

**American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society**  
**Constitution**  
Updated June 2015

**Article I Name**

**Section 1:** The name of this organization shall be the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society.

**Article II Location**

**Section 1:** The location of this Society shall be 800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, WI 53511-5456 or the headquarters of the American Milking Shorthorn Society.

**Article III Objectives**

The objective is to promote the development of Registered Milking Shorthorn cattle.

It is the aim of the organization to have every junior member of the National Society become a member of the National Junior Society; thus making it possible for a junior member to get membership rates in registering animals and to become acquainted with the American Milking Shorthorn Society.

This Society shall be to unite Junior Milking Shorthorn Breeders in their endeavors to improve the breed and to secure recognition for its superior qualities.

To work in connection with the National Milking Shorthorn Junior Show and other related activities.

# American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society Official Bylaws

## Article I Membership

**Section 1:** Any person between the ages of 9 and 21 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and through December 31<sup>st</sup> of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday), interested in owning purebred Milking Shorthorn cattle, or is a member of a regular 4-H or FFA dairy or beef project group, is eligible for membership. Also any persons interested in researching, competing, or learning about the Milking Shorthorn breed is eligible to become a national junior member.

**Section 2:** A member in good standing is defined as a member who has not embarrassed the association in any form, abided by all rules either within the association or any national show, Meeting, or competition, and has remained single until December 31<sup>st</sup> the year of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

## Article II Dues

**Section 1:** The one-time fee to be a member of this Society shall be \$25.00 per person. To be mailed to the American Milking Shorthorn Office in Beloit, WI.

**Section 2:** One must be a paid National Junior Member by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year to compete in a National Junior Show. After August 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year, a one-time \$5 late fee will apply. Except if the junior is not a national member by the date of the convention, they will be able to pay the current national junior treasurer and be eligible to participate in the show at convention.

## Article III Meetings of Members

**Section 1:** There shall be a regular Annual Meeting of members at such place and date as where the hosting state annual convention will be held and when time is allotted in the convention schedule and accepted by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice prior to the Annual Meeting of members, either in conjunction with convention or the Winter Board Meeting.

**Section 3:** Special Meetings of members during the year may be called if deemed advisable by the President, three members of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors. In such cases, the Secretary must give notice at least one month prior to the meeting.

**Section 4:** Voting rights are limited to one vote by each member.

**Section 5:** Twenty-five members and two executive members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

## **Article IV Officers and Directors**

**Section 1:** Eligibility - any member in good standing shall be eligible for the election to office.

**Section 2:** The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter to be elected by the member at the Annual Meeting of the fiscal year. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

**Section 3:** A Youth Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the current President of the American Milking Shorthorn Society and approved by the Board or Directors. This committee shall consist of one member, to be a 4-H agent and or a FFA instructor and or a breeder. This committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Junior Society.

## **Article V Duties of Officers**

**Section 1:** Officers of this Society shall perform the duties usually connected with the places, which they fill. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of the management and transacting of the business of the Society. The Executive Committee shall meet on the order of the President and three members of the committee.

**Section 2:** The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of the business and affairs of the Society until the Board of Directors is warranted, in which the control will be shared jointly by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

**Section 3:** All officers shall maintain an accurate notebook with all information on their duties in their term and pass it on to the newly elected junior member taking their position on the Executive Committee.

**Section 4:** The President shall preside over all meetings of the Society. He/She shall have the Secretary call all special meetings. This term will consist of two years.

**Section 5:** The President, with approval of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, will annually appoint committees charged with responsibilities of planning, developing and executing programs, embracing the following areas; junior activities, fundraisers, membership, breed improvement, and other related activities.

**Section 6:** The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and shall perform the duties assigned to that office. The Vice President shall overlook all actions in relation to the American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society membership list and bylaws. This term will consist of two years.

**Section 7:** The Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of all acts and proceedings of the meetings and give a reading of the minutes at each meeting. He/She shall keep an accurate list of all members in attendance. This term will consist of two years.

**Section 8:** The Treasurer shall receive all funds after the Annual AMSS Meeting in December and collect all money due and receipt for same. He/She shall pay and preserve all vouchers for bills and expenses of the Society when so directed by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors. He/She shall be custodian of all funds of the organizations, and shall take care of the other property belonging to the Society and shall make a full report at the Annual Meeting. This term shall consist of two years.

**Section 9:** The Reporter shall work with the Board of Directors to provide up to date information on the Junior Society for website information. He/She is also responsible for ensuring there is plenty of supplemental information to be supplied to appear on the Junior page of the Milking Shorthorn Journal. The term shall consist of one year.

**Section 10:** Any officer may stay in office for more than one term as long as they will not be reaching the end of the year of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday before the term is complete. Whenever any vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee by death, resignation, or otherwise, the same shall be filled without delay by the majority vote of the Executive Committee. The person so chose shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting.

#### **Article VI**

**Section 1:** None of the income or assets of the Society shall revert to or accrue to the benefit of any individual person or member.

#### **Article VII**

**Section 1:** This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any time by two-thirds vote of paid members, provided due notice, within 30 days, of such amendments has been given by mail. Once a mailed ballot has been sent, regardless of the reply the amendment may be voted on and passed at the Annual Meeting if the quorum is present.

**Section 2:** If a mailed ballot is distributed they shall be returned to the current Secretary in office. The Secretary is then responsible to bring all ballots to the next Annual Meeting.

#### **Article VIII Fiscal year**

**Section 1:** The fiscal year of the Society shall end on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Article IX Order of Business**

**Section 1:** Reading of previous meeting's minutes

**Section 2:** Secretary Report

**Section 3:** Treasurer Report

**Section 4:** Reporter Report

**Section 5:** Unfinished Business

**Section 6:** New Business

**Section 7:** Election of Officers

#### **Article X Rules of Order**

**Section 1:** Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern all Meetings.