

WASHINGTON FEATHER FANCIERS

Constitution and Bylaws

Established: February, 1976

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Rules are written and adopted for a definite purpose. They are completely valueless if no one bothers to read them or abide by them.

Constitution

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be the “Washington Feather Fanciers”

ARTICLE II.

The object of this organization shall be to promote the breeding and exhibition of poultry, both standard and bantam, pheasants, waterfowl, quail, partridge, pigeons, and other related species and cage birds to such available standards as are set forth for each species.

ARTICLE III.

Membership shall be open to all persons who are in agreement with the policies of the organization as here-in stated.

ARTICLE IV.

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation, the assets of the organization shall be distributed according to such plans as shall be duly adopted by the Board of Directors, to such not for profit organizations or corporations or municipal corporations, but not to private individuals, as appointed; provided that the Board of Directors may provide for the sale of assets, other than cash or negotiable instruments, to members or non-members to provide liquidity.

ARTICLE V.

Officers and Elections:

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

- e. Editor
- f. Chairman of poultry Division
- g. Chairman of Ornamental and Game Bird Division
- h. Chairman of Pigeon Division
- i. Chairman of Waterfowl Division
- j. Chairman of Cage Bird Division

Section 2. Any voting member shall be eligible for election to office and appointment to committees.

- a. The Treasurer must be 21 years of age or older.

Section 3. The officers and division chairmen shall constitute the Executive Board, with the President acting as the Chairman of the Board.

Section 4. Officers will be elected annually the first month of each year.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings:

Section 1. There shall be seven (7) general membership meetings held per year.

Section 2. Time, date and place of general membership meetings will be published in the monthly news-bulletin prior to each meeting.

Section 3. Fifteen voting members present at a general membership meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. A simple majority of elected officers present at a Board meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Rules of Order:

This organization shall be governed by this Constitution and its By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

Formal Adoption:

This Constitution is hereby adopted by the members at the general membership meeting of March 28th, 1976, and the Board of Directors at the meeting of December 12, 1976.

Show Committee

Accepted operating rules as revised by the:

- 1.) Board of Directors. Date: January 16, 1977.
- 2.) General membership. Date: May 21, 1978.
 - a. The President, with the approval of the Board, will appoint a Show Chairman and an assistant Show Chairman.
 - b. Neither the Show Chairman or the assistant Show Chairman need be an active member of the Board and neither need vote at a Board meeting.
 - c. The Show Chairman will organize and coordinate the annual, all variety, show.
 - d. The Show Chairman will appoint 1 or more persons, who are members of the club, to assist him.
 - e. The assistant Show Chairman will assist the Show Chairman and will be ready and capable of replacing the Show Chairman in the event the Show Chairman becomes incapacitated.
 - f. All Division Chairmen are members of the Show Committee.
 - g. The Show Chairman must accept the cooperation of Division Chairmen and shall consider their recommendations pertaining to judges and methods of showing in events involving their particular Divisions.
 - h. The Show Chairman must abide by the rules and decisions made by the Board.
 - i. Show Committee expenses must be approved by the Board. All financial transactions must be conducted by the Treasurer.

Election Chairman

Accepted Operating Rules as approved by:

Board of Directors. Date: January 16, 1977.

General membership. Date: January 23, 1977.

- 1.) The election committee shall consist of 3 persons, none of whom are members of the same family and none of whom are candidates or members of candidates family.
- 2.) The President will appoint an election chairman at the October general membership meeting. (Note:) Refer to "Exception", Sect. 1, ARTICLE IV of the By-laws for explanation as to why this may be done at November general membership meeting.
- 3.) The chairman will appoint 2 other persons to assist him (her).
- 4.) The committee shall have printed the proper number of ballots.
- 5.) One ballot will be mailed to each voting member. One return envelope must be enclosed. This return envelope must be stamped with the word "BALLOT" in the lower left corner.
- 6.) Ballots must be returned before the January general membership meeting date.
- 7.) Ballots must be returned in the envelopes provided for that purpose and must be sealed and postmarked or they will not be counted.
- 8.) The President will examine each envelope just prior to the counting, to verify that each is properly sealed and postmarked.
- 9.) The election committee shall count the ballots at the January general membership meeting and announce the results at that meeting.
- 10.) If there is no formal request for a recount, the chairman will destroy the ballots.

