

**By-Laws of the
Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America
A Not-For-Profit Organization Formerly The American Association of Importers and Breeders of
Belgian Draft Horses**

These By-Laws are for the use of all persons registering and transferring purebred Belgians. By observing them, members will avoid difficulties and help to make certain the accuracy of the certificates of registry and transfer issued by the Corporation. Failure to observe them may lead to loss of the privileges of the Corporation and possible legal entanglements.

These are complete By-Laws as amended and adopted February 13, 1937, and includes amendments which have been adopted since.

STATE OF INDIANA, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CERTIFICATE OF REORGANIZATION

AUGUST G. MUELLER, Secretary of State

To Whom These Presents Come, Greetings:

Whereas, there has been presented to me at this Office Articles of Reorganization in triplicate of:
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMPORTERS AND BREEDERS OF BELGIAN
DRAFT HORSES UNDER THE REORGANIZED CORPORATE NAME OF BELGIAN DRAFT
HORSE CORPORATION OF AMERICA.

Said Articles of Reorganization having been prepared and signed in accordance with "AN ACT concerning domestic and foreign Corporations not-for-profit, providing for fees, providing penalties for the violation thereof, and repealing certain laws." Approved March 7, 1935, as published at Page 557, Acts of 1935.

Whereas, upon due examination, I find that they conform to law:
Now, therefore, I hereby certify that I have this day endorsed my approval upon the triplicate copies of Articles so presented, and, having received the fees required by law, in the sum of \$6.50, have filed one copy of the Articles in this Office and returned two copies bearing the endorsement of my approval to the Corporation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this 14th day of January, 1937.

AUGUST G. MUELLER, Secretary of State

By Joseph O. Hoffmann, Deputy.



ARTICLE I

TITLE, LOCATION, OBJECT AND CORPORATE SEAL

Section 1. Title. The name of the Corporation is BELGIAN DRAFT HORSE CORPORATION OF AMERICA.

Section 2. Location. The location of the principal office shall be in the City of Wabash, State of Indiana.

Section 3. Object. The object of the Corporation is to keep and maintain a register of the importations, descriptions and genealogies or pedigrees of such imported stock and their descendants in order to maintain a pure breed; to issue certificates of registry and transfer of purebred Belgian Draft Horses and for the advancement of the interests of the Belgian Draft Horses in America and to do any and all things that may be necessary to properly conduct the business of the Corporation.

Section 4. Corporate Seal. The Corporation shall have a corporate seal which shall consist of a circular die upon which is engraved, "BELGIAN DRAFT HORSE CORPORATION OF AMERICA" and at the bottom the word "SEAL" and in the center a horse's head. The impression is as follows:



ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Section 1. Membership. Any person, partnership, corporation or educational institution, owning or engaged in the breeding or buying, selling or importing of purebred Belgian Draft Horses or any representative of such corporation or educational institution, may apply to become a member of this Corporation. No membership may be written to a farm name or business which is not incorporated. This includes those farm names or businesses registered in their respective states.

IMPORTANT-Membership privileges are not in effect until the membership has been processed. Membership privileges apply only to the entity in which the membership is written and cannot be combined with any other person or membership to create membership privileges. Additionally, persons cannot be deleted to maintain a membership entity. This also applies to any animals owned prior to or after writing a membership. A membership written “or” or “&/or” simply means either person can sign, NOT that you can have animals in one name or the other and still maintain a membership entity. Animals not recorded in a membership entity are subject to a non-member fee.

Membership Categories: Individual, Partnership, Corporate or Educational Institution.

Corrected Membership: A member may add one individual to their membership. If any animals are currently owned in the original membership this will not alter their ownership and they will be in a non-member entity after the membership change. A membership may be changed only one time and only to add one individual. No membership can be altered to remove an individual or individuals. The current fee determined by the Board of Directors will be imposed to correct a membership.

For Memberships written after June 1, 1997: It is no longer allowed that a dam be owned individually and that foals be registered into an entity with a spouse. The foal will be registered to the entity the dam is recorded in at the time of foaling.

Section 2. Membership Fee. Each applicant for membership shall pay the current membership fee, which amount shall accompany the application for membership. This amount shall be returned to said applicant in the event that the application is not accepted. Applicants for membership shall have attained the age of 18. For memberships applied for after December 6, 2003, an annual membership fee will apply. Failure to remit the annual fee will cancel the membership.

A special youth membership, without voting privileges, will be offered to individuals under the age of 18. The current youth membership fee shall accompany the membership application. By December 31 of the year the individual reaches the age of 18 such individual may submit the balance of an individual membership fee. The current annual dues will apply from that point forward, otherwise the membership expires.

