

NEBRASKA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ARTICLE I OFFICIAL STATUS

Section 1 The Nebraska Field Trial Association, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the NFTA) is organized exclusively as a non-profit entity for the purposes expressed in the Articles of Incorporation within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2 The NFTA shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Nebraska a registered office, and a registered agent, as required by Nebraska law. The address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by action of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 The principal office of the NFTA shall be located in the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster, State of Nebraska. The association may have such other offices as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the association may require from time to time.

Section 4 The business of the NFTA shall be conducted by a Board of Directors which consists of the officers, representatives of member clubs, and such honorary members as deemed appropriate by the association.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership. Membership in the NFTA shall consist of member clubs and honorary members.

A. Member Clubs: includes clubs, organizations, and groups interested in the promotion of sporting dog events. The individual members of these groups constitute the membership from which representatives are chosen to serve as members of a Board of Directors.

B. Honorary Members: individuals such as the NFTA resident agent, the Director of the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska (or his duly appointed representative), and other persons or representatives of an organization or agency as deemed appropriate by the NFTA board.

Section 2 Application for membership in the NFTA. Any club or group wanting to participate in the purpose and activities of the NFTA may file an application for membership with the secretary of the NFTA. The application shall include the name of the organization, the name, address, and phone number of the officers, a list of the members, and shall be accompanied by the membership fee.

Section 3 Election to membership in the NFTA. Following a review of the application by the Board of Directors, a 2/3 favorable vote of the representatives present at a regular or special meeting of the NFTA shall be required for acceptance of an organization for membership.

Section 4 Termination of membership.

A. Resignation Any member club in good standing with the NFTA may resign from the association upon a written notice or petition signed by the officers of that club and filed with the NFTA secretary.

B. Lapse Membership in the NFTA may lapse upon non-payment of fees and assessments to the NFTA for a period of one year. To be reinstated, the lapsed member must pay all back fees and assessments, and any additional assessments levied upon that organization.

C. Dissolution A member club that dissolves or merges with another club may request a change of membership identification in the NFTA. Determination whether the change constitutes the acceptance of a new organization with an initial fee required must be resolved by the Board of Directors. The fee may be waived or adjusted by the Board.

Section 5 Fees and assessments.

A. Initial fee. The initial fee for membership in the NFTA of not less than \$750 shall be established annually by the Board of Directors at the January meeting.

B. Annual assessments. Each member club shall pay its portion of the insurance and such other items as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

C. Facility use fees. Fees, set annually by the Board of Directors, based on the number of entries run at all licensed field events, shall be paid to the NFTA to be used toward the upkeep of the association's facilities.

D. Incidental expenses. The cost of incidental expenses including, but not necessarily limited to, trash collection and electrical hook-ups shall be assessed and paid along with the fees at the conclusion each trial or event.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 Board Members. The Board of Directors shall consist of two representatives from each member club and the NFTA officers.

Section 2 Qualifications. Any person who is a member in good standing of a member club may serve as a voting representative or be nominated for an office in the NFTA. With the exception of president, an officer may also serve as a member club representative during his/her term of office.

ARTICLE IV VOTING

Section 1 Voting members. Member clubs shall select from their membership two (2) representatives to serve as voting members on the Board of Directors of the NFTA. Only two votes per member club are permitted.

Section 2 Proxy votes. If a club representative is unable to be present at a meeting, a proxy vote may be cast by another member of that club. All voters (member and proxy) shall be identified and recorded during the roll call.

Section 3 Honorary members. Honorary members shall be notified of all meetings, may participate in the discussion of all items, but shall not have a vote.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1 Notice of meetings. Members of the Board of Directors and club contact persons shall be notified at least seven (7) days prior to the date as to the time and location of a meeting. Notice may be given verbally, in writing, or by telephone.

Section 2 Regular meetings. The Annual Meeting of the NFTA shall be held on the third Tuesday in January, with quarterly meetings held on the third Tuesday of April, July, and October. An agenda as listed in Article X, Section 2 shall be followed.

Section 3 Special meetings. A special meeting may be called when deemed necessary by the NFTA president, or a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors. The purpose for a special meeting shall be stated in the call, and no other business shall be conducted at that time.

