

Bylaws of  
The Red Wattle Hog Association

Article I

Title, Objects, Location

Section 1. TITLE. This association shall be known as The Red Wattle Hog Association.

Section 2. OBJECTS. The objects of this association are:

- To conserve and propagate the Red Wattle Hog
- To assist breeders of Red Wattle Hogs to secure breeding stock
- To help new breeders to obtain information
- To provide documentation of pedigreed animals
- To educate our membership and the public of the advantages of the breed

Section 3. PLACE OF BUSINESS. The principal place of business for the RWHA shall be in the state where the current Secretary/Treasurer resides and business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials, as may be participating.

Article II

MEMBERS

A. Membership. Membership is annual running from March 31 to March 31. People who join after March 31: membership expires March 31 of the following year. There is no grace period.

B. As a condition of membership in the Association each member shall agree to conform to and abide by the Bylaws, Rules and regulations of the Association and amendments or modifications thereto, which may from time to time be adopted.

C. Anyone may become a member by presenting application with required dues to the Secretary/Treasurer. Membership runs March 31 to March 31. People who join after March 31: membership expires March 31 of the following year. There is no grace period.

D. Only active single memberships shall be entitled to one vote on any matter submitted for vote of the Membership; each active Family/Farm membership will be entitled to two votes.

E. The association reserves the right to cancel or refuse privileges in the association upon the written request of three (3) members in good standing and with the approval of 80% (4 out of 5) majority of the Board of Directors. Reasons for dismissal shall include but not be limited to: detrimental conduct and dishonest dealings. Member will be notified of action taken by registered letter signed by the Board of Directors who voted in favor of the disciplinary action.

F. Those individuals who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors have exhibited outstanding long-term service to the RWHA may be granted lifetime irrevocable Honorary Membership by unanimous vote by the members of the Board of Directors present and voting at any regular or special meeting. Honorary members have all the rights and responsibilities of regular members but do not pay membership dues.

## SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETINGS

The regular annual meeting of the members may be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of completing such business as may be brought before the meeting.

Notice of the annual meeting shall be given by mailing/emailing written notice stating the time and place of such meeting to each member's last known email or mailing address as appears in the RWHA records not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Members unable to attend the annual meeting may address concerns, questions or other business via electronic means, regular mail or telephone to any Board Member to relay to the rest of the board.

## ARTICLE III

### DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. GOVERNMENT. A Board of Directors shall govern the business and property of the Association. The Board of directors will be made up of: the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and 2 Members at Large.

Members at large will serve a one (1) year term and be elected via ballot by the membership.

SECTION 2. ELECTION. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of Members in good standing who are elected by the majority vote of members via mail ballot.

## Article IV

### OFFICERS, BOARD of DIRECTORS, TECHNICAL ADVISOR

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the RWHA shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors deem necessary.

Officers shall be elected by the members via mail-in ballot. Officers shall be elected from the membership to serve three (3) year terms. Alternating the years of election so only one new officer is elected annually. Board Members at Large will be elected from the membership to a one (1) year term.

SECTION 2. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the RWHA, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and members, to act as chairperson of the board of directors; to appoint committees and to carry out special duties as may be designated by the officers and board of directors.

SECTION 3. VICE PRESIDENT. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. SECRETARY/TREASURER. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep all records including minutes of all meetings of the association and shall report minutes of all open meetings to the membership. This person shall make an annual report of memberships and moneys received and expended. This person shall serve as editor of the association newsletter.

SECTION 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Board of Directors shall participate in all decisions relating to the operation of the RWHA. Each board member will have one vote in decision making. Board members will make themselves available via phone conference or in person for meetings as necessary.

## Article V

### Miscellaneous

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least quarterly via conference call. Additional meetings may be called as necessary. A meeting of the full membership of the association shall be held once per year. All Board members need to be members in good standing. Individuals not meeting this requirement are ineligible for a board position.

All Board of Directors meetings, via email, teleconference, or in person that result in any vote or change to the RWHA will be documented by the secretary, approved by the Board of Directors, distributed to all RWHA members and placed in a permanent record.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR: The Technical Advisor position shall be filled by a "Master Breeder" as designated by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. This position shall be for a term of 3 years.

Master Breeder: The term Master Breeder will remain in the RWHA by-laws as designated and defined by the American Livestock Breeds conservancy.

To fill vacant board positions, the decision will be made by the sequence of nominees during the initial election process for Board Member at Large positions. The person with the next highest votes will be contacted to fill the position until the position is filled. In the event there are no nominees, the President of the RWHA will appoint a volunteer with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer positions will be filled by special election of the membership at large if the term to be served is greater than one year. If the term to be served is less than one year the President will appoint a Board member to fill the position.

## ARTICLE VI

### DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION

Section 1. VIOLATIONS. Whenever any member of the Association or any other person in interest shall present to the Secretary of the RWHA in writing stating the facts upon which the complaint is based, that a member of this Association, has engaged in misrepresentation or misconduct in connection with the breeding, showing, registration, purchase or sale of Red Wattle Hogs, or has willfully violated the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the association, the Secretary shall present such charge to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

SECTION 2. HEARING. Upon receiving a complaint, the Board of Directors shall set a time and place for hearing the charge or charges against the holder of registration. The Board of Directors shall cause a written notice to be mailed to the last known address of the accused person at least thirty (30) days before the date of such hearing. The notice shall state the nature of the charges against the accused.

At the time and place set for the hearing, the accused shall have the opportunity in person or by counsel, to be heard and to present evidence in their own behalf and to hear and refute the evidence offered against him.

The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final and binding on all parties.

SECTION 3. PENALTIES. If the Board of Directors considers that the charges are sustained, it may suspend or expel such offender if a member of the RWHA or impose such other appropriate penalties as it may decide and deprive the offender of all privileges in the official Record of the RWHA.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Board members may be impeached by the board for failure to perform their duties as outlined in the by-laws of the association or follow the rules for the association as set forth by the majority vote of the board. The member must first be warned of the infraction in writing. If the board member does not become compliant with the rules of the association, the member will be removed by the remaining four member of the board or a 4/5<sup>th</sup> majority of votes by the membership. Membership may ask for a recall of a board member by filing a formal complaint signed by 15 members in good standing. The complaint must detail the reason for the request. This request for resignation and rebuttal by the board member in question will be presented to the membership and a vote of 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the full membership. Board members must attend/log in or be available for 3 out of 4 of the required quarterly meetings during the year. When calling the required quarterly meetings, the President must chose a time, date and type of meeting in a one month time period that all board members are available.

## Article VII

### Order of Meetings

SECTION 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS. Order of business for annual meetings:

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Minutes of previous meeting and acting thereon
- Treasurer's report
- Report of committees
- Unfinished or old business
- New business
- Election of officers/directors
- Adjournment

Robert's Rules of Order shall be applied to all annual meetings.

All meetings done thru email or teleconference may be conducted by loosely applied Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION 2. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year for the RWHA shall commence January 1 and end December 31.

## Article VIII

### AMENDING THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors and confirmed by a majority vote of the membership voting.

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing.

Proposed changes must be presented in writing to the board of Directors no less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. A proposed change in Bylaws when approved shall be published and forwarded to all members