Section 3. Termination of Membership. Membership in this Corporation shall automatically terminate with the death, resignation, corporate dissolution or expulsion of said member. Provided that upon the death of an individual member, said member’s executor, administrator or legal representative shall have one year after the date of death of said member to cause to be registered or transferred upon the books of this Corporation each animal, or the unregistered progeny thereof, upon payment to the Corporation of the fees of registration and transfer as required of members under these By-Laws. Provided further, that in the event of the death of a member of a partnership, dissolution of partnership, including divorce, where the membership stands in the partnership name, the same rule shall apply as in case of the death of an individual member, provided also that the surviving partner or partners shall have the same privilege of registering and transferring each animal owned by said partnership within a period of one year from the date of death of said deceased partner. Provided further, that the mere change of name of a Corporation or educational institution shall not be construed as a change of ownership of animals owned by said Corporation or educational institution, but it shall be necessary for said Corporation or educational institution, so changing its corporate name to immediately surrender the

current membership card and obtain a new membership card and to pay therefore the current fee for a corrected membership card.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Place of Meeting. The annual meeting of members of this Corporation shall be held at such place and time as the Board of Directors may designate. At such annual meeting, the members shall elect three (3) Directors, as provided in Section I of Article IV of these By-Laws, provided always that in the event of the death, resignation or inability, for any reason, to act, of a Director whose term does not expire at such annual meeting, then and in such event the members shall also elect a new Director to fill the vacancy created by the death, resignation or inability to serve of such Director; the members shall also transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the members may be called at any time for any purpose by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors or may be called by a majority of the members.

Section 3. Notice of Meeting. Notice of the annual meeting of the members and of any special or other meeting of the members shall be given by the Secretary, in writing, to each member entitled to receive the same by delivering personally or depositing such a notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to such respective member at the address of such member as shown by the books of the Corporation not less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days before said meeting. The notice of any special or other meeting shall briefly state the place, day, hour and purposes thereof.

Section 4. Method of Electing Directors.

(a) The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members, one of whom shall be appointed as Chairperson, said Committee to be composed of one (1) Director not then up for election, and two (2) other members who hold no office and who are breeders of Belgian Draft Horses, preferably members who live in different regions of the United States.

(b) The members of this Committee shall be notified of their appointment by the Secretary and shall be informed with regard to their duties of proposing the names of duly qualified persons to be placed on the ballot for the next coming election.

(c) This Committee shall be called together by the Secretary on or before July 1 next following, by which time they will have had opportunity to consider names for nomination to the office of Director.

(d) There shall be at least two (2) candidates named for the office of each Director whose term is expiring and at least two (2) candidates named to fill any vacancy for the unexpired term of any Director which has occurred for any reason or cause during the current year.

(e) After the selection of candidates has been fully agreed upon by the Committee, the Secretary shall prepare a printed ballot on which the names appear as chosen by the Nominating Committee.

NOTE: Three blank lines shall be provided on the ballot beneath the names of the candidates, to permit any member to write in the name of a candidate of their own selection.

(f) As quickly as the ballots have been printed, and, in conformity with the provisions of Section 3 Article III of these By-Laws, the Secretary shall mail to each eligible member of this Corporation, a ballot and a business reply envelope. The member, upon receipt of the ballot, shall record their vote by making the usual "X" after the names of the candidates of their choice. They shall then place their ballot in the business reply envelope and seal the same. They shall then sign their name over the word "Signature", which appears on the back of the outside envelope addressed to said firm so that their signature shall partially appear on the flap and partially on the back of said envelope. They shall also place their address immediately below their signature and mail said envelope to the said firm.

(g) All ballots must be delivered to and be in the hands of said firm seven (7) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

(h) Said accounting firm shall open ballots and tabulate, certifying results and placing its tabulation in a sealed envelope for delivery to the Secretary of the Corporation. Said envelope will be opened during the annual meeting and the results disclosed.

(i) Should a tie result between two candidates for the third position in an election, a winner will be declared by a vote of the members present at the annual meeting.

(j) A candidate may request a recount within two (2) business days following the annual meeting provided:

- Fewer than 5 votes separate the two candidates in question and;
- Candidate requesting the recount pre-pays current recount fee charged by Corporation accounting firm.

Section 5. Quorum. Not less than ten (10) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the members.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Directors. The property, funds and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) members. The term of the Board of Directors shall be as follows: Three (3) Directors shall be elected for a period of one (1) year, three (3) Directors for a period of two (2) years, and three Directors for a period of three (3) years, and as their respective terms expire, a like number of Directors shall be elected in each year for a period of three (3) years. Each of the said Directors shall hold office until their successor is duly elected and qualified.

NOTE: It shall be expected of each Director that they shall, always, be willing to give freely of their time and effort in helping to solve the problems of management of this Corporation and that they be continually conscious of their responsibility. In addition, each Director adopts the following Code of Attendance, Conduct, and Confidentiality to:

- Recognize our primary function is, at all times, to serve the best interests of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America and the Belgian horse.
- Respect the organizational structure and responsibilities of the board, officers, and staff, and uphold and support decisions made and policies adopted by the board.
- Attend all board and appointed committee meetings.
- Respect and protect privileged and confidential information to which we have access in the course of our official duties.
- Understand that the President, solely, possesses the authority to speak on behalf of the board.
- Board members must exercise good judgment and care at all times to avoid disclosure of confidential information (confidential information, oral or written is considered to be, but not limited to, member and non-member board appeals, and personnel.) Conversations, public or private, are expected to be limited to matters that do not pertain to information of a sensitive or confidential nature. It is also expected that a board member will not engage in any conversation or action which could be considered slanderous or otherwise detrimental to the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, its members, board, officers, or staff.
- In all questions involving meeting attendance, and/or breach of confidentiality, the board will make any relevant determinations by any method of their choosing, except that any individual whose conduct is in question will not participate in such determinations.
- Breaches of confidential information or absenteeism are subject to disciplinary action the board of directors may see fit to impose including immediate removal from the board by a majority of the remaining board members.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after the annual meeting of the members or at the call of the President.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board on the giving of ten (10) days' notice to each Director either personally or by mail.

