

Constitution and Bylaws
of
The Western Kiko Goat Association (10-01)

ARTICLE I: NAME

This association shall be known as the Western Kiko Goat Association (WKGA) and shall be operated as a chapter of the American Kiko Goat Association Inc. (AKGA.) This association shall be operated and conducted as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes of this association shall be:

1. The purposes for which the association is organized are exclusively public benefit, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
2. To promote the Kiko and Genemaster (here in referred to as Kiko) goats to the meat industry in the Western area of the United States.
3. To promote the breeding and raising of quality 100% New Zealand, purebred, percentage Kiko goats, the Texas Genemaster and Genemaster goats in the Western area of the United States.
4. To educate non-Kiko breeders and-the public as to the value of the Kiko goat as a viable meat production animal.

ARTICLE III: HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Association shall be where the secretary of the Association resides.

ARTICLE IV: DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of this association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations and Promotions.

1. The Board of Directors shall be elected from the membership of the association. The President shall be nominated and elected by the membership. The remaining four positions will be decided by the new board members immediately after the elections process. The same person may simultaneously hold the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. No other office may be held simultaneously by one Board Member.
2. The Board of Directors shall manage the daily affairs of the association and shall exercise all such authority provided for in the Association bylaws. For the purpose of voting a quorum of three (3) is required.
3. Any vacancy to the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.
4. Any director may be removed from office for dereliction of duty and/or unlawful acts against the Association. The removal process must follow the process outlined in the AKGA Constitution and Bylaws (removal of a Director, Disciplinary Proceeding Against Members and Penalties.)
5. Any Director whose membership in the association lapses, shall cease to be a Director. A lapse in membership for a Director shall be 30 days after the membership expires. Paying lapsed dues shall not be cause for reinstatement of a Director.
6. The Board of Directors shall publish by the Email, Association website or U.S. Mail to the membership quarterly all business decisions. The report shall consist of all matters brought to a motion, result of said motion, and manner in which each director voted.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

1. Preside at all Membership and Board of Director meetings.
2. See that the constitution and by-laws are adhered to by all.
3. See that other directors and committees fulfill their duties for which they are appointed or elected to.
4. Sign's all minutes after approval.
5. Call special Membership meetings on approval of the Board of Directors or written request from ten (10) or more members.
6. Call special Board of Director meetings when necessary.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
2. Oversees all committees.

SECRETARY

1. Keep correct and impartial records of all meetings and read the same at the next meeting.
2. Handle all necessary correspondence.
3. Provide minutes of meetings for members which will be published by Email, Association website or U.S. Mail.
4. Keep a record of members, addresses and their dues account. Notify members when dues are payable.

TREASURER

1. Handle all funds for the association. Pay all accounts payable after being approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Give a detailed financial report at each regular meeting and have books audited (internally) for the yearly report at the January meeting.
3. Prepare and submit a proposed Annual Budget at the January meeting.

PROMOTIONS

1. Develop and maintain all educational material.
2. Research and develop venues for promotion of the Kiko goat, the WKGA and the AKGA.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Develop and maintain the Chapter Newsletter. .
2. Research and develop various advertising venues.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

Any person living in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas (all counties west of the I 35 corridor), Utah, Washington, or Wyoming and who is a member in good standing with the American Kiko Goat Association, upon payment of the appropriate dues may become a member.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES

Membership dues shall be proposed by the board of Directors and approved by the membership. The dues shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year. If the membership is not renewed within 30 days of the due date, it shall expire/lapse. Membership dues entitle one (1) vote during Board of Director elections and other issues that may require the membership to vote. When multiple names are on a membership, only one (1) person may vote.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

The constitution and by-laws of the WKGA may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership. Members must be informed of any proposed change at least thirty (30) days prior to any voting by U.S. Mail.

Amendments maybe recommended by the Board of Directors, a Constitution and Bylaws Committee or a member. If a member is recommending an amendment, the process outlined in the AKGA Constitution and Bylaws will be followed.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: MEETINGS

The board of Directors will meet quarterly via telephone or in person.

There shall be an annual member meeting, during the month of June, yearly to transact business and to promote interest in the Kiko goat. The location and date of the annual meeting maybe decided by either the members or the Board of Directors. The annual meeting maybe held via teleconference as decided by either the members or the Board of Directors. Notification of the meetings will be published by Email, Association website or U.S. Mail a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings, however, only members in good standing are eligible to vote and/or formally address the membership at the meetings.

All meetings, Membership and Board of Directors will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE II: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

To be eligible for nomination to for the Board of Directors, the nominee must have been a member of the Association for a minimum of one year and a member in good standing with the AKGA and the WKGA. The positions of all the directors shall be elected by the membership.

1. Elections will be conducted between May 15th and May 30th each year. The newly elected Directors will take office on July 1st of each year.

