signed by both the owner or lessee of the stallion or semen at time of service and the owner or lessee of the mare at time of service and filed with the Secretary. Buyer and seller of the bred mare should retain copies of the Breeding Certificate.

Section 10. Registration names cannot be duplicated. When a name sent in has already been taken either in the North American Suffolk Horse Association Stud Book or Suffolk Horse Society Purebred/Pedigree Register, the Secretary will notify the owner who must submit another name. In no instance can a recorded name be changed on a pedigree.

Section 11. An animal accepted for registry by the NASHA is regarded as a recorded animal. Anyone requesting registration of an animal must conform to all the requirements, rules and regulations put forth by the Association.

Section 12. Unsound or unworthy individual animals should not be presented for registry. Such will not be admitted where facts proving their inferiority are made known to the Board of Directors.

Section 13. In case any questions as to the eligibility of an animal to registry are raised, such questions shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors, and if the Board shall decide that such animal is not entitled to registry as a Suffolk, or does not comply with the foregoing Sections, such animal shall be excluded from registry and the registration certificates recalled. The Board shall have the power to exclude from the benefits of the Association any person who knowingly makes a false entry. Any question or accusation against an animal or a member must be addressed to the Secretary, in writing, to be brought before the Board for review. It shall be the duty of the Board to review said charges and notify the accused party within 15 days of receipt of the complaint. The accused party then has 15 days to reply, in writing, to the charges. Failure to answer said charges within the specified time will constitute an admission of guilt. At the time of an investigation, all information requested by the Board must be supplied to the Board and any new business with the accused will be deferred until the matter under investigation is resolved. After reviewing all information, the Board will judge whether the charges are true or false. If the charges are found to be false, all late fees which may have accrued will be waived. The charges may be dismissed if the Board sees fit. The Board may sustain the charges, and penalties may be imposed. If the charges are sustained and the breeder wishes to resume business with the Association, the Board will require that the breeder meet specific terms as set by the Board. All action taken by the Board shall be deemed to be final.

Section 14. The accused will be notified in writing by certified mail of the final decision of the Board. In case the Board of Directors find the accused guilty of the charges made, they shall have the right to appeal to the next succeeding meeting of the members. The members shall then assume jurisdiction of the matter, and shall at the annual meeting and adjournments thereof, investigate the charges made, and hear and examine all evidence submitted for and against the accused. When all evidence has been presented, the members represented at the meeting may hear arguments of counsel representing the parties and then the members represented at the meeting shall vote to affirm or overrule the judgement of the Board of Directors as hereinafter provided. The members shall vote by secret ballot which ballots shall be counted in the presence of the members by tellers selected from the members present by the President and unless two-thirds of the members represented at such hearing shall vote to overrule the judgement of the Board of Directors, the judgement of the Board of Directors shall be sustained and considered final. In the event that the accused fails to appear at such annual meeting and prosecute their appeal the judgement of the Board of Directors shall be considered final. The right to appeal all final decisions by the Board shall be forfeited if the appeal is not received by the Secretary of the Association within 15 days of notification of the decision of the Board.

Section 15. Any Suffolk breeder making an application therefore to the Secretary and paying a registration fee may register his stud or farm name, provided such name is not already registered with either the Suffolk Horse Society of Great Britain or the North American Suffolk Horse Association. When so registered, the owner shall have sole rights to use said name in registering animals in the North American Suffolk Horse Association Stud Book. The owner shall be allowed to use the stud or farm name as a prefix only in cases where he was the owner of the dam at the time of service. If the animal to be registered was purchased in dam, the stud or farm name can be used only as a suffix. Such prefixes shall be transferable to heirs and successors. The Board of Directors shall have the power to set or change the fees, in such amounts and at such times as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion determines.

Section 16. In case of change of ownership of an animal, the seller is required to submit to the Secretary a completed application for transfer and pay for the same. Applications for transfer may be obtained from the Secretary, from the website, or the transfer may be submitted electronically via the online studbook using such methods and manners as the Board of Directors may approve from time to time. If the seller does not transfer the horse within sixty (60) days the owner will be suspended from conducting business; and no new business will be conducted until the business in question is concluded. In cases of willful neglect or refusal of seller to give a transfer without reasons satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the record of change of ownership may be made by the Secretary upon written approval of the Board upon satisfactory evidence of sale and delivery. If the Seller of an animal is not the last recorded owner on the registration certificate, DNA Verification shall be required. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary. Fee is to be set by the Board of Directors and may be changed at any time.

Section 17. When the seller of a horse contacts the Secretary, by submitting a signed transfer or through the Online Studbook, including the appropriate fee, the paper registration certificate does not need to be returned to the Office as a new certificate will be issued to the new owner. When an owner contacts the Secretary or through the online Studbook to update a gelding or dearth, the registration certificate does not need to be returned to the Office unless the owner would like to receive the incentive voucher offered by the Association in which case the certificate must be returned in exchange for the voucher.

Section 18. In the event of an owner's death, the estate will have a 12-month grace period before penalties begin to apply.