Section 4. Place of Meeting. The Board of Directors may, as it may from time to time by resolution determine, hold its meetings, regular or special, at any place other than the office of the Corporation and may at any such meeting transact all business the same as if called at the regular place of business. Otherwise, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the office of the Corporation in the City of Wabash, in the State of Indiana.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent to each Director at their last known address by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting. Any meeting of the Board of Directors at which all of the Directors are present shall be as valid as if called pursuant to proper notice.

Section 6. Meeting of Board of Directors by Correspondence. If at any time any questions shall arise, that in the opinion of the President should be settled by the vote of the Board of Directors, but not of sufficient importance to justify the expense of calling a special meeting of said Board, said President may direct the Secretary to prepare such questions in the form of resolutions so that each Director may vote on the same by voting "yes" or "no" and mail their vote to the Secretary who shall count the same and report the resolutions of the vote to the President with the written vote cast, for the President's inspection and if the majority of the votes cast be in favor of the resolution, or resolutions, the President shall so declare and rule that the resolution, or resolutions, have been carried and if there is not a majority vote the President shall declare and rule that the motion, or motions, have been lost. And said vote and decision shall have the same force and effect as if the decision had been made at a special meeting called by said Board of Directors.

The notice required shall be a letter in which the resolution, or resolutions, are copied and directed to each member of the Board and mailed in the Post Office in the City of Wabash, Indiana, or in the Post Office in the city of residence of the President, not less than ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for the receipt of the vote, which time shall be fixed in said letter of instruction that is mailed to the members of said Board of Directors.

Section 7. Vacancy. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, caused by death, resignation, increase in the Board of Directors or otherwise shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board until the next annual meeting of members.

Section 8. Quorum. A majority of the whole Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum thereof, except for the filling of vacancies, which shall require a majority of the existing Directors for a quorum, and the act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. Officers. The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be chosen by the Board of Directors and such Officers shall hold office for the period of one (1) year and/or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Such Officers shall be elected from the members of the Board of Directors, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who need not be members of the Board. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 2. President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the members of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors. The President shall see that the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Corporation are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

In case of death, failure, refusal or inability of a member of any committee to act, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President for the unexpired term.

Section 3. Vice-President. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all members' and Directors' meetings. The Secretary shall be the custodian for the safekeeping of all documents and records of the Corporation and shall have authority to issue certificates of registry and transfer. The Secretary shall execute the certificates of registry and transfer demanded and proper to be issued by this Corporation and shall keep a record of the same. The Secretary shall collect all monies due the Corporation for registration and transfer or from any other source, and shall pay all such monies to the Treasurer. The Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary of all committees appointed by the President or the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall make a report to the Board of Directors when demanded and to all the annual meetings of members.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Secretary. The Treasurer shall disburse the same only upon itemized demands and upon the order of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make a quarterly report to the Board of Directors in detail, and an annual report to the members at their annual meetings.

No officer or member of this Corporation shall contract any debt in the name of this Corporation except upon written authorization of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Secretary and Treasurer. At the option of the Board of Directors, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into the office of Secretary-Treasurer. The person so elected shall have all powers and duties granted under Sections 4 and 5.

Section 7. Auditing of Accounts. The Board may request an annual commercial auditing of the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer as the case may be) for each fiscal year ended October 31. Audit shall be made by a Certified Public Accountant, selected by the President, and shall be reported to the annual meeting of members next held. Such Accountant shall be a disinterested person and not a member of this Corporation.

Section 8. Surety Bonds. The Treasurer and all other Officers or employees or members of the Corporation who may have the handling of any funds of the Corporation shall each give a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of the Corporation for the faithful discharge of their duties, if so required by the Board of Directors, which bond shall be in such amount and which such sureties as the Board of Directors shall direct and approve.

Section 9. Vacancies. All vacancies in the Officers of the Corporation caused by death or otherwise shall be filled by action of the Board of Directors. No vacancy shall be filled to a time extending beyond the next succeeding annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI

RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Section 1. Individual Records. Every owner or breeder desiring certificates of registry from this Corporation shall keep an adequate record of their Belgian operations.

Section 2. Correspondence. Any breeder, member or non-member, who purposely refuses or neglects to furnish the Corporation information upon request bearing on their business with the Corporation with transfers or registrations or such other matters involving said breeder, shall be liable for the expenses of investigations by the Board of Directors and shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

ARTICLE VII

RULES OF REGISTRATION

Section 1. Requirements. Anyone demanding registration of animals must conform to all the requirements, rules and regulations of the Corporation pertaining thereto.

Section 2. Application for Registry. Before any animal shall be recorded in the Stud Book of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, an application for registry shall be made on forms furnished by the Corporation. Such application must be signed by the recorded owner of the sire at the time of service and by the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service and the recorded owner of the dam at the time of foaling.

Such application must contain the sex, name, color and description of other identifying marks, diagram showing white markings and other identifying marks, date of foaling, the name and address of the owner of the dam at time of foaling, the names and addresses of owners of the sire and dam at time of service, the names and registry numbers of the sire and dam, photographs if requested, and such other information as the Board of Directors, or Secretary, may from time to time require.

When the proper showing has been made as herein required, the said animal shall be accepted for registration and the certificate of registry of the Corporation may be issued. In no case shall any certificate of registry that has been issued in conformity with the By-Laws of this Corporation be set aside or canceled until all parties known to be interested have been served with notice and given a hearing as provided in the By-Laws of this Corporation.

