

# **Articles of Association The North American Hunting Retriever Association Inc.**

## Articles Of Association

### Article I (NAME)

The name of the Corporation shall be The North American Hunting Retriever Association Inc., hereafter referred to as NAHRA.

### Article II (MISSION)

- i) The Mission of this corporation is to conduct retriever events that foster and recognize excellence in the retriever as a hunter's companion and conservation animal. Fundamental to this mission is the non-competitive field test conducted at appropriate levels for the retriever's ability and training level and the award of Titles based on performance at these events.
- ii) NAHRA shall be operated as a nonprofit nonstock corporation.

### Article III (OFFICE)

The principal Office of NAHRA shall be maintained in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

### Article IV (DIRECTORS)

- i) NAHRA shall be governed by a board of directors of not less than 3 or more than 7.
- ii) The NAHRA Board of Directors shall include the following officers to be selected by the Board of Directors:
  - (a) President
  - (b) VP, Secretary
  - (c) VP, Treasurer
- iii) These Officers will conduct the business of NAHRA during intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors.
- iv) The current board will select prospective board members.
- v) The first directors shall be the persons who have signed the Articles of Association.
- vi) The directors shall hold office until their successors are duly elected, they resign or death.
- vii) The Board of Directors may at their discretion select Honorary Board Members based on historical contribution or special acts. These Honorary Board Members shall have no voting privileges
- viii) No person shall be eligible to the Board of Directors who is not a member of NAHRA in good standing.  
This shall not apply to Honorary Board Members

### Article V (SECESSION)

- i) Secession by resignation, death, incapacitation or removal:  
In the event a board member is unable to continue his or her duties for any of the above reasons a special board selection meeting will be convened by the remaining board members. Selection of a new board member will be made by a majority of the remaining board members and the term shall be as stated above in Article IV vi)

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- ii) In the event an officer is unable to continue his or her duties for any of the above reasons:
  - (a) In the event the President position becomes vacant, the VP Secretary will fill it.
  - (b) In the event the Secretary position becomes vacant, the VP Treasurer will fill it.
  - (c) The remaining directors may fill any vacancy occurring among the Board of Directors. If the minimum number of Directors (3) are still serving no expansion is required but may be exercised at the discretion of the directors.

## **Article VI (MEMBERSHIP)**

- i) Membership in NAHRA shall be open to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, religious or ethnic background. The Board of Directors shall by appropriate by-laws specify the requirements of each membership class and the process for applying for such.
- ii) All clubs hosting NAHRA Sanctioned or Licensed tests are required to be Member Clubs in good standing.
- iii) The Board of Directors shall be empowered to expel a member or club for conduct not in the best interest of NAHRA, its policies, rules, bylaws or Code of Conduct.

## **Article VII (DISSOLUTION)**

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

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