



Wisconsin Club Lamb Association

Leadership and guidance for the future of the industry!

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ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association.

ARTICLE 2: Purpose

To educate and further the involvement of Wisconsin youth in raising and showing club lambs. To provide a united voice for the club lamb industry through educational activities, social events, shows and sales.

ARTICLE 3: Membership

A. General: Dues to be paid annually for the calendar year and are set by the board of directors.

B. Youth: Open to any youth 19 years old as of January 1 of the current year or younger, upon payment of their dues. However, junior members must be old enough to control their lamb. If a youth requires assistance with their lamb in the ring, they may be assisted by another youth showman.

Amended 12/07/2022: Open to any youth aged 21 years old or younger as of January 1 of the current year.

C. Breeder: Open to any individual breeder, family, partnership or corporation actively engaged in the production of club lambs and, upon payment of their dues.

D. Voting: Each Breeder member is allowed one (1) vote regardless of how many families belong to breeder membership and/or youth members belong to breeder membership. As well as any youth member, not connected to a breeder member, is allowed one (1) vote, however if the youth member has multiple family members that family is allowed only one (1) vote.

E. Termination of Membership: Any member, either youth or adult, who engages in fraudulent or unethical practices, who violates the bylaws or rules of this association or whose actions adversely affect the association may be terminated by a 2/3 vote of the board of directors.

F. Honorary: May be awarded by a majority vote of voting members at any general membership meeting to persons who have made extraordinary contributions to the association or industry. Honorary members shall have full voting privileges.

ARTICLE 4: Meetings

Shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure as set forth by the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order. There shall be one fall general membership meeting with dates and locations determined by the board of directors. The fall meeting will be held in conjunction with the awards program. A quorum shall consist of 20 percent of the total number of members with voting privileges. A board of directors' quorum shall consist of 50 percent of the total number of adult directors. The board of directors may appoint such other temporary or standing committees from membership as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE 5: Board of Directors

A. Election: The board of directors shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sale Chairperson, At-Large Director and two (2) or three (3) youth members and shall be elected. Elections will be held annually at the fall membership meeting.

Aa. Term length: Two (2) or three (3) Youth Members will be elected annually. The board of directors will serve two-year terms. President, Secretary and Sale Chairperson will be elected in even ending years (i.e. 2012, 2014, etc.). Vice President, Treasurer and At-Large Director will be elected in odd ending years (i.e. 2013, 2015, etc.).

B. Duties: The board of directors shall manage the property and affairs of the association.

C. Vacancies: Shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at their next meeting.

ARTICLE 6: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the WCLA, all remaining funds will be transferred to other youth livestock organizations.

ARTICLE 7: WCLA Website

A WCLA Website will be designed and maintained for promotion of WCLA guidelines, sanctioned show, point schedule, awards, members and sponsors.

Duties of the Officers

President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and with said board, have general supervision of the affairs of the association.

Vice President: The vice president shall discharge the duties of the president in the event of absence or disability of the president. The Vice President is also responsible to maintain, tally, and report points accumulated by youth members via point guidelines.

Secretary: The secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings and keep such books, papers and documents pertaining to the organization as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. As well as any general communications to membership including but not limited to updating the website and editor of the bi-annual newsletter.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall have custody of the funds and keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements; disburse the funds of the association as ordered by the board and keep record of all financial transactions of the association. As well as Chair the Fundraising and Sale Clerking committees.

At-Large Director: The At-Large Director shall have duties as assigned by the president.

Sale Chairperson: The sale chairperson is responsible for organizing, promoting, and running the annual spring sale.

Youth Members: The three youth members are to sit on the board of directors to provide input, feedback, and suggestions to changes or potential changes that will affect the WCLA youth membership. As well as participate on the Fundraising committee.