Each certificate of registry shall carry a reproduction of the diagram showing white markings and any other marks of identification as shown on the original application for registry.

Section 3. Securing Information.

The Corporation and its Officers shall use diligence in securing true information in connection with the registration of any and all animals recorded by it. Neither the Corporation nor its Officers shall be answerable in damages for the issuance of any certificate of registry made, in conformance to information furnished by the applicant for entry.

Section 4. Rules of Registration.

(a) All horses imported from Belgium into the United States prior to January 1, 1888, may be entered in the Registry of The American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses provided application for their entry shall be made, or shall have been made prior to January 1, 1890; satisfactory proof of which, with the name of the importer, the name of the vessel, the port of entry and date of importation shall be furnished to the Secretary.

(b) No horses imported from Belgium into the United States after January 1, 1888, shall be eligible to register in the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America unless the same is registered in a recognized Belgian registry.

And except that all Belgian Draft Horses imported into the United States from Canada, shall be eligible to register in this Corporation, provided such animal is duly registered in the Canadian Belgian Horse Association; and provided such animal is either exported from Belgium to Canada and duly registered in a recognized Belgian registry or is a Canadian native purebred Belgian, which is declared to mean a purebred animal bred in Canada and tracing its origin to purebred registered sire and dam recorded in said Canadian records. Provided that satisfactory proof of said facts and the true identity of the animal shall be furnished to the Secretary of this Corporation and the same accompanied by the certificate of transfer of the last Canadian owner to the first American owner. And if a female and bred, accompanied by the certificate of service of the owner of the stallion, showing the date of service, the name and Canadian number of the mare and stallion and pedigree of stallion, special forms for registering Canadian Belgians will be provided.

(c) No animal shall be entitled to record except imported horses as set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, and native purebred horses (with the exception of geldings recorded from May 18, 2007 until January 1, 2010.) Geldings recorded during this time period will be eligible to be recorded as non-verifiable without parentage and obtain a certificate indicating that the animal is NR (non-registered.)

(d) A native purebred is declared to mean an animal bred or owned in the United States and tracing its origin to registered sire and dam recorded in the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America.

(e) All applications for registry in the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America shall be certified on forms furnished by the Secretary.

(f) To register 1980 and subsequent foals with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, the foal must be registered by and in the name of the American owner of the dam at the time of foaling. This applies to American, Canadian or Belgian bred foals; provided, further, that in order to register said foal, the dam and sire of said foal must be properly registered and transferred on the records of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America. No foals shall be registered that are progeny of stallions or mares not properly transferred on the records of the Corporation.

(g) DNA profiling/Blood typing/JEB requirements. The sire of the foal must be blood typed or if enters into service after November 1, 2002 must be DNA profiled and JEB tested and the results printed on the Certificate of Registry. These tests must be done through the Corporation office with all fees paid in advance.

Random foals to which a registration number is issued at the discretion of the Corporation will be subject to verification of parentage by DNA profiling of the dam and the foal at the Corporation's expense.

(h) Requirements for Registry of Foals by Artificial Insemination.

1) When the certificate of registry is issued it will be identified as an AI conception.

2) The Corporation may, where chilled semen is used, at any time and at the expense of the mare owner, require parentage verification of foal to be recorded.

3) Where frozen semen is used, the following rules apply:

a) All mares must be DNA/JEB profiled prior to registering the resulting foals.

b) All foals must be DNA/JEB profiled.

c) Stallion owner or lessee (lease forms available from the Corporation) at time mare was bred must sign application for registry. Whenever a stallion is sold all semen is property of the purchaser.

d) No secondary semen markets (no traders or dealers).

e) Upon death of stallion: No limit of use of semen, by owner, after death of stallion.

f) Semen may be exported anywhere, but imported only from countries with recognized registries (presently limited to Belgium and Canada).

g) Belgians sold to countries without approved registries will become grade animals upon export and no registrations allowed from services occurring after export.

h) Rules not retroactive. Effective December 3, 1993.

i) Requirements for Registry of Foals by Embryo Transfer.

1) Both the sire and the donor mare must be DNA/JEB profiled and recorded with the Corporation, prior to registry of any embryo.

2) Each individual embryo must be registered with the Corporation on forms provided and fees as determined by the Board of Directors.

3) The embryo transfer foal must be DNA/JEB profiled and the embryo registration certificate corrected using the embryo correction form prior to issuing the certificate of registration. The DNA/JEB profiling will be done at the owner's expense and by surrendering the embryo registration certificate. The correction of the embryo registration certificate abides by the same rules and fees as designated by Article VII, Section, 6, c and submitting the embryo transfer correction form.

4) The transfer of an embryo abides by the same rules and regulations as written in Article VIII and using the application for transfer forms provided by the Corporation.

Section 5. Name changes.

The name of a registered animal can be changed provided that the fee for same has been paid and the following criteria have not transpired:

- 1) Animal has not been shown.
- 2) Animal has not reached thirty-six (36) months of age.
- 3) Animal has not reproduced or sired.
- 4) Animal has not been blood typed or DNA profiled.

In addition, an animal which has been named with a recorded prefix/registered name cannot have the prefix/registered name removed or changed.

Section 6. Fees Associated with Registration.

a) Fees for Registering. The fees for registering Belgian stallions, geldings, and mares bred in the United States are based on the current fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors. A penalty fee will be imposed on members and non-members alike for each year when the animal reaches thirty-six (36) months of age. This penalty is in addition to the current registration fee.