Section 4 Place of Meeting. Meetings of the NFTA shall be held at the association's club house at Branched Oak or at a location more conveniently located to voting representatives as determined by the NFTA president.

Section 5 Open Meeting Laws. All meetings of the NFTA are open to individuals and the public, and conducted in accordance with the public meeting laws of the State of Nebraska.

Section 6 Quorum. A quorum sufficient to conduct NFTA business shall consist of a majority of the voting representatives. If a quorum is not present, a majority of those present may hear reports and determine the time and location of a subsequent meeting and adjourn.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS, DUTIES, TERMS

Section 1 Officers. The officers of the NFTA shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.

Section 2 President. The president shall preside at all meetings in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order and discharge all duties associated with this office, including the appointment of all necessary committees. The president shall vote only in cases of a tie-vote.

Section 3 Vice President. The vice-president shall be the president-elect, and have the powers and duties of the president in case the president is absent or incapacitated. The vice-president shall also serve as the sergeant-at-arms at meetings and ensure that order is maintained.

Section 4 Secretary. The secretary shall keep complete and accurate minutes of all meetings, mail copies to all board members and the resident agent, and notify members of meetings. All official business of the NFTA shall be carried out by the secretary at the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 Treasurer. The treasurer shall receive all money and deposit the same in a bank specified by the Board in the name of the NFTA. Money shall be disbursed by check when countersigned by the President (or his/her designee). A report of all income and expenditures shall be presented at every meeting, and a written report of all transactions provided at the annual NFTA meeting. All transactions of the NFTA shall be carried out by the treasurer at the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 6 Term of office. The term of office will be two (2) years. President and vice president shall be elected in odd numbered years; secretary and treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. Consecutive terms for the secretary and treasurer will be limited to three.

Section 7 Nominations. Candidates for office shall be nominated at the October quarterly meeting. Nominations shall be published in the notice of the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor prior to the vote at the Annual Meeting.

Section 8 Election. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of representatives present at the annual meeting and take office at the conclusion of that meeting.

Section 9 Removal. An elected officer of the NFTA may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors whenever in their judgment, the best interest of the association would be served thereby.

Section 10 Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the unexpired term shall be filled by the members of the Board of Directors present at the next regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VII RECORDS, FUNDS, CONTRACTS, GIFTS

Section 1 The principal office. The Resident Agent of the NFTA shall maintain a list of the name, address, and phone number of the members of the Board of Directors, minutes of all meetings, and a record of NFTA accounts. The books and records may be inspected by any club member, agent, or attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 2 Deposits and Expenditures. All funds shall be deposited to the credit of the NFTA in a bank insured by the FICA. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, shall be issued in the name of NFTA, and signed by the proper officials. The books shall be audited bi-ennially by a committee appointed for that purpose.

Section 3 Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize an officer or officers, agent, or representative of the NFTA to enter into a contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the association. These items may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 4 Gifts. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the NFTA, any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purpose or for any special purpose of the association.

ARTICLE VIII FISCAL YEAR

Section 1 The fiscal year of the NFTA shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December each year.

Section 2 An accounting of all deposits, disbursements, and indebtedness of the NFTA shall be recorded and filed with NFTA resident agent to be filed as provided under non-profit status.

ARTICLE IX NOTICE, REGISTRATION, WAIVERS

Section 1 Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the articles of incorporation, the by-laws of the association, or the non-profit corporation act of Nebraska, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE X RULES OF ORDER

Section 1 Rules. The business of the NFTA shall be conducted under the approved form of Roberts' Rules of Order.

Section 2 The order of business.

Call to order
Roll call
Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting(s)
Treasures report and approval of bills
Committee reports
Items of old business
*Review and establish fees for the ensuing year
Items of new business
*Election and installation of officers
Adjournment

*At Annual Meeting

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section 1 Review. The articles of incorporation and by-laws of the NFTA shall be reviewed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and up-dated as deemed necessary.

Section 2 Notice. The secretary shall send a written notice of any amendments or revisions to the articles of incorporation or by-laws to all club representatives, and member club secretaries at least 15 days prior to a vote on said changes.

Section 3 Vote. An amendment or revision to NFTA articles of incorporation or the by-laws of the association requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Accepted by the NFTA Oct 17, 1989 date.

Signed Mervin P. [Signature] president

Michael [Signature] vice president

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