

**BYLAWS  
OF  
MINIATURE DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I  
PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Association are:

1. To foster the development and promotion of miniature dairy goat breeds including, but not limited to, providing a registry for animals that are the offspring of a registered standard dairy goat and a purebred, registered Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat;
2. To maintain herd books, issue certificates of registration and recordation of miniature dairy goats; and
3. To supervise and award certificates of merit for production testing, shows and other programs offered by the Association.

**ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP**

A. Nonvoting Membership. The corporation shall have no voting members.

B. Membership Categories. An individual, association or corporation interested in breeding and promoting the miniature dairy goat is eligible for membership in the Association, upon making proper application accompanied with payment of annual dues. There shall be the following types of members:

1. Single: An individual, association or corporation may be an annual or life member.
2. Family: A family membership shall consist of a family that registers all goats under one herd name. Any member of the family may register an animal under that herd name.
3. Youth: A youth member is any individual under 18 years of age.

C. Members may be removed indefinitely as a member of MDGA with a majority vote of the Board based on the following criteria; & any fees paid for membership will be forfeited to the registry.

- 1) Negative behavior toward MDGA via social media to cause harm to the registry.
- 2) providing false and/or incomplete information when providing data for registering & or transferring a goat(s) with MDGA.

**ARTICLE III**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. Number and Powers. The affairs of the corporation shall be administered and managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least one and not more than seven Members. Each Director shall be elected for a two-year term. No Director may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, unless having been voted back in by the board at the end of their term.
- B. Duties of a Director. A director shall perform his/her duties in good faith, in a manner such director believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. In performing the duties of a director, a director shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by:
1. One or more officers or employees of the corporation whom the director believes to be reliable and competent in the matter presented;
  2. Counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters which the director believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; or
  3. A committee of the board upon which the director does not serve, duly designated in accordance with a provision in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, as to matters within its designated authority, which committee the director believes to merit confidence; so long as, in any such case, the director acts in good faith, after reasonable inquiry when the need is indicated by the circumstances and without knowledge that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted.
- C. Vacancy. A vacancy in the Board of Directors, whether caused by resignation, death or otherwise, shall be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining Directors. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor and until his/her successor is elected.
- D. Removal. A director may be removed, with or without cause, by two-thirds of the votes cast by the Board of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
- E. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- F. Assent Presumed. A Director of the corporation who is present at a meeting of its Board of Directors at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken, unless the director's dissent or abstention is entered in the minutes of the meeting.
- G. Regular and Special Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time as called by the President or by call of three directors, with at least 24 hours notice. Attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute waiver of notice, except where a director or a committee member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

- H. Action by Directors without a Meeting. An action required by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if consent is in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, signed by each of the Directors. Such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote.
- I. Action of Directors by Communications Equipment. An action required or taken at a meeting of Directors, or of a committee thereof, may be taken by means of a telephone conference or virtual communications in writing where all can read/see at the same time.
- J. Compensation. Directors shall not receive compensation for the board service. The Board may authorize the payment of reasonable compensation or reimbursement for travel and expenses to an officer or agent who performs services for the Association in carrying out management or other Association functions.

#### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

- A. Offices and Terms. The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year and shall hold office until their successors are elected.
- B. President. The President shall preside at all Directors meetings, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association, and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to the office or are properly required by the Board of Directors.
- C. Vice-President. During the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall exercise all the functions of the President. The Vice-President shall have such powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- D. Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for issuing notices of meetings, keeping minutes of Board meetings, taking charge of the corporate books and records, disbursing funds of the Association and performing other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- E. Delegation. In the case of an Officer's absence or inability to act, the Board of Directors may delegate the powers or duties of such Officer to another Director.
- F. Vacancy. A Vacancy in an office arising from any cause may be filled by the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

- A. Standing Committees. The Board shall establish and oversee the following standing committees:
  - a. Virtual show
  - b. V-Show

- c. Breed Standards
  - d. Judges
  - e. Evaluation
  - f. Milk Test
- B. Other Committees. The Board may establish such other committees as it deems necessary and desirable.
- C. Makeup and Limitations on Powers of Committee. All committees shall be advisory to the Board. At least one Director shall serve on each committee.

## **ARTICLE VII REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

- A. Election of Regional Representatives. Representatives shall be elected annually by the membership for the purpose of providing representation to and advising the Board of Directors regarding concerns of the members of their district. Regional representatives are not members of the Board of Directors.
- B. Qualifications. A regional representative must reside in the district from which he/she is elected. A regional representative must be a current member in good standing for at least three consecutive years and must be willing to work for the betterment of the Association.
- C. Procedure for Representation. A regional representative will make him/herself available to membership in his/her region, listening to suggestions, complaints and feedback and report to the Board on a timely basis, providing a report at least quarterly.

## **ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION**

The Association will indemnify its officers and directors to the fullest extent allowed by current or future Washington law.

## **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, and new bylaws adopted, by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of director's present, if a quorum is present. Prior to adoption of the amendment, each Director shall be given at least two days' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. The notice shall state that one of the purposes of the meeting is to consider a proposed amendment to the bylaws and shall contain a copy of the proposed amendment. DATED this 15 day of March, 2016.

**DIRECTORS**

President: Shelley Weber	Vise-President: Jacqui Wilcox
Treasurer: Crystal Eutsler	Secretary: Dee Daniels
Directors:	
Linda Sennott	Erik P. Brown
Jill Hoenmans	