The fees for registering every imported Belgian stallion, gelding or mare are based on the current fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors. Applications to register imported animals shall be made within one (1) year from the date of importation of such animal by the importer. A penalty fee shall be imposed on members and non-members alike for every year when the date of importation exceeds one year. This penalty fee is in addition to the current imported registration fee.

Where an applicant desires registration papers to be issued within seven (7) working days of receipt at the office of the Secretary, an additional rush fee will be imposed. Incorrect applications will be returned for correction and the rush fee refunded.

b) Fee for Duplicate Certificate of Registry. The fee for a duplicate certificate of registry or transfer where the original has been lost or destroyed is based on the current fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors. A duplicate may be procured by the applicant making an application that they are the owner and in possession of the animal and that they had possession of said original certificate but that the same has been lost or destroyed and by stating in the application the circumstances under which said certificate was lost or destroyed.

c) Rewritten or Corrected Certificates of Registry. The fee for a rewritten or corrected certificate of registry or transfer, where the original certificate is surrendered is based on the current fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors. The applicant may be required to complete a corrected application or provide photos as necessary.

d) Liability of Corporation. The filing of an application for registry accompanied by the proper fees therefore shall not constitute a liability on the part of the Corporation.

e) Dealing in Certificates of Registry Prohibited. Any member or non member of this Corporation or any Belgian breeder or dealer who sells or offers for sale or exchange or gives away, any Belgian Certificate of Registry, or any person who purchases or accepts or uses such certificate of registry in violation of any of the provisions of these By-Laws, shall, regardless of whether or not they are a member or non-member of this Corporation, be immediately and automatically barred from transacting any further business with this Corporation until and unless they are reinstated by the Board of Directors of this Corporation.

f) Death or Taking Animal Out of Service. Upon the death or taking out of service of any animal registered in this Corporation, the certificate of registry shall be surrendered by the owner to the Corporation for cancellation, after which it may be returned to the owner. If the owner shall fail to surrender such certificate they shall be subject to such penalties as Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

Where a registered stallion has been castrated, the registration certificate may be corrected to read gelding if the owner so desires by complying with Article VII, Section 6, Item (c) of these By-Laws.

g) Penalty for False Statement. Any person who willfully misrepresents the age of an animal, the color or description, the owner of the sire or of the dam or both, the owner of the animal at the time of registration or who makes any other misrepresentation not herein enumerated in connection with the registration or transfer of any animal shall be deemed guilty of misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation. Any person found guilty of such misconduct shall be denied the privileges of the Corporation and, if a member of the Corporation, may be suspended or expelled from the Corporation and they shall be subjected to such other penalty or fine as the Board of Directors may impose and if a fine is imposed shall remain suspended until such fine or penalty has been satisfied.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES FOR TRANSFER

Section 1. Application for Transfer. A record of all changes in ownership must be made on the records of the Corporation. A signed application for transfer, together with fee, shall be forwarded promptly to the Secretary of the Corporation. Such application for transfer shall be signed in ink on the form furnished by the Corporation, which, when returned to the Secretary, shall be entered on the records if found to be regular. Every space on the transfer form must be filled out in full, where necessary, in order to make the transfer acceptable. All animals must be transferred into a proper name or names or an incorporated entity. No animal can be transferred into a farm name or business which is not incorporated. This includes farm names or business which are state registered. Each and every change of ownership must be maintained by each breeder (See Article VI, Section 1, Items (c) and (d). In the case of bred mares the application for transfer shall also carry the date of service and the name and registry number of the stallion to which the mare is bred. A complete chain of transfers shall be furnished in all cases from the applicant for registry direct to the present owner. Each change of ownership after registry has been made shall be represented by a separate transfer submitted with the required fee for transfer (with the exception of NR geldings and verifiable geldings recorded or registered from May 18, 2007 until January 1, 2010. Penalty fees and transfers will be waived, however, transfers must be maintained following recording or registration of animals.)

Penalty: Any breeder who willfully refuses or neglects to register or transfer, on the records of the Corporation, any animal sold, shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

Where an application for transfer is submitted and the applicant does not complete the transfer or pay all the required fees the certificate of registry shall be canceled.

Section 2. Date of Sale. Date of sale given on a transfer shall be the date the buyer completed the contracted agreement with the seller. Anyone wanting to change a date of sale must petition the Board of Directors in writing.

Section 3. Transfers Signed in Blank. Any member issuing a transfer in blank or having a transfer signed in blank in their possession shall be deemed guilty of misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation and may be expelled from the Corporation or subject to such other penalty as the Board of Directors may impose. A transfer signed in blank means a good transfer, omitting the name and number of the animal, and/or the name and address of the buyer. Where an animal is consigned to an auction, a blank transfer may be furnished to the auction for the completion of the name and address of the buyer along with the date of sale at the auction.

Section 4. Neglect or Refusal to Transfer. In case of willful neglect or refusal of a seller to give a transfer without reasons satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the record of change of ownership may be made by the Secretary upon written approval of a majority of the Board of Directors on satisfactory evidence of sale and delivery.

Section 5. Fees for Transfer. The fees for transferring registered Belgian Draft Horses are based on the seller and on the current fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors. A penalty fee will be imposed on members and non-members alike for all transfers received past ninety (90) days of sale in addition to the current transfer fee.

