

SNAKE RIVER MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

Name, Principle Location, Purpose

Article I: The name of the association shall be known as the Snake River Meat Goat Association (SRMGA).

Article II: The address of this association shall be that of the current elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Article III: Purpose and Objectives:

Purpose: To promote close fellowship, co-operation and education among Boer goat owners and meat goat enthusiasts through meetings, correspondence, education and interchange of useful knowledge and ideas.

Objectives:

1. To provide educational programs and advice to newcomers and our fellow members about the meat goat industry.
2. To foster and promote the public exhibition of Boer goats through shows, fairs and Boer goat education programs.
3. To educate the public on the utility and value of Boer goats and meat goat products.
4. To foster development of the meat goat market in the Northwest.

Article IV: Membership

1. A member shall be anyone paying dues to the Association.
2. Each Member is entitled to one vote per paid membership. Written, vocal or electronic voting may be permitted.

Article V: Meetings and Quorum

1. The SRMGA shall hold meetings on a quarterly basis or as needed, which will be decided by voice vote at each meeting and/or by the President or Board of Directors.
2. Voting at duly held meetings shall be by voice vote.
3. Educational activities shall be held once a year or as needed by the membership.
4. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of two officers, two board members and four members.
5. Every act, or decision done or made by a majority of voting members present or at a meeting in which a quorum is present, is the act of the membership, unless the bylaws or provisions of the law require a greater number.

Article VI: Dues

1. Dues may be paid the following ways:
 - A. \$20 per year for a Single membership (1 individual, 1 vote)
 - B. \$25 per year for a Farm membership (2 individuals, 2 votes)

- C. \$40 per year for Family membership (3+ individuals, 3 votes)
 - D. \$300 for a Lifetime membership, which is transferable if herd is sold.
 - E. \$5 per year for Junior membership (Non-voting)
2. Paid membership includes voting rights, right to attend all formal and informal education offerings sponsored by the SRMGA and any other benefits deemed by the group known as Snake River Meat Goat Association to be part of group activities.
 3. Annual Dues are due on January 1st of each year and must be paid by January 31st of that year. If new members pay in the third quarter of the year, those dues will be accepted for the following year.

Article VII: Nominations and Election of Officers

1. Nominations shall be made by the general membership at the last formal meeting of each year, with elections to follow within an appropriate amount of time to be determined by the group, depending on the ability to hold a formal meeting.
2. Nominations of officers shall be made by writing, vocally or electronically.
3. Election of officers shall be by written ballot.

Article VIII: Officers

1. President: Shall be the presiding officer of the Association and, subject to the control of the Board, shall have general charge and supervision of the administration of the affairs and business of the Association. The President shall vote only in the event of a tie vote of other members present and voting. The president will be allowed to write checks.
2. Vice President: Shall discharge the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability for any cause whatsoever and shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the board.
3. Secretary/Treasurer: Shall conduct necessary correspondence and make proper recording of the business of the Association. Shall collect all dues and monies due the Association and report same in detail at the regular business meetings. Shall submit the financial records for a yearly internal audit. Shall disburse or cause to be disbursed the funds of the Association as may be directed by the voting membership, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. In the Secretary's absence, recording of the business will be done by an appointee of the President. The Secretary will have their name on the checking account and with the President will be allowed to write checks.

Article IX: Fiscal Year

1. Fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Article X: Committees

1. The President shall appoint Committee Chairs. Each Chair person may at their discretion convene a meeting of a committee of members to assist with the responsibility of that committee. Committee chair persons will be responsible to report activities to the general membership. Permanent committees will be as follows:
 - A. Marketing: make reports on local market
 - B. Junior Advisor: Shall maintain a list of junior members. Shall maintain the Doeling Donation program by screening the junior members who wish to participate according to the rules of the Program.
 - C. Show: Shall with the assistance of other members put on at least one sanctioned show per year.
 - D. Production Sale: Shall with the assistance of other members put on at least one sale per year.
 - E. Librarian/Historian: shall maintain a library of books, videos and other educational and informational materials for use of members. Shall be the official Association photographer for Shows and Sales. Shall keep scrap book for Association.

Article XI: Board Members

1. Board members shall be a minimum of 5 in number. One board member will be retired each year and a replacement elected by the membership at the fall election of that year. The Board members shall conduct a financial audit each year. They shall not serve concurrently as an officer of the Association. Should a board member be elected as an officer, the vacancy on the board will be filled as soon as an election can be held.

Article XII: Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution of the SRMGA, the net assets of the organization shall be revealed to the group in a meeting and disbursement shall be done to the satisfaction of the group.

Article XIII: Amendments

1. These bylaws may be amended at any time the need arises.
2. Recommendations for amendments may be made at any business meeting.
3. A Bylaw committee will be convened and will write and publish the amendments.
4. Voting will take place at the regular business meeting following the publication of the amendment.