Division Chairmen

Accepting operating rules as approved by the:

- 1.) General membership. Date March 28th, 1976.
- 2.) Board of Directors. Date: _____.
 - a. All Division Chairmen are active members of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Each Division Chairman is responsible for the activities of his (or her) specific category such as: Poultry, Pheasants, Cage Birds, Waterfowl, Pigeons.
 - c. He (or she) will cooperate with the Show Chairman in shows and exhibitions in which his (or her) particular category is involved.
 - d. He (or she) may appoint assistants for any particular project undertaken, provided they are members.
 - e. A Division Chairman must have a majority approval of the Board, at a regular or special Board meeting, in all phases of these activities.
 - f. He will assist the show chairman in the appointing of a judge for his (her) category. He can, with the approval of the Board, overrule the Show Chairman in the event of a disagreement in the appointment of a judge.
 - g. All financial arrangements must be approved by the Board and must be transacted by the Treasurer.

Bylaws

ARTICLE I

Duties of the officers:

Section 1. The President shall preside at all general membership & Board meetings.

Section 2. The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, but, he shall vote only in the event of a tie vote of the Board.

Section 3. The President shall, with the approval of the Board, appoint all committee chairmen and vacancies occurring on committees.

Section 4. The Vice-President shall act in the place of the President in the event the President is unable to perform his duties.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all general membership and Board meetings and have all such minutes published in the monthly club bulletin, shall carry on the correspondence of the organization and shall keep on file a copy of all such correspondence.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall collect and keep all money, pay all legitimate bills, keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures and shall submit a monthly and yearly financial report to members. Reports to be published in monthly club Bulletin.

The Treasurer shall be bonded, the amount to be determined by the Board at the beginning of each year.

Section 7. The Editor shall be responsible for all printed matter required by the organization.

Section 8. Division Chairmen will be responsible for the representation of their respective Divisions at Board meetings and other related functions. Refer to attached rules, as per ARTICLE III, Section 2, of these By-laws.

ARTICLE II

Dues:

Section 1. Membership dues will be due the first month of the year.

Section 2. New memberships accepted after November 1st will be considered paid for the remainder of the current years and the following year.

Section 3. Dues shall be: \$10.00 – Family (household) membership.

Section 4. Dues shall be paid to Treasurer.

ARTICLE III

Committees:

Section 1. Committee Chairmen will be appointed by the President, as per ARTICLE I, Section 3. All committees shall have three (3) or more members.

Section 2. All committees and Divisions shall operate according to approved “operating rules” which shall be attached to these By-laws.

ARTICLE IV

Elections & Vacancies Occuring on Board:

Section 1. Nominations for new officers will be opened at the October general membership meeting.

“Exception”: In the Event there is no general membership meeting held during the month of October due to conflict with a show or for any other unforeseen reason, nominations will be opened at the November general membership meeting.

Section 2. Officers and Division Chairmen will be elected by a majority vote of returned mail ballots.

Ballots not returned by the January general membership meeting will not be counted.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring in any elected office shall be filled by the Board of Directors, by majority vote, at any regular or special Board meeting within 40 days, unless another method is requested by the members at a general membership meeting.

ARTICLE V

Meetings:

Section 1. A minimum of 7 general membership meetings throughout the year will be held, at the call of the President. (Refer to Article VI, Sect. 1 of the Constitution).

No meetings will be required during the months of July and August.

Section 2. The time and place of general membership meetings will be determined by the President, unless, by a majority vote at a general membership meeting or a Board meeting a different time or place of meeting shall be directed.

Section 3. Notice of general membership meetings through publication in the club bulletin prior to the meeting date shall be considered sufficient.

Section 4. Notice of Board meetings will be made through publication in the monthly bulletin, unless, other more suitable and appropriate methods are deemed necessary.

Section 5. Board meetings may be called once a month by the President and at such other times as may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments:

Section 1. ARTICLE I and ARTICLES III through VI of the By-laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of returned ballots of the entire voting membership, by mail ballot.

Section 2. ARTICLE II, of the By-laws, may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any general membership meeting provided that notice be published in club bulletin prior to submitting to vote.

Section 3. The attached operating rules may be amended by a majority vote of members at a general membership meeting and approval by the Board by a majority vote at a Board meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Formal adoption:

These By-laws are hereby adopted by the members at the general membership meeting of March 28th, 1976, and by the Board of Directors at the meeting of December 12th, 1976.

(Additional pages of the attached committee rules can be added as they are created and approved).