The fees for transferring every imported Belgian stallion, gelding or mare, where the animal has already been registered with the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, are based on the current fee schedule determined by the Board of Directors. Applications to transfer imported animals shall be made within one (1) year from the date of importation of such animal by the importer. A penalty fee shall be charged to members and non-members alike for each year after the end of the first year from importation date by the importer.

Where an applicant desires transfer documents to be issued within seven (7) working days of receipt at the office of the Secretary, an additional rush fee will be imposed. Incorrect applications will be returned for correction and the rush fee refunded.

Section 6. Penalty for False Statement. In case of a transfer furnished which does not represent a true transaction either in the date of sale, the name of the purchaser, or which contains any material misrepresentation, the seller who signs such a transfer as well as the purchaser who accepts such transfer, knowing that certain misrepresentations were made, may be charged with misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation. Any person found guilty of such misconduct shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may impose.

Section 7. Liability of Corporation. The filing of an application for transfer of ownership accompanied by the proper fees therefore shall not constitute a liability on the part of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

RECORDING PREFIXES/REGISTERED NAMES

Prefixes/registered names may be recorded at the Corporation for the current prefix/registered name fee determined by the Board of Directors. First to record a prefix/registered name has sole privilege of using thereafter and said prefix/registered name cannot be used by another person without written consent of the recorder. Said prefix/registered name cannot be used in any part of the animal's name by any, other than the registered prefix/registered name owner. The current fee determined by the Board of Directors will be charged to transfer a prefix/registered name from one family generation to the next generation following the death of a prefix/registered name owner. The spouse and offspring may transfer the prefix/registered name for their use. A prefix/registered name can be transferred from one individual to another for the current prefix/registered name transfer fee. When a prefix/registered name has not been used for a period of at least five years the recorded owner of the prefix/registered name will be contacted by mail and informed of such. The recorded owner of the prefix/registered name will be required to complete the necessary form to retain ownership of the prefix/registered name and return it to the corporation office by the indicated deadline. Failure by the prefix/registered name owner to reply will result in the prefix/registered name becoming public domain for the use or record of another party. The prefix/registered name owner may, at their discretion, petition the Board of Directors to retire their prefix/registered name.

ARTICLE X

REWRITTEN CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY

Section 1. Correction or Alteration. Any person who makes alterations or changes in a certificate of registry issued by this Corporation or who has in their possession a certificate of registry which bears evidence of change or alteration, or who requests the Corporation to change its records and to rewrite a certificate of registry in order to make said certificate fit an animal in age and color and description that does not belong with such certificate of registry, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation and shall be subject to expulsion or such other penalty as the Board of Directors may impose.

A certificate of registry bearing alterations or amendments shall not be recognized by the Corporation but shall be subject to cancellation and no transfer shall be accepted in case the animal is sold, and the progeny of such animal denied registration or transfer until upon proper identification, such certificate has been issued by the Secretary.

When an animal registered in this Corporation shall have changed color or when error has been made in the original registration of an animal, upon application of the owner of record, at time of registry, and upon satisfactory proof being made, such changes shall be made or error corrected on the records of the Corporation, and the certificate of registry shall be rewritten to show proper description and the current correction fee for same paid.

ARTICLE XI

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Section 1. Duty to Report Misconduct. All reports of irregularities, regardless of nature of the same, that come to the attention of any member of the Corporation or non-member should be called at once to the attention of the Secretary. The Corporation and its Officers will take every precaution to the end that false charges shall not be received, entertained, or filed against any innocent member. However, the Corporation, its Officers and/or Directors shall not be liable in damages to any member against whom charges have been filed, and received in good faith, whether such member shall be found innocent or guilty of said charges.

Section 2. Charges of Misconduct. If any member of the Corporation or other party in interest, charges another who is a member of this Corporation with misrepresentation or misconduct which in any manner involves the purpose and good name of the Corporation, said charges shall be referred by the Secretary to the Board of Directors. If any facts or evidence clearly indicating misrepresentation or misconduct involving the purpose and good name of this Corporation, brought to the attention of said Board of Directors, shall, in the judgment of said Board of Directors require investigation, such Board of Directors may investigate or authorize an investigation of the facts and circumstances bearing upon the case. The Board of Directors shall then hear such charges made, and, if sustained, may suspend or expel such offender or impose such other penalty as they may decide proper in the premises. The Board of Directors may deprive such offender of all privileges of membership in this Corporation and the right to record certificates of registry and transfer in the Stud Book of the Corporation. The said Board of Directors, if, in its judgment deemed wise, after hearing the charges and the evidence bearing upon such charges, may report its findings to a meeting of the members of the Corporation for such action as the members may see fit to take in the premises.

