

## STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT ~~ BYLAWS AMENDMENTS, 2010

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**ARTICLE III ~ Definitions:** Provides definitions to the terms and titles found in the bylaws for better understanding by the reader. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

**ARTICLE IV ~ National Affiliation:** Acknowledges the Association’s position as a Regional Affiliate of NRHA and the procedures and requirements needed to maintain this affiliation as stated in the NRHA Handbook. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

**ARTICLE V ~ Parliamentary Authority:** *Robert’s Rules of Order* suggests the bylaws include an article that identifies the parliamentary authority of the Association. (Complete Idiot’s Guide to Robert’s Rules, page 39)

**ARTICLE VI ~ Parliamentary Order:** Provides an comprehensive structure of parliamentary resources for problem resolution that may arise in the Association’s day-to-day-workings. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

### ARTICLE VII~ Members and Membership:

**Section 1.** (b), in February, 2006, the Board of Directors voted to remove the voting privileges from the Entity membership, however, this amendment was never put before the General Membership for ratification. The 2010 board has recognized the decision and vote by the 2006 board and, in addition, the currently seated board would like to remove the privilege to hold office from the Entity membership. (WSRHA Board of Directors, Feb, 2007,2010)

**Section 3.** A restatement of the original sentence to clarify the intent of the rule. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

**Section 6.** Set a date to end membership enrollment for both accounting and election considerations. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

### ARTICLE VIII ~ Dues:

**Section 3.** New. “No refunds” has been a long-standing policy of the Association, but needed to be stated for member clarification. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

### ARTICLE IX ~ Board of Directors:

**Section 1.** To bring the same qualifications to the Board of Directors as required in Officers, see Article X Officers. Complies with CRS requirements. (Colorado Revised Statutes S7-128-102 Qualifications of directors

The Articles of Incorporation allow the Association’s bylaws to fix the number of board members and the board wishes to restate this number for ease of finding nominees for election purposes. (Articles of Incorporation of WSRHA, Inc., Article VI, Directors, dated July 3, 1995, Colorado Secretary of State)

**Section 6.** Restates the definition of quorum to conform to the definition in Article XI, Quorum. Quorum is a simple majority of the *currently seated (elected, see definitions)* directors, not 51% of the directors present at any given meeting. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

**Section 7.** NRHA recognized a need for this discretionary use of power as the NRHA bylaws nor WSRHA’s bylaws could not possibly address every situation that may confront the respective boards. We have taken from the NRHA Handbook this section and modified it with stringent limitations for our use. (NRHA Handbook 2010, Article VII, Board of Directors, Section 4, pg 14)

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### ARTICLE X ~ OFFICERS:

**Section 1.** Complies with NRHA Handbook rule. (NRHA Handbook 2010, pg. 23, Article IX, Section 4)

**Section 2.** Explains, in part, President's role as an ex officio. (Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules, page 216)

**Section 3.** Provides authority to appoint a temporary secretary in the absence of the Association's Secretary. (WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

**Section 5.** Eliminates the "year end banquet" as the purpose for an annual meeting and replaces it with General Membership meeting as required by CRS. (Colorado Revised Statutes S7-127-101 Annual and regular meetings)

States the type of accounting cycle the Association uses for its business.

(WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

### ARTICLE XI ~ Quorum:

**Section 1.** A new section which clarifies the need, description and effect of quorum. Adopted from NRHA quorum requirements. (NRHA Handbook 2010, Article VII, Section 6, pg. 15)

(Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules, page 11)

**Section 2.** A clarification of majority, not quorum, for voting.

(WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

### ARTICLE XII ~ Meetings:

**Section 2.** Addressed in NRHA Handbook, but expanded in CRS to include rights of 20% of the membership to call a special meeting. Many other reining associations include this right to members in their bylaws. (Colorado Revised Statutes S7-127-102 Special meeting)

**Section 4.** A requirement of CRS because we have voting members.

(Colorado Revised Statutes S7-127-101 Annual and regular meetings)

**Section 5.** Any kind of meeting that is not an 'in-person' or an electron venue meeting must be authorized in the bylaws or governing documents. Right to this form of meeting is stated in CRS.

(Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules, page 238)

(Colorado Revised Statutes S7-127-108 Meetings by telecommunication)

**Section 6.** To ensure the conducting of a membership meeting despite the absence of President and Vice President. (WSRHA Board of Directors 2010)

**Section 7.** As a nonprofit Association, proxy voting is automatically prohibited in organizations that have adopted Robert's Rules of Order, unless it is provided for in its bylaws. (Wikipedia; Proxy voting)

(Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules, page 87-88.)

**ARTICLE VIII ~ Elections:** Extensive changes to the dates of the balloting/voting cycle to encompass the complete process of nominations, voting, counting and verification of results; creates a **Date of Record** for identification of members for voting privileges; states procedural rules and lists qualifications for nominees running for office of the president.

(WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)

(Colorado Revised Statutes S7-127-106)

(NRHA Handbook 2010, pg. 9, Article V, Section 2)

(NRHA Handbook 2010, pg. 23, Article IX, Section 4)

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### ARTICLE XIV ~ Committees:

**Section 1.** States that members only may be on an Association committee. *(WSRHA Board of Directors, 2010)*

**Section 2.** (a) through (f) provides a summary of committee responsibilities as opposed to internal details. Committee responsibilities will be listed in detail in an Association Rules and Regulations Handbook currently under development. (g) has been renamed to election and expands the description of the committee's work. (h) and (i) are new committees formed this year. (j) Media has joined together the newsletter and website for purposes of oversight and coordination between the two communications. *(WSRHA Board of Directors 2010)*

**Section 3.** Establishes a rule for the committees' reporting responsibilities at the Board of Directors meeting.

*(Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules, page 224)*

*(WSRHA Board of Directors 2010)*

**ARTICLE XV~ Amendments:** Now shown in an expanded format; the process of amending the bylaws and the rules for getting the amendment to the membership for ratification. The process was adopted from the NRHA Handbook.

*(NRHA Handbook 2010, Article VIII, Committees, Section 1, part e, pg 21)*

*(WSRHA Board of Directors 2010)*

*(Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules, page40)*

### Bylaws Committee resources:

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules*, 2004 by Nancy Sylvester, PRP (Professional Registered Parliamentarian, CPP-T (Teacher of Parliamentary Procedure.)

*1997 Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act* (aka CRS) ~ Title 7 - Corporations and Associations.

*National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) 2010 Handbook*, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Judges guide.

*Wikipedia Internet*

*Western Slope Reining Horse Association (WSRHA) Board of Directors Minutes*