

## By Laws of the Ohio-Kentucky Walking & Racking Horse Association

The Ohio Racking Horse Association formed in 1987 for the sole purpose of promoting and supporting the good of the Racking Horse. We are a non-profit organization, with the proceeds from our activities going to what the membership has deemed as worthy programs in need.

In January of 2004 the membership of the club decided it would be in the best interest of the club to change the name from the Ohio Racking Horse Association, to the Ohio-Kentucky Walking & Racking Horse Association to include the neighboring state of Kentucky and the Tennessee Walking Horse, to appeal to a wider variety of horse enthusiast, and increase membership.

The O.K.W.R.H.A. is a fellowship club which holds trail rides, cookouts, and picnics for their members. We have a monthly meeting from January through June of each year, with a high points banquet and a Christmas party at the end of the year. In essence we are a group of people bound together by a common interest-- horses.

Presently the club consists of members throughout Ohio and Kentucky.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Anyone who has an interest in horses and doing good for the neighboring communities can be a member.

Membership must be paid before the start of the March meeting to keep voting rights. Also, membership must be paid before you show your horse, in order for the high points to count. Membership must be paid before the first meeting in March of each year to continue to receive newsletters and information from the club.

The annual dues shall be \$20.00 for single as well as family memberships.

### **OFFICERS**

The officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and the Board of Directors.

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected to a 2-year term.

You must be present at the time of election to be nominated and accept the nomination. Also, your membership must be paid to be elected to office.

All officers must have membership by January 31st of each year.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors will consist of 7 members in good standing.

Four Board members shall serve a 3-year term and three will be elected for a 2-year term.

The president will serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have, and is herein given, full power and authority to publish such rules and regulations for the conduct of members of the

association as its sole judgement and discretion shall be for the best interest on the Ohio-Kentucky Walking & Racking Horse Association. The Board of Directors, with the best interest of this association, may make decisions deemed necessary for this association when a monthly meeting is not being held.

In any interest where the conduct on any member had been highly detrimental to the best interest of this association, or where continued membership will result in great detriment or harm to this association, or where any members' conduct is of such outrageous nature as to be against the best interest of this association, or where false and misleading statements have been made or circulated against this association or any of its officers, then any member may be suspended or expelled from membership in this association by the Board of Directors. This decision in such matter shall be final.

Meetings of the board may be call by the president when deemed necessary.

Board members must have membership by the start of the March meeting in order to keep their board position.

In the instance the board member does not have membership, the board will deem this position as vacant and will be filled by special election.

## **MEETINGS**

The order of the exercises shall be:

- a. Call to order.
- b. Reading of the minutes.
- c. Communications from the President.
- d. Report of the Treasurer.
- e. Unfinished or Old Business.
- f. New business.
- g. Communications from the membership.
- h. Adjournment.

Guest are invited to attend meeting. Only members, however, have the right to be recognized and to express an opinion or make a motion or nomination, or vote.

## **AFFILIATED SHOWS**

Affiliated shows are those who submit there show results to the high points committee, in order to count them for year end high points. For a current list, contact the High Points Chair.