Section 3. Charges - How Made. No charge or accusation against a member of the Corporation shall be entertained by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, for final hearing and determination by the Board, until said charges have been reduced to writing, sworn to and filed with the Secretary, and in all cases where charges are made, such charges must be reasonably certain and specific, stating wherein the party accused has made misrepresentations or been guilty of misconduct. It shall, however, be within the authority of the Board of Directors to take cognizance of any charges or complaints, either oral or written, that may be made to such Board and to initiate an investigation of the same and to take such action as they deem wise, to be for the best interest of this Corporation and members thereof not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Section 4. Filing of Charges. All charges against members must be in the first instance filed with the Secretary of the Corporation, and when any charges are so filed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to at once call the same to the attention of the Board of Directors. It shall then be the duty of said Board of Directors to investigate such charges, or have the same investigated, and if the Board of Directors have reason to believe such charges to be true they shall proceed with the hearing on said charges or, if they believe the evidence insufficient, they may order further investigation or trace the charges. If hearing is deemed advisable, the Board of Directors shall then assume jurisdiction of the matter. The said Board of Directors may act collectively on such cases as a result of being called

together in a meeting for such a purpose or they may review the evidence individually and then submit in writing to the Secretary or the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall then assume jurisdiction of the matter. They may consider the recommendations arrived at as above. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to give at least sixty (60) days notice, to the party accused, of the time and place of hearing on said charges and they shall be furnished with a copy of the same. Any member or non-member against whom charges have been filed with the Secretary, shall file written answer to the same with the Secretary within sixty (60) days after a copy of the charges has been served upon them, either in person or by placing same in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the last known residence, and in case of their failure to file such answer within the time herein specified, said charges shall be taken as confessed and the Board of Directors may proceed as if the charges had been admitted by the person so charged.

Section 5. Penalty for Refusing to Give Information When Requested. Any member of the Corporation who, after being requested by the Board of Directors through its Secretary to appear before it, shall fail to appear before the Board of Directors and to make a full statement as such member may be interrogated by the Board of Directors or any member who after like request shall fail to make full written statement with respect to the charges being investigated by said Board of Directors, shall be subject to suspension from the privileges of membership in the Corporation and to deprivation of all privileges of membership in the Corporation by the Board of Directors during such time as may to the Board of Directors seem proper. The Board of Directors shall have full power to require attendance and statement of any member of the Corporation when reaching final determination as to such charges or like written statement from such member of the Corporation. They shall have full power to suspend from the privileges of membership in the Corporation, during such time as in its discretion may seem proper, any member who, after being requested by said Board of Directors to do so, shall fail or refuse to appear before the Board of Directors and make such statement or who may refuse to furnish to the Board of Directors such written statement with respect to charges being heard by said Board of Directors.

Section 6. Hearing. The Board of Directors sitting as a body, shall be the sole judge of the rules and procedure to be adopted at such hearing and trial and shall determine the truth or falsity of the charges made, and in reaching final determination may take testimony in any manner they may see fit.

The accused member or non-member shall have the right to appear with attorney if they so desire but only at such time as the client is present with attorney and is being examined. But at no time, shall the attorney be substituted for the client and assumed to answer for the client nor shall the attorney be a witness for the client.

In case the Board of Directors find the accused guilty of the charges made, penalty may be imposed as the Board of Directors may deem proper under all the circumstances, in the case, provided, however, that if said member shall have appeared before the Board of Directors and made answer to said charges they shall have the right to appeal to the next succeeding annual meeting of the members. Said members shall then assume jurisdiction of the matter, and shall at said annual meeting and adjournments thereof, investigate the charges made, and hear and examine all evidence submitted for and against the accused. When all evidence has been presented the members represented at said meeting may hear arguments of council representing said parties and thereafter the members represented at said meeting shall vote to affirm or overrule the judgment of the Board of Directors as hereinafter provided. The members shall vote by secret ballot which ballots shall be counted in the presence of the members by tellers selected from the members present by the President, and unless two-thirds of the members represented at such hearing shall vote to overrule the judgment of the Board of Directors, the judgment of said Board of Directors shall be sustained and considered final. In the event that the accused fails to appear at such annual meeting and prosecute their appeal the judgment of the Board of Directors shall be considered final. Such member so disciplined, suspended or expelled may, however, be reinstated by the Board of Directors upon their compliance with the conditions imposed by their decision.

Section 7. Appeal. Notice of appeal and specifications setting forth the grounds for the same must be filed by the accused with the Secretary within ten (10) days after the mailing of the findings of the Board by the Secretary to the accused or the delivery of the same to them in person. Failure to give notice and to file such specifications within the time required shall deprive the accused of the right of appeal.

Section 8. Identification. The Secretary or the Board of Directors may, at any time deemed advisable, or upon complaint of any member, inspect or have inspected the animals of any breeder for the purpose of obtaining whatever information is desired. For the purpose of identifying Belgian Draft Horses with the certificate of registry which belong with them or application for certificate of registry, such horses may be inspected upon the premises of the owner or wherever such horses may be located, and it shall be the duty of such owner or owners to locate and point out to the inspector or Board of Directors the animal or animals which correspond with the certificate or certificates of registry in question and to afford every facility for such identification.

Section 9. Refusal to Assist Board of Directors. Any breeder who fails or refuses to assist the Secretary or the Board of Directors, or its representative investigating the animals of any breeder, or who fails to locate the animal or animals which correspond with the certificate or certificates of registry in question or who make misrepresentations as to the identity or breeding of any animal owned by them or under their control, or who makes misleading and/or erroneous statements for the purpose of deceiving said Board of Directors, or its representative, in the identification of animals owned by them or under their control, or withholds from said Board of Directors, or its representative, information necessary to properly identify the animals belonging to such member or non-member, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation, and, upon hearing as provided herein, being found guilty of such misconduct, shall be subject to expulsion from the Corporation, and deprived of the privileges thereof or subject to such other penalty as the Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

Section 10. Failure to Show Animal. Any member or non-member of this Corporation who holds a certificate of registry without a purebred animal to correspond with the same, or who fails upon request to exhibit such animal, shall be deemed to hold such certificate unlawfully and the registration of the animal evidenced by said certificate shall, by the Secretary, be canceled upon the records of the Corporation, and the member holding such certificate and failing to exhibit to the Board of Directors or investigator for the Corporation the animal corresponding to said certificate may be penalized by expulsion from the Corporation or such other penalty imposed as the Board of Directors may by its action determine.

