

Bylaws

WAUPACA COUNTY LARGE ANIMAL, INC. ORGANIZATIONAL BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

The WAUPACA COUNTY LARGE ANIMAL, INC., is a non-profit organization created to educate and establish an educational program for the youth through Large Market Animal projects as part of the Waupaca County Fair. Therefore, to assist in such development, the following bylaws shall control.

ARTICLE 1: NAME, LOCATION, OPERATION & CALENDAR YEAR

1.1 Name:

1.1.1 These bylaws establish an organization, which shall be named the WAUPACA COUNTY LARGE ANIMAL, INC., a Wisconsin non-stock corporation, intended to be a 501c (3) nonprofit organization. The organization shall be referred to as the “organization.”

1.2 Location

1.2.1 The principle office shall be located in the Weyauwega Municipal Building, located at 109 Main Street in Weyauwega, Waupaca County, Wisconsin 54983.

1.3 Organization:

1.3.1 The organization shall be governed by these bylaws.

1.3.2 The organization shall have a board of directors of at least 5 individuals, elected for terms of 2 years. The initial term of 2 directors shall be in 1 year terms, with those first two drawn by lots.

1.3.3 The organization shall have the following officers: namely, a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and two directors at large.

1.3.4 The organization shall have three initial directors who shall serve in the three offices. The initial directors shall serve for a period of 120 days, or until the first annual meeting. Initial directors may serve as regular directors. The initial directors shall have all powers of regular directors to act and bind the organization pending the first annual meeting.

1.4 Calendar Year:

1.4.1 The operating calendar year, for all matters including officers and budgets, shall be January 1st, through December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Membership in the organization is open to:

2.1.1 Any adult with an interest in large animal market youth projects connected with the Waupaca County Fair;

- 2.1.2 Any youth, ages 9-20 as of January 1st of the current calendar year, who are actively enrolled in the Beef, Sheep, or Swing Project under the Waupaca County Fair;
- 2.1.3 Any member who expresses interest in directing youth in the large animal project and sale may serve as an Auxiliary member of the organization, but shall not have voting rights.

ARTICLE 3: Operation:

- 3.1 The organization shall have regular meetings, and an annual meeting.
- 3.2. The board of directors shall have sole operating authority for the organization.
- 3.4. Any disputes or processes not addressed specifically herein shall be conducted via Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 4: AMENDMENTS TO BY LAWS.

- 4.1 Introduction of Amendments: Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be made in writing and presented for discussion during meeting and voted on at the following meeting..
- 4.2 Adoption of Amendments: An amendment shall be adopted if approved by a 2/3rds majority of the board of directors.
- 4.3 Effective Date: Unless otherwise specified, amendments to these bylaws become effective immediately after the amendment is passed.

ARTICLE 5: DUES

- 5.1 There shall not be dues for membership.

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 6.1 The President shall:
 - a. Preside at all meetings.
 - b. Appoint committees as necessary.
 - c. Serve as an ex official member on all committees.
 - d. Represent organization in the public.
 - e. President shall be a two year term to be elected on even years.
- 6.2 The Vice President shall:
 - a. In the absence of the President, perform the duties of that office.
 - b. Serve on committees as appointed by the President.
 - c. Vice President shall be a two-year term to be elected on odd years.
- 6.3 The Secretary shall:
 - a. Record the minutes of all meetings.
 - b. Be responsible for, and control of, all official correspondence and records of the association, except those held by other officers for the performance of their duties.
 - c. Notify officers of all meetings.

- d. Perform such other duties as may be delegated by the President.
- e. Manage media coordination and information.
- f. Secretary shall be a two year term to be elected on even years.

6.4 The Treasurer shall:

- a. Receive all Money for organization and give receipts for same when appropriate.
- b. Maintain complete record of all organization financial transactions.
- c. Give a report at each meeting on financial transactions and the condition of the treasury.
- d. Treasurer shall be a two-year term to be elected on odd years.

6.5 Other Responsibilities of Officers and Members:

No member of the organization shall, using the name of the Waupaca County Large Animal, Inc. make any public statement or originate any external correspondence that establishes new policy, or conflicts with any existing policy approval of the organization.

ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEES and ANNUAL MEETINGS

- 7.1 There will be various committees of organization, which will be determined at the annual meeting.
- 7.2 The organization shall have an annual meeting for the purposes of:
 - a. Reviewing and amending these by-laws
 - b. Electing of directors
 - c. Electing officers
 - d. Review and audit of financial reporting.
 - e. Determining and setting fund raising goals and restrictions.
 - f. Reviewing and completing any required governmental reporting.
 - g. Such other business as is appropriate for policy review versus daily operation by the board of directors.
- 7.3 All meetings shall be noticed so that board members have at least seven (7) days' prior notice. Publication via website or email is sufficient notice.
- 7.4 The annual meeting shall be set on the first Thursday of November of each year, or another date set by resolution of the board of directors.
- 7.5 Voting adult members must attend and sign up at the annual meeting in November or attend at least 75% of the meetings the prior year.
- 7.6 Voting youth members must attend and sign up at the annual meeting in November or attend at least 75% of the meetings the prior year.

ARTICLE 8: Dissolution Policy

- 8.1 Dissolution Policy

Upon dissolution, the group shall turn its assets over to any Waupaca County Non-Profit Livestock Organization to be used for youth development.

The above by-laws were approved by the initial directors, as provided by the organizational meeting dated: November 28th, 2023.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Ann Wehrle

Secretary of Board

Dated the 28th day of November, 2023