

MID-SOUTH REGIONAL DORPER ASSOCIATION

BY-LAW

AS ADOPTED AND VOTED ON May 18, 2013

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be the Mid-South Regional Dorper Association, herein referred to as MSRDA. The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 105 Union Hill Rd, Loretto, TN 38469. The corporation shall be an educational and non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section A: To meet and discuss mutual issues concerning sheep husbandry, exchange ideas, disseminate information and formulate plans with the intent of aiding sheep breeders within the regional states.

Section B: To maintain and make available a Directory of Dorper Sheep Breeders in our region and to provide information to any interested person on the Dorper Breed.

Section C: To encourage and educate the public on the benefits of our breed through educational booths held at fairs, festivals and shows.

Section D: To encourage and assist 4-H Sheep clubs and other youth groups and their members.

Section E: The MSRDA shall not be conducted or operated for a profit, and no part of any profits, remainder or residue, from dues or donations to the MSRDA shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section A: Membership is open to all Dorper/White Dorper breeders. Membership in the ADSBS is not pre-requisite to joining the Mid-South Regional Dorper Association. Membership is open to all producers of both commercial and breeding stock, as well as all those interested in becoming involved with the breed. The MSRDA will include, but is not limited to, the following states: Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, Virginia & West Virginia. Individuals in other states are welcome to join. On completion of the application form provided by the Secretary/Treasurer and the payment of the membership fee, such applicants shall be admitted as a member.

Section B: The membership dues shall be paid annually in the month of September and shall be in an amount proposed by the Board of Directors and determined at the annual meeting each year. Membership must be paid for the year to vote.

Section C: Memberships can be made in the name of an individual, a family or a business/farm and receive the right of one vote.

Section D: Youth memberships are non-voting members and no fee is charged.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section A: The Officers of the MSRDA shall be a President, Vice President, & Secretary/Treasurer. All officers shall be residents of any of our regional states. The President, Vice President & Secretary/Treasurer will serve a term of two years, and may be elected for a second term. Officers may not be re-elected to those positions after serving two terms unless a waiting period of one year has passed.

Section B: The Board of Directors of the MSRDA will be chosen from the membership and shall consist of 5 regular members. At the first annual meeting the members shall elect two directors for a term of three years, two directors for a term of two years and one director for a term of one yr. In the following years all directors will serve a three year term. Directors may not be re-elected for this position after serving one term unless a waiting period of one year has passed.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section A: The annual meeting will be held in the month of December for the purpose of elections, reporting of all committees, to include an audit report and the time and place will be decided by the President.

Section B: The President will determine the dates and times and locations of all meetings through the fiscal year. But must consist of a minimum of 3 meetings.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES

Section A: The President will preside over all meetings and will follow Robert's Rule of Order. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will preside over the meeting.

Section B: The Board of Directors shall serve as an executive committee to handle all business that comes up between meetings. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Section C: A majority of the Board of Directors shall have the power to replace any director whose position is vacated by resignation, incapacity, death, or the failure to attend three consecutive meeting of the Board.

Section D: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to keep a record of the minutes of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, to attend to the necessary correspondence of the Corporation, to lay all pertinent communications before the Board of Directors and to carry out any other business incidental to said office, to include communications to all members of the MSRDA through email, postal service and or a bi-monthly newsletter. Purchases/Expenses in excess of \$250 will require majority approval by the board members.

Section E: The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive all money due or paid to the MSRDA and shall deposit the same in a sound bank and payout said funds as the Directors may instruct. He/she shall make a detailed report at all meetings and whenever requested by a majority vote of the Directors.

ARTICLE VII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for this corporation will be from September 1st through August 31st.

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION

In the case of dissolution, the amount in the treasury, upon due settlement of debts, shall be given to the American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society, to be held for two years, in the event that a new regional association were to be organized. After which, the proceeds would be donated to the Youth Committee of the ADSBS.

ARTICLE IX: BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting or by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a special meeting called for the purpose, or by a two thirds vote on a ballot through the mail, provided that such amendment shall have been presented in writing to each member of the corporation, at least two weeks prior to said special meetings.