ARTICLE XII

OTHER PENALTIES

Section 1. Business Stopped - When. At the discretion of the Secretary or of the Board of Directors, in cases where misconduct or misrepresentation is charged against a member or non-member, such member or non-member may be refused the right to register animals from the date of filing of the complaint or charge and refused the privilege of recording or transferring animals until such time as said charges are disposed of, and the conditions imposed by the Board of Directors are complied with.

Section 2. Accused Must Pay Cost of Investigation. Any member or non-member found guilty of violation of any of the By-Laws of the Corporation, wherein the Corporation has incurred any expense in investigating the matter involved, shall pay the expenses and costs of such investigation and all costs of the Corporation in connection therewith, and such member so found guilty shall remain suspended from the Corporation and deprived of all its privileges until costs and expenses are paid.

Section 3. Certificate of Registry When Set Aside. When a member or non-member is found guilty of misconduct affecting the purpose and good name of the Corporation, they may be penalized, in addition to such other penalty as the Board of Directors may see fit to impose, by having all certificates of registry set aside for horses which they own and which do not agree with their certificates of registry

in age, color or description, provided, however, that no animal shall be stricken from the Stud Book whose registration has stood for six (6) years. The Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America reserves the right to retain sole ownership of any and all registration certificates issued by said Corporation.

Section 4. Misrepresentation at Shows. Any member who misrepresents an animal as another or misrepresents the age, gender, or ownership of an animal shall be subject to any penalty the Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

Section 5. Publishing Names of Dishonest Breeders. For the protection of the Corporation, its members, non-members and the breed, the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, notify all members and non-members of the Corporation of the action taken against any member or non-member found guilty of violating any of the By-Laws of the Corporation by such means as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Section 6. Fines. A penalty in any instance or for any offense cited in these By-Laws may be imposed in the form of a cash fine and such member or non-member shall remain suspended and barred from registering and transferring animals until such fine is paid.

Section 7. Non-Members. Any non-member found guilty of making willful misrepresentation affecting the purpose and good name of this Corporation shall be subject to whatever penalty the Board of Directors may see fit to impose. Such action may take the form of a fine or a penalty which will forever bar the accused from transacting any further business with this Corporation.

Section 8. Penalty for Other Violations. For the violation of any of the By-Laws wherein a penalty is not provided, a member may be expelled, suspended or subjected to such other penalty as the Board of Directors may impose, and the member so penalized shall remain suspended until such fine or penalty has been satisfied and shall be denied the right to register and transfer animals until said penalty or fine has been satisfied.

Section 9. Duration of Suspension. An indefinite suspension shall include suspension for a minimum of two (2) years from date of suspension, after which time the individual may, in writing, petition the Board of Directors for reinstatement.

Section 10. Restoration of Membership. Notwithstanding anything in these By-Laws contained to the contrary, the Board of Directors may restore to good standing any person who, by action of the Board, has been deprived of the privileges of the Corporation and the right of registration and transfer of animals therein by reason of expulsion, suspension, or otherwise, upon such member complying with such requirements as the Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

ARTICLE XIII

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1. Order of Business. The regular order of business at all meetings of the members or of the Board of Directors, except at the annual meeting, shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order;
2. Roll call;
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting;
4. Report of committees;
5. Consideration of special or unfinished business;
6. Election of officers;
7. Consideration of general business;
8. Adjournment.

Section 2. Order of Business at Annual Meeting of Members or of Board of Directors.

1. Meeting called to order;
2. Roll call;
3. President's address;
4. Reading and approval of minutes of preceding meeting;
5. Report of Secretary;
6. Report of Treasurer;
7. Report of standing committees;
8. Unfinished business;
9. Election of Directors;
10. New business;
11. Consideration of general business;
12. Adjournment.

Section 3. Procedure. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the meetings when not inconsistent with these By-Laws, but special rules of order for the government of meetings of members or the Board of Directors may be made at any time by the Board of Directors.

Any motion or resolution offered for consideration shall, at the request of any member, be reduced to writing before it is acted upon.

ARTICLE XIV

ACTION REGARDING THOSE EXPELLED FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1. Refusal to Register, Transfer or Do Business. The Board of Directors shall have the right and power to refuse or to accept any business from members or non-members, who have been expelled from any other record association for alleged fraud, or misconduct, or whose association for alleged fraud, or misconduct, or whose record is such as would injure the good name of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America, if permitted to do business with said Corporation.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. By Board of Directors. Any By-Law may be repealed, modified, altered or amended, or new By-Laws adopted at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors.

Note: It is the duty of every owner of a purebred Belgian, member or non-member, who enjoys the benefits that come from having an animal which belongs with a certificate of registry, issued and backed by this Corporation, to do everything in their power to live up to the rules and regulations as provided in these By-Laws. Failure to live up to the requirements of these By-Laws works to the financial disadvantage of the Corporation and the owners of purebred Belgian Draft Horses, and tends to destroy the high standings and integrity of the certificates issued by your Corporation.