Section 19. Any person, who knowingly offers to sell, sells, barter, gives away, accepts, or purchases the certificate of registration of a Suffolk horse is open to sanctions to be imposed by the Board.

Section 20. No Half-Suffolk mares are eligible for registration after May 1, 1983.

Section 21. Fillies registered from those percentage mares already accepted:

- a) Three-Quarter Suffolk chestnut fillies were registered out of Half-Suffolk dams and a registered Suffolk stallion.
- b) Seven-Eighths Suffolk chestnut fillies were registered out of Three-Quarter dams and a registered Suffolk stallion.
- c) All percentage horses were identified on their pedigrees and by their registration numbers.
- d) When a filly reaches the 15/16<sup>+</sup> point in breeding, no distinction is made on the pedigree or registration number.
- e) Three-Quarter and Seven-Eighths percentage horses are no longer eligible for registration.

Section 22. The filing of an application for registry or transfer accompanied by the proper fees therefore shall not constitute a liability on the part of this Association.

## ARTICLE X.

### **Artificial Insemination**

Section 1. The North American Suffolk Horse Association shall not be responsible for any contract or agreement made between breeders and/or inseminating organizations.

Section 2. In order for the offspring resulting from artificial insemination to be registered, the NASHA rules pertaining to registration must be followed including DNA parentage qualification.

Section 3. Whenever frozen semen or any portion thereof changes ownership, the seller is required to file a Frozen Semen Transfer Certificate. Transfer forms can be obtained from the website or the Secretary or using such methods and manners as the Board of Directors may approve from time to time. In the case of willful neglect or refusal of the seller to give a transfer without satisfactory reasons to the Board of Directors, the record of change of ownership may be made by the secretary upon the written approval of the Board and given satisfactory evidence of the sale and delivery.

Section 4. If frozen semen is imported into Canada or the U.S., the following documentation must be filed with the Secretary: i] Frozen Semen Transfer Certificate ii] a copy of the stallion's registration certificate and indication of the owner at the time of collection. iii] a copy of the stallion's DNA report and parentage qualification. iv] a copy of the import permit issued by the animal health department of the importing country.

Section 5. The owner of the stallion collected for fresh chilled or frozen semen must include all inseminations in the Stallion Breeding Report by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year along with the Breeding Certificate for each mare not owned by the stallion owner.

Section 6. The owner of the stallion collected for frozen semen must include all transfers of frozen semen in the Stallion Breeding Report by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year along with the Frozen Semen Transfer Certificate.

Section 7. The owner of the frozen semen must include all inseminations in the Stallion Breeding Report by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

Section 8. Stored frozen semen may continue to be used after the death of a stallion.

Section 9. Foals resulting from artificial insemination will be registered with the letters AI noted on the registration certificate.

## ARTICLE XI.

### **Embryo Transplant**

Section 1. All interested parties must notify the NASHA of plans to perform any or all parts of Embryo Transfer.

Section 2. Both the Stallion and Donor Mare shall be DNA typed and the resulting foal shall be DNA typed and parentage qualified. In order for the offspring resulting from embryo transfer to be registered, the NASHA rules pertaining to registration must be followed including DNA parentage qualification.

Section 3. All mares used as recipient mares shall be draft type; identification and description of the recipient mare must be provided.

Section 4. Whenever an embryo changes ownership an Embryo Transfer Certificate must be submitted to the Secretary.

Section 5. The owner or lessee of the stallion or semen at the time of service and the owner of the donor mare at time of service must sign a Breeding Certificate and file with the Secretary.

Section 6. Stored embryos may continue to be used after the death of the stallion or mare.

Section 6. Foals will be registered with the letters ET noted on the registration certificate.

## ARTICLE XII.

### **Cloning**

Section 1. Horses produced by a cloning process are not eligible for registration. Cloning is defined as any method by which genetic material of an unfertilized egg or an embryo is removed, replaced by genetic material taken from another organism, added to genetic material from another organism or otherwise modified by any means in order to produce a live foal.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### **Books and Records**

The books and records of the association may be kept within or without the State of Washington in such place or places as may from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### **Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed, and new and additional By-Laws may be made from time to time and at any time by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XV.

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

Section 1. INSTRUMENTS IN WRITING. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, all checks, drafts and demands for money of the association shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent, or agents, as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution designate. No officer, agent or employee of the association shall have power to bind the association by contract or otherwise unless authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of this association shall be set by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### **Board Review of Issues**

If any member has an issue that they feel should be reviewed by the association, other than those dealing with registration which is covered in Article IX and the Rules of Registration, such questions shall be presented to and reviewed by the Board of Directors. Any such question or issue must be addressed to the Secretary, in writing, and shall provide as much detail and information as possible to allow the Board to fully review the question. It shall be the duty of the Board to review said questions and issues and notify the requesting party within sixty (60) days of receipt of the written notice. The Board may review all information submitted, and review its own information, as well as contact members or call a meeting of members as part of its review of the issues. The decision of the Board shall be final once made.

Dated: February 19, 2025