

CENTRAL ALBERTA CUTTING HORSE CLUB

Society By-Laws

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MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership fee, if any, in the society shall be determined, from time to time, by the members at a general meeting. Any person residing in Alberta, and being of the full age of 18 years, may become a member by a favourable vote passed by a majority of the members at a regular meeting of the society, and upon payment of the fee. Such voting shall be by ballot, unless the meeting by resolution otherwise decides. Any person under the age of 18 years may in the same manner become a member upon payment of half of the said fee.
2. Any member wishing to withdraw from membership may do so upon a notice in writing to the Board through its Secretary. If any member is in arrears for fees or assessments for any year, such member shall be automatically suspended at the expiration of six months from the end of such year and shall thereafter be entitled to no membership privileges or powers in the society until reinstated. Any member upon a majority vote of all members of the society in good standing may be expelled from membership for any cause which the society may deem reasonable.

PRESIDENT

3. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees. He/she shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the society and of the Board. In his/her absence, the Vice President shall preside at any such meetings. In the absence of both, a chairperson may be elected at the meeting to preside.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4. Board of Directors, Executive Committee or Board, shall mean the Board of Directors of the society.
5. The Board shall, subject to the by-laws or directions given it by majority vote at any meeting properly called and constituted, have full control and management of the affairs of the society, and meetings of the Board shall be held as often as may be required, but at least once every three months, and shall be called by the President. A special meeting may be called on the instructions of any two members provided they request the President in writing to call such meeting and state the business to be brought before the meeting. Meetings of the Board shall be called by 10 days notice in writing mailed to each member or by three days notice by fax or telephone. Any four members shall constitute a quorum, and meetings shall be held without notice if a quorum of the Board is present, provided however, that any business transactions at such meeting shall be ratified at the next regularly called meeting of the Board; otherwise they shall be null and void.
6. A person appointed or elected a director becomes a director if they were present at the meeting when being appointed or elected, and did not refuse the appointment. They may also become a director if they were not present at the meeting but consented in writing to act as director before the

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appointment or election or within ten days after the appointment or election, or if they acted as a director pursuant to the appointment or election.

7. Any director or officer, upon a majority vote of all members in good standing, may be removed from office for any cause which the society may deem reasonable.

SECRETARY

8. It shall be the duty of the secretary to attend all meetings of the society and of the Board, and to keep accurate minutes of the same. He/she shall have charge of the Seal of the society which whenever used shall be authenticated by the signature of the Secretary and the President, or in the case of the death or inability of either to act, by the Vice President. In case of the absence of the Secretary, his/her duties shall be discharged by such officer as may be appointed by the Board. The Secretary shall have charge of all the correspondence of the society and be under the direction of the President and the Board.
9. The Secretary shall also keep a record of all the members of the society and their addresses, send all notices of the various meetings as required, and collect and receive the annual dues or assessments levied by the society. Such monies shall be promptly turned over to the Treasurer for deposit in a Bank, Trust Company, Credit Union or Treasury Branch as required.

TREASURER

10. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid to the society and be responsible for the deposit of same in whatever Bank, Trust Company, Credit Union or Treasury Branch the Board may order. He/she shall properly account for the funds of the society and keep such books as may be directed. He/she shall present a full detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the Board whenever requested and shall prepare for submission to the Annual Meeting a statement duly audited of the financial position of the society and submit a copy of same to the Secretary for the records of the society. The Office of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one person if any annual meeting for the election of officers shall so decide.

AUDITING

11. The books, accounts and records of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the society elected for that purpose at the Annual Meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by such auditor at the Annual Meeting of the society. The fiscal year of the society in each year shall be November 30.

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12. The books and records of the society may be inspected by any member of the society at the Annual Meeting or at anytime upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the officer or officers having charge of the same. Each member of the Board shall at all times have access to such books and records.
13. The society shall hold an annual meeting on or before November 30th of each year, of which the board must give 14 days' notice of the meeting in way of, an advertisement on the Society website, in writing to the last known address of each member, or by advertisement on the Society's social media accounts.
 - A. Ten (10) directors or a minimum of eight (8) directors shall be elected by the membership and those directors so elected shall serve for a period of two years from the date of their election. Each director shall be a member in good standing and shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified. The election shall be a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by any member.
 - i. The officers shall be elected by the Board from among their number at the first meeting of the Board after the annual election of such Board; provided that, in the default of such election, the then incumbents, being members of the Board, shall hold office until their successors are elected.
 - ii. The President shall be a board member for no less than one (1) year prior to holding office. The President shall hold office for one (1) year or until a successor is elected.
 - B. At this meeting, a Secretary shall be elected by the membership. The secretary shall be a member in good standing and will serve as the 11th board member for a 1-year term and shall be eligible for re-election.
 - C. If for any reason a vacancy on the Board remains for a period exceeding thirty (30) days, then upon expiration of the thirty-day period, the Board, so long as a quorum thereof remains in office, may, at their discretion, fill such vacancy or vacancies from among the members of the Society. If there is not a majority of the Board remaining in office, the remaining Directors shall forthwith call a meeting of the members of the Society to fill such vacancy. Any members of the Society selected to fill such vacancy shall be retired at the next annual meeting of the Society.
14. General meetings of the society may be called at any time by the Secretary upon the instructions of the President or Board by notice in writing to the last known address of each member, delivered in the mail eight days prior to the date of such meeting. A special meeting shall be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by one-third of the members in good

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standing, setting forth the reasons for calling such meeting, which shall be by letter to the last known address of each member, delivered in the mail eight days prior to the meeting.

15. 6 members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

VOTING

16. Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended nor expelled shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the society. Such votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise.

REMUNERATION

17. Unless authorized at any meeting and after notice for same shall have been given, no officer or member of the association shall receive any remuneration for his/her service.

BORROWING POWERS

18. For the purpose of carrying out its objects, the society may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as it thinks fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures, but this power shall be exercised only under the authority of the society, and in no case shall debentures be issued without the sanction of a special resolution of the society.

BY-LAWS

19. The By-Laws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a 'Special Resolution'.