

Klettafjalla Icelandic Horse Club

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (DRAFT 2)

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote knowledge of the Icelandic Horse and its correct use as a competition and riding horse in accordance with the policies of FEIF and the USIHC in recognition of the gifts of friendship, horsemanship and organization the late Sondra Roberts shared with Icelandic riders in the Rocky Mountain region. To provide opportunities and activities associated with the ownership and the riding of the Icelandic Horse.

ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECT

The name of the association shall be the Klettafjalla Icelandic Horse Club. Its objectives shall be to promote the Icelandic Horse breed, to educate its membership about the breed, and to provide an environment of support for owners and riders who enjoy the talents and characteristics of the Icelandic Horse throughout the vast regions of the Rocky Mountains. These objectives will be conducted in accordance with FEIF and with the USIHC as the member association of FEIF in the United States.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

There are three (3) classes of membership: Individual, Family and Associate. Individual members and Family members are eligible to be full voting members of this association and to be members of the Board of Directors. Members of KIHC who join more than one Chapter can be a full voting member in only one Chapter. Members of more than one Chapter must indicate on their membership form the Chapter in which they will be voting. Associate membership (non-voting) is open to members voting in another Chapter.

ARTICLE III - DUES

Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and be payable on January 1 each year unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors. Any member failing to pay the annual dues within sixty (60) days shall cease to be a member of the association, unless an extension of payment is extended by the Board of Directors. Such extensions shall not exceed a period of thirty (30) days. A new membership begun after September 1 will become current for the following year.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this association shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among the members of the Board. The term of office is one year.

Section 2: The President schedules and presides over all meetings, is responsible for conducting all meetings, and is the primary spokesperson for the association.

Section 3: The Secretary schedules and presides over any meeting in the absence of the President.

Section 4: The Treasurer will keep the financial records of the association, collect dues, and report expenses on a quarterly basis. The Treasurer will receive, deposit, and disburse all monies for the association subject to the conditions set forth by the Board of Directors, maintain an accurate accounting of all financial transactions, and submit a written report of all financial activity for presentation at the Annual Meeting each year.

Section 5: The Secretary will keep accurate records of every meeting, submit an agenda for subsequent meetings, and act as the public relations delegate.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors must be members of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of five (5) directors. One will be designated the USIHC representative. The term of office is two years with no term limit.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the association and shall set policy and procedures for the club, prepare and accept the budget, and approve all disbursements in excess of \$100.

Section 3: The Board of Directors may fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors occurring for any reason. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall remain a Director until the next election year. A Director who is absent for two (2) consecutive quarterly meetings may be replaced by action of the remaining Directors.

Section 4: At all meetings of the Board of Directors, three (3) members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be necessary at any Board of Directors meeting to transact business.

Section 5: The Board of Directors shall meet no fewer than four (4) times a year. Meetings may be done by conference call.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1: The summer meeting of the Board of Directors in each calendar year shall be designated the annual meeting of club members.

Section 2: The order of business at all meetings shall be as follows: a) determination of a quorum; b) approval of the Minutes of the last meeting; c) reports from each committed; d) old business; and e) new business.

Section 3: At all meetings of members a quorum shall consist of either five (5) members in good standing if voting membership is less than twenty (20), or nine (9) members in good standing of voting membership is twenty (20) or greater. A quorum shall be necessary at any meeting to transact business.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

Section 1: At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in the fourth quarter of the calendar year, the Membership Committee shall submit a list of Directors willing to stand for re-election and nominations for new candidates for Director. A nomination must be accepted by the candidate in writing either by postal mail or e-mail. The Secretary shall mail the ballots, including all nominees, to all voting members by January 1. No write-in candidates will be accepted. No additional nominations shall be permitted after January 1. Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary within thirty (30) days.

Section 2: Prior to the mailing of the ballots, the President shall appoint two (2) members, not members of the Board of Directors or candidates for the Board of Directors, to count the ballots. The results shall be reported to the Board of Directors within one (1) week. The membership shall be informed of the results within one (1) week of the notification to the Directors.

Section 3: The incumbent and new Directors shall meet at the first meeting after the election to choose new officers and the USIHC representative. The new Directors shall assume their offices at that meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1: There shall be one standing committee, the Membership Committee. All others are to be *ad hoc* committees, established and disestablished by an action of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: All members in good standing shall be eligible to serve on all committees.

ARTICLE IX – Rules of Order

“Robert’s Rules of Order” shall be the parliamentary guide for matters of procedure not specifically provided for by this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Amendments of the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors as needed to keep it in compliance with USICH rules regarding Regional Chapters and to provide for the efficient management of the club’s activities.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLVEMENT

If for any reason this association should dissolve, all monies remaining in the treasury after dissolution shall be donated to the USIHC for use in matters relating to the Icelandic Horse breed.