

**SOUTHERN WISCONSIN BUCKSKIN ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS
2010**

Article I – The Organization

Section I – Title

This association shall be known as the Southern Wisconsin Buckskin Association, a charter member of the American Buckskin Registry Association, Inc. It shall be operated as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The official abbreviation shall be SWBA.

Section II – Purpose

Southern Wisconsin Buckskin Association is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of Buckskin, Dun, Red Dun and Grulla horses within the state of Wisconsin. The association works to meet this mission by encouraging the breeding, activities and competition and also provide beneficial services for our members that enhance and encourage Buckskin horse ownership and participation.

Section III – Location

The place of business shall be any place in the State of Wisconsin that is convenient to the officers, directors and participating members. Members may be residents of any state, territory or country.

Article II – Membership & Meetings

Section I – Members

The Southern Wisconsin Buckskin Association shall be open to all persons interested in the use, enjoyment and promotion of Buckskin, Dun, Red Dun or Grulla horses and ponies who are willing to abide by the SWBA By-Laws and rules, which must be in conformity with ABRA rules. Anyone whose ABRA membership has been terminated or suspended is not eligible for membership in SWBA.

A membership may be terminated by SWBA in extreme situations due to deliberate misrepresentation, dishonest practices in registering and selling or showing horses and ponies registered with ABRA, and for any conduct grossly detrimental to SWBA or ABRA. A majority vote of the officers and board of directors is needed to terminate a membership.

Each individual membership in good standing shall be entitled to one vote; each family membership in good standing shall be entitled to two votes. Membership cards shall be issued and are non-transferable. All members shall abide by the rules of ABRA and SWBA.

Section II – Dues

The fiscal year of SWBA shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

The dues for the year shall be set annually. There shall be individual memberships, youth memberships, family with no youth memberships and family with youth memberships.

All yearly dues are to be paid in advance for the new year, prior to voting at the Annual Meeting if a member is running for office.

Section III – Meetings

The President shall set the date and place of the meetings and their frequency with some regard to the schedules of the other officers and board of directors. A majority of the board must be present to make any decision or approvals.

There shall be at least 2 meetings a year for officers and board members and at least one meeting a year for the whole membership, for the purpose of the membership to elect Officers and Directors, and for the transaction of other such business as may be brought before the membership. The annual membership meeting shall be held in October or November. Any interested member may attend any of the board meetings and offer ideas but may not vote at them, only at the annual membership meeting.

In the absence of the President, the Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer may take his place for that meeting.

Article III – Officers And Duties

Section I – Eligibility

Only adult members in good standing may hold office. Member must be age nineteen (19) by January 1 of the current year.

Section II – Officers

The officers of SWBA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must, at the time of nomination, be a member of ABRA and SWBA and maintain membership in both associations during their term of office.

Section III – Officers And Duties

PRESIDENT: The President shall hold office for two (2) years. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Membership and Board Of Director meetings, appoint any such committees as may be needed, to be an ex-officio member of all committees, to see that the By-Laws, rules and regulations are properly enforced.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall hold office for two (2) years. The Vice-President in the absence of the President, shall have the powers and duties of the President.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall hold office for two (2) years. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership, Board of Directors, and Special Meetings. The Secretary shall send notices of the meetings to the membership, to handle all correspondence and to keep accurate records of all the business carried on by SWBA.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall hold office for two (2) years. The treasurer shall receive, deposit and, upon board approval, disburse all money of SWBA for any expenses. A Treasurer's report shall be given at each meeting. An annual audit of the accounts should be made annually by a certified accountant or forum as appointed by the President with the approval of the Board Of Directors.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. If they are combined, the office will have one (1) vote.

Article IV – Board Of Directors And Duties

Section I – Eligibility

Only adult members in good standing may hold office. Member must be age nineteen (19) by January 1 of the current year.

Section II – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of at least six (6) people. All Directors must, at the time of nomination, be a member of ABRA and SWBA and maintain membership in both associations during their term of office.

Section III – Board of Directors Duties

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors shall hold office for two (2) years. The board shall have the power to make, amend or repeal the rules, regulations and By-Laws of SWBA, subject to the approval of a majority of the officers and members, at the Annual Meeting.

A director, who misses 50% of the Board of Directors meetings, in a 12 month period without a valid excuse approved by the Board of Directors, will lose his/her directorship and will be replaced.

Article V – Committees

Section I – Formation of Committees

The President shall appoint such standing committees, as he/she deems proper.

Section II – Committee Duties

Any committee(s) being formed by the direction of the President are namely formed for the research and suggestions for the particular committee appointed for, and will not make the final decisions on rules, regulations, etc., but will present their proposals to the Board, at which time a quorum of the Board may offer changes or suggestions.

Article VI – Elections

Section I – Elections

A meeting of the whole membership shall be held in the fall of each year, for the purpose of election of Officers and Board Members. All terms of office will be for a period of two (2) years.

Article VII – By-Laws

Section I – Amending By-Laws

The By-Laws of the SWBA club may be amended by the Board of Directors or by a committee appointed by the President. Amendments shall be brought up at a general membership meeting and voted on.

Article VIII – Rules Of Order For All Meetings

Section I – Rules Of Order

All meetings of the Board, General Membership and/or Committees appointed by the President, shall be governed by Roberts Rules Of Order (revised) unless said rules are contrary to the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of SWBA in which case the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws shall govern.

Article IX – Dissolution

Section I – Dissolution

Under the dissolution of SWBA, the Board of Directors shall after paying all liabilities, or making provision for payment, dispose of all assets of SWBA exclusively for the purpose of SWBA in such manner. Any assets will be dispersed to non-profit organizations selected by the SWBA Board of Directors by unanimous vote.