

# **SUBMITTED AMENDMENT PROPOSALS TO AEF BY-LAWS**

**20 JAN 2012**

**1.**

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) to identify with a known “brand”;

BE IT RESOLVED the Alberta Equestrian Federation Bylaws amend Article I. To read: The name of the organization will be the Alberta Equestrian Federation Society, hereinafter called AEF.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that wherever the words “the Federation” or “Federation” appear in the Bylaws of the Alberta Equestrian Federation Society they be changed to “AEF” or “the AEF” whichever is respectively grammatically appropriate.

Bylaw Committee

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**2.**

WHEREAS in Article II. Section 2. D. to meet the requirements of the new changes to the Federal Not-for-profit act in which board size of national associations must be reduced.

FURTHER the office of the AEF has not been able to ensure the current by-law is complied with as many associations are not registered under an act.

BE IT RESOLVED that in Article II. Section 2. D. that the words “.....may have representation on the Federation Board provided they will have met the following qualifications “ be deleted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in Article II. Section 2. D. iii) that the following words be deleted: “Filed proof, that if applicable its national parent body recognizes it as the Provincial representative for the equine and equestrian activities within its terms of reference or by its members.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in Article II. Section 2. D. iv) that the following words be deleted: “Be registered under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta unless prevented from doing so by the Bylaws of its National parent body.

Ross MacInnes, Brian Irving, Cindy Holyoak

*What the amended section would look like*

## Article II

### Section 2

**D. Provincial Associations** being those organizations having provincial jurisdiction over an equine breed, activity or interest.

- i) Filed an application in writing recognizing the objectives and mandate of the Alberta Equestrian Federation Society.
- ii) Filed proof, satisfactory to the Board of Directors that the Association is organized democratically and represents and is recognized by the majority of the equine and equestrian associations and/or members within its terms of reference.

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### 3.

WHEREAS in Article II. Section 2. D. some Association Members do not attend meetings or only a few, it is suggested to have an Associations Advisory Council set up from which two (2) or three (3) members may attend AEF board meetings.

BE IT RESOLVED that in Article II. Section 2. D. the following be substituted: “Provincial Associations being those equine or equestrian discipline or breed associations of provincial scope in their aims and objectives or of national scope with designated regions within Alberta which have applied for and been admitted to membership and which have paid the prescribed membership fee for the current year.

Each member Association is entitled to one vote on the Associations Advisory Council and shall deliver written notice of the individual authorization to exercise such vote to the AEF office.

The individual authorized to exercise such vote shall be themselves an AEF Member in good standing and resident in Alberta.

Member Associations shall not have an individual vote at AEF board meetings.

Allison Blackmore, Sandy Bell, Cindy Holyoak, Brian Irving

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**4.**

WHEREAS in Article II. Section 2. D. there is no provision for Associations of primary importance such as the AVMA to nominate a Member to the AEF Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that in Article II. Section 2. D. iv) be amended to read:

**Be registered under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta unless prevented from doing so by the Bylaws of its National parent body or other Legislation or Regulation evidence of which shall be submitted with the filed application.**

Carina Maitland-Smith

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**5.**

WHEREAS in Article II. Section 2.E Affiliate Organizations are not being admitted to membership by the board, this is done through membership in the AEF office.

BE IT RESOLVED to end the sentence after “admitted to membership” and delete the following: “by the Board of Directors.....”

Sonia Dantu

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**6.**

WHEREAS in Article II. Section 2. F. ii) there may be a lack of clarity and consistency:

BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Section 2. F. ii) be amended to read “Business Members will receive recognition.....”

Sonia Dantu

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**7.**

WHEREAS in Article II. Section 3. A. ii) to meet the requirements of the new changes to the Federal not-for –profit act in which board size of national associations must be reduced.

BE IT RESOLVED that in Article II. Section 3. A. ii) the whole paragraph be deleted.

Cindy Holyoak, Brian Irving

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**8,**

WHEREAS the AEF Board accepted a document on Code of Ethics.

