



**SIERRA-PACIFIC
PYGMY GOAT ASSOCIATION**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME/PURPOSE

1. The name of this organization, which is a non-Profit Corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the state of California is known as SIERRA-PACIFIC PYGMY GOAT ASSOCIATION.
2. The Executive Committee is hereby granted full power and authority to determine the location of the principal office for the transaction of business for this non-Profit Corporation.
3. The purpose for which this non-Profit Corporation is formed: is to promote the Pygmy Goat breed, and to educate the public and membership about the Pygmy Goat.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership of this non-Profit Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Association, shall consist of individuals or families who, have completed the Membership application and signed the Associations' "Code of Conduct."
2. Individuals and families may make application for membership regardless of whether or not they are pygmy goat owners.
3. Each individual applicant is entitled to one (1) vote and will pay annual dues in the amount of \$15.00. Each family applicant is entitled to two (2) votes and will pay annual dues in the amount of \$25.00. Annual dues will be due and payable on January 1st of each year, for the period of January 1st through December 31st.

4. A member's membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid by January 31st of the current year. If membership lapses you are considered a new member upon payment on membership dues and must refer to Article II 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4.2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10.
5. Any individual attempting to harm the Association or its membership shall have their membership revoked by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.
6. Members must have been a member of the Association for one calendar year (365 days) to vote.
7. Members must have attended 50% of meetings held in the last twelve (12) months to vote.
8. Any person/household interested in the purpose of this Association is eligible for membership regardless of race, creed, religion, sexual orientation.
9. Any member may be reprimanded for any action that is deemed unethical or detrimental to the proper function and purpose of this Association by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, which may include removal from the Association. Any reprimand or removal would require diligent investigation by the Executive Committee and would insure the individual being investigated would have an opportunity to respond to all allegations brought against him/her.
10. A member's membership will be considered suspended if any outstanding debt is incurred. Once the debt has been cleared, the membership will return to active status.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the Association or its Executive Committee may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Such meetings shall be held at a place, date and hour as may be designated by the initiator(s). Written notice of any such meeting shall be furnished to all members by either the Secretary or any other member of the Executive Committee, at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.
2. Notice of agenda items requiring membership voting must be submitted to membership at least ten (10) days before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Matters' concerning club business requires a majority vote of the membership attending the business meeting. The published ten (10) day notice requirement can be bypassed should the Executive Committee decide that emergency action is required by the membership.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. The officers of this Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These four officers shall collectively be known as the Executive Committee. They will serve one-year terms without limitation.

2. Election of Officers shall be held at the last membership meeting of each calendar year. Newly elected Officers will take office on January 1.
3. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by appointment by the President for the unexpired term.
4. Duties of Officers:
 - a. President - The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, and shall, subject to the control of the Executive Committee, have general supervision, direction and control of the business of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint all committees, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - b. Vice President - The Vice President shall act as presiding officer of the Association in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as assigned by either the President or the Executive Committee.
 - c. Secretary - The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association, whether membership or Executive Committee meetings.
 - d. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall receive, receipt for, and keep all monies or other credits coming to or belonging to the Association; shall keep regular, full and true accounts of all receipts and disbursements; and shall make detailed reports thereof to the members and/or the Executive Committee whenever called for. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties in connection with the administration of the financial affairs of the Association as the President or the Executive Committee shall assign. All monies of the Association shall be kept in such bank or banks or other depositories as the Executive Committee from time to time may direct or approve.
5. Annually in January, and at any other time upon the occasion of a change in the Office of Treasurer, an audit of the financial records of the Association will be conducted, including but not limited to records of receipts and disbursements, bank records, and all supporting documentation. The audit will be conducted by an Audit Committee, consisting of the President, Treasurer, and two association members/officers in good standing. The President will appoint those two association members and will report the results of the audit to the membership at its next regular meeting.

Article V – OTHER CLUB OFFICIALS

1. Youth Coordinator – shall be responsible for coordinating youth activities, including High Point Showmanship forms and keeping track of the results. Organizing end of the year awards.

2. Webmaster - shall maintain and update the website at least once monthly. Create pages and sections as requested and approved by the Executive Board.
3. Membership Coordinator – shall be a club member in good standing for the duration of their term. Shall keep an update membership list. Shall be responsible for receiving all membership dues and forwarding these to the Treasurer for deposit. Shall supply an up to date, current, and complete membership to the Treasurer when submitting dues funds. Shall be responsible for making all deposits of membership dues.

ARTICLE VI – FUNDS

1. All funds shall be deposited to the account of the Sierra Pacific Pygmy Goat Association and shall be disbursed as needed for the expenses and activities so voted by the membership.
2. All checks and cash withdrawals from the account shall be signed by the Treasurer and/or the President.
3. \$100.00 maximum for Treasurer; Executive Committee to authorize any amount in excess of \$100.00.(non standard show expenses)
4. To be eligible to enter into any SPPGA events all outstanding debts/fees must be paid in full by certified monies prior to entry being accepted.
5. All bank fees incurred by SPPGA due to insufficient funds, bounced checks, stopped payments, etc. will be paid by the member/exhibitor responsible for the incurred costs. In addition, the said member/exhibitor will be unable to enter an SPPGA show until all outstanding debt/fees have been paid in full via cash, certified check, PayPal, or money order.

ARTICLE VII – LIABILITY

1. Club members agree not to hold the Sierra Pacific Pygmy Goat Association, its members, and its officers liable for any loss or injury of any kind while participating in any club functions or conducting any club business. As a member you agree to the Bylaws and Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE VIII- DISSOLUTION

1. The Association may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the voting members of the Association. In the event of dissolution, none of the property, proceeds or assets of the Association shall be distributed to any members of the Association, but, after payment of the debts of the Association, its property and assets shall be transferred to the National Pygmy Goat Association and be used as its Board of Directors may deem fit and necessary.

ARTICLE IX – MISCELLANEOUS

1. "Roberts Rules of Order" shall serve as a general guide for all meetings and business transactions not otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

2. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any membership meeting. Notice of any proposed change must be furnished to all members of the Association by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to any such meeting.
3. Major changes regarding judges and show must be authorized by the Executive Committee.
4. Judges Selection ballot shall be made available to the members by July of each year. Due back to the judge's selection member by August of the same year.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SIERRA-PACIFIC PYGMY GOAT ASSOCIATION THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2003.

/s/ Nancy Krieg, Secretary

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SPPGA Meeting 4/26/03 in Placerville, California:

Motion by Lane Kress, second by Linda Henwood, that SPPGA rescind any and all Bylaws which may have previously been approved and that the proposed Bylaws appearing in the January/February 2003 issue of the Pygmy Times (SPPGA's Official Newsletter) be approved. Passed unanimously.

SPPGA Meeting 5/19/18 in Red Bluff, California:

Motion by Katie Ellebrecht, second by JT Struthers that the revisions announced at the April meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

Amended and Approved January 5, 2019
Submitted by Lynn Braziel, Secretary

SPPGA Meeting April 6, 2019 in Red Bluff CA:

Motion by Katie Ellebrecht, second by Jeff Josephson that the revisions as read at the April 6, 2019 meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.