

By-Laws of the Georgia Hereford Women

Article I – Name

This organization shall be the Georgia Hereford Women, an auxiliary to the Georgia Hereford Association.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Georgia Hereford Women shall be to encourage the advancement and promotion of Herefords through activities of an educational nature by working with youth groups, providing hospitality and supporting general promotional efforts; thus improving the quality of all beef animals; to assist in developing the image of the Hereford industry that will be inviting to new breeders of Hereford cattle.

Article III – Membership

SECTION 1. Membership shall be composed of women without respect to age who subscribe to the purpose of the Georgia Hereford Women and whose dues are paid up to date.

SECTION 2. Annual dues for members are to be \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per member per year. These dues are to be collected by the state treasurer as soon after Field Day each year as possible. Dues are payable in advance and become delinquent as of September 30. The fiscal year of the organization shall extend from July 1 until June 30 of each calendar year.

Article IV – Board of Directors

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and 6 (six) members of this organization, in good standing of the Georgia Hereford Women and to be elected as provided in these by-laws.

SECTION 2. The Directors shall be elected to hold office for 2 (two) years. After the first year, they will have 1 (one) remaining year to hold office. After serving the second year, three directors will be

elected to serve 2 (two) years. Therefore, three directors will be elected each year to take office for 2 (two years).

SECTION 3. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, except progression of Vice President, which shall be in accordance with Parliamentary Authority. The appointee shall hold office only until the next annual meeting at which time the vacancy shall be filled by election.

SECTION 4. Members of the Board of Directors shall take office immediately after their election and hold office until her successor is elected and qualified.

Article V – Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of the Georgia Hereford Women shall be a President, Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Officers shall be elected to serve 1 (one) year and may be reelected.

SECTION 3. Duties of Officers

- A. President** – The President shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. She shall fill vacancies that occur in the Board of Directors, with the approval of the Executive Committee which is made up of the current officers. She shall appoint all committee not otherwise provided for and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association and the Board of Directors. She shall further perform all duties usually pertaining to office of president and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- B. Vice President** – The Vice President shall in the absence of the President perform the duties of that office. She shall actively aid the President as requested.

C. Secretary-Treasurer – The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all meetings of the organization and of the executive board, shall conduct the correspondence of the organization as requested, shall present all communications received to the executive board and to the assembly. She shall collect all dues and monies paid into the association and pay from such monies all bills and obligations of the association when properly certified and directed. She shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out, make a report at the annual meeting, and shall be ready at all times to report on the condition of the treasury. She shall deposit all funds in the bank of her selection under the name of the Georgia Hereford Women. The signature of the President and the Vice President shall be put on file at the bank, in order to provide access to funds in case the Treasurer is unable to fulfill her duties. The Treasurer's books must be delivered to the new Secretary-Treasurer within thirty (30) days after the election. She shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual business meeting of the members of the Georgia Hereford Women shall be held at the Georgia Field Day.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee meetings may be held at any specified time and place, and shall be called by the President with a quorum of 3/4 members present and voting.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. There shall be a nominating committee appointed by the President after the annual meeting, consisting of three (3) members.

SECTION 2. Elections shall be conducted by ballot voting unless there is only one (1) nominee for the vacancy to be filled, in which case the ballot procedure may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote. Nominations may be taken from the floor.

SECTION 3. The nominating committee report and election of officers shall take place at the Field Day annual meeting the year the current term expires or when a vacancy occurs.

SECTION 4. The term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting.

Article VIII – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Committees are to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. Special committees may be appointed by the President as the need for them may arise.

SECTION 2. Standing committees of the organization shall be: (a) Membership; (b) Juniors; (c) Queen; (d) Scholarship; (e) Ways and Means, and Sales; (f) Hereford Woman of the Year; (g) nominating.

ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By Laws or special rules of the Association.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

The By Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the general membership held in conformity with the By Laws, a quorum being present, by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, members having been notified of the proposed amendments sixty (60) days previous of the meeting.