BE IT RESOLVED in Article VI Section 1 to add E. All members of the AEF Board shall endorse and comply with the AEF Code of Ethics.

Sonia Dantu.

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**9.**

WHEREAS in Article IV. Sections 1.and 3. the office of the AEF considers that **Promotions and Publicity** is a day to day duty of the office and that it should be a responsibility of all Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED that in Article IV. Section 1. A. Vii. e) the Words Promotion and Publicity be replaced with the words “Public Relations”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in **Article IV. Section 3. C. e)** the words “Promotion and Publicity” will be replaced with “Public Relations” throughout the paragraph

Sonia Dantu, Ross MacInnes

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**10.**

WHEREAS in Article IV Section 1. E; the Term of Office for Executive and Director positions are not defined;

BE IT RESOLVED that in Article IV. Section 1. E. that the Term of Office for Executive and individual Director positions shall be two (2) years with one half of the positions to be selected each year.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the maximum consecutive number of terms that may be served is two (2).

Vivian Slugoski

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**11.**

WHEREAS in Article IV. Section 3. C. Vii.) a) and b) there is reference to Equine Canada Sport Division which may not be the only national organization referenced;

BE IT RESOLVED to amend Article IV. Section 3. C. vii) a) .....related to all competitions, liaison with Sport Alberta and other bodies, provincial or national, where liaison is in the best interest of AEF and its members.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to amend Article IV. Section 3. C.) vii) b) .....but not limited to liaison with provincial or national bodies where liaison is in the best interest of AEF and its members.

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**12.**

WHEREAS in Article V. Section 1. A. it may be desirable for the AEF to change the time of the Annual General Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED to amend Article V. Section 1.A. to read: The Annual General Meeting of the AEF will be held each year at such time and place as the Board may designate.

Vivian Slugoski

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**13.**

Whereas in Article V Section 1. E. The times of posting are confusing therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED to amend by replacing as follows;

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be posted on the Federation web site and circulated to members during a period of at least forty (40) days but not more than one hundred and forty (140) days prior to the meeting date.

Ken Zelt

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**14.**

WHEREAS in Article VI. Section 1. there is no limit on the number of members from any one organization;

BE IT RESOLVED in Article VI. Section 1. be added: E. That there shall be no more than 25% or one quarter (1/4) of members of the same organization elected as Executive or individual Board members combined.

Vivian Slugoski

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**15.**

WHEREAS in Article VI. Section 1.A. there needs to be clarification;

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI. Section 1. A. be amended after “ Annual General meeting of the Federation” .....“and must be members in good standing.”

Vivian Slugoski

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**16.**

BE IT RESOLVED in Article VI. Section 1. the following be added:

“Directors having served three consecutive terms on the Board of Directors are not eligible for re-election for a period of one year.

Cindy Holyoak, Brian Irving, Ross MacInnes

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**17.**

WHEREAS in Article VI. Section 4. C. There is no definition of attendance requirements in AEF Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED in Article VI. Section 4. C. the following be added: All board members are required to attend sixty percent of AEF meetings per year or will be considered to have resigned their positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the present Article VI Section 4.C. become Article VI. Section 4. D.

Vivian Slugoski

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**18.**

WHEREAS in Article VI. Section 5. i.) there is a lack of clarity in the requirements of retired or resigning Directors during a term;

BE IT RESOLVED that in Section VI. Section 5. i) it shall read: Upon resignation of an Executive position it shall be filed from the pool of members currently in good standing and shall be done so at the next full Board meeting if the term remaining is more than half. This shall be done by simple majority vote of members present.

Vivian Slugoski

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**19.**

WHEREAS in Article VII. Section 4. Equine Canada is referenced and may not be the correct or only body of reference:

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VII. Section 4. Be amended and replaced as follows;

“Subject to the rules and regulations of Governments of Canada and Alberta and any relevant statutes and regulations, the AEF shall form a Provincial Hearing Committee to deal with any violations of relevant rules, regulations or provincial statutes and to hear complaints, appeals or any sustained protests that may arise within Alberta.”

Bylaw Committee

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