

**Constitution of the
Great Lakes Jersey Wooly Fanciers**

ARTICLE 1

Name

This organization shall be known as the Great Lakes Jersey Wooly Fanciers.

ARTICLE 2

Objectives

The objectives of the Great Lakes Jersey Wooly Fanciers shall be to promote, encourage, and assist others in the breeding and raising of the Jersey Wooly Rabbit; to maintain an active publicity program and disseminate information regarding the Jersey Wooly Rabbit; to encourage the exhibition of said breed, and work to improve the quality of the Jersey Wooly as defined in the currently adopted standards of perfection.

ARTICLE 3

Affiliation

This organization shall be affiliated with the AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INC. (ARBA) as a "Regional Specialty Club" as defined by the by-laws of the ARBA.

ARTICLE 4

Membership

Section 1: Any person of good character and reputation who is in accord with the objectives of this club may become a member by submitting an application, together with the membership fee, for at least one year to the treasurer.

Section 2: The term of membership shall be one calendar year, with memberships running one calendar year from the date of application approval.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall have the right to reject any application for membership or renewal for just cause.

ARTICLE 5

Officers

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and three Directors. The President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee, and together with all Directors, make up the Board of Directors.

Section 2: To be eligible for election to any office a member must be a member in good standing with ARBA, and must be or have been engaged in the raising and showing of Jersey Woolies. To be eligible for election to the position of President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer, a member must be 18 years of age or older. To be eligible for election to the position of director, a member must be 14 years of age or older.

Section 3: Officers shall be elected from and by the membership by mail ballot. Ballots will be sent no earlier than October 1st and no later than November first, and shall be returned to the election committee for tabulation no later than December 15th.

Section 4. The term for all officers shall be two years commencing January 1st following the election.

Section 5: The President, Secretary/Treasurer and Director #2 shall be elected on even years and the Vice President and Directors #1 and #3 on odd years.

Section 6: Any vacancy in office shall be filled by appointment of the president; any such appointment shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6

Meetings

Section 1: The President, Vice president, or other officer or Director shall preside over all meetings of the club.

Section 2: The President may call a general membership meeting at any time provided 30 days notice has been given to all members.

Section 3: A majority of members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 7

Discipline

Section 1: Any member whose actions are inconsistent with the objectives of this club or who violates the Constitution and By-Laws in fact or in spirit shall be subject to discipline.

Section 2: A member against another may file Charges of actions subject to discipline. Charges must be in writing, giving full details and filed with the Secretary along with a filing fee of \$25.

Section 3: The member against whom the charges have been filed shall be furnished a complete statement of the charges by the Secretary and shall be allowed a reasonable period of time, but not more than ninety (90) days, to file a reply.

Section 4: The charges, together with the reply (if received) shall be furnished to each member of the Board.

Section 5: The Board of Directors, by majority, may vote to discipline the charged member. Less than majority vote constitutes exoneration of the member.

Section 6: The method of discipline of a charged member shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be limited to expulsion for a specific period of time or forfeiture of Sweepstakes points in an amount deem appropriate.

Section 7: Any officer who fails to perform his duties as described it the Constitution and By-Laws of this club or who fails to answer correspondence on club matters repeatedly shall be asked by the president to resign his office. If he fails to do so, the Board of directors, by majority vote, shall declare his office vacant and a successor shall be named as provided in Article 5, Section 6, of the Constitution or by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 8

Amendments

Section 1. No Constitutional Amendments shall be made except upon the approval of the majority of the membership casting a vote on a proposed change at any meeting properly noticed or via mail ballot.

Section 2. The Constitution may be amended, at any regular or special meeting, provided such notice of the proposed amendment is contained in the notice of the meeting and notice of such meeting given to all members. The secretary shall prepare the amendments for adoption and include the amendment with the notice of the meeting in which action is to be taken. The Constitution may also be amended via mail ballot to all members. The secretary shall prepare the amendments for adoption and include the amendment with the mail ballot.

Section 3. Any member in good standing, including board members, may submit amendments for consideration. All such proposed changes shall be delivered, in writing or via e-mail, to the Secretary. Upon receipt of a proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary shall notify all board members of the proposed amendment, with a copy of the proposed amendments prepared in resolution form for a vote on adoption.

Section 4. It is the responsibility of all officers to implement all constitution changes approved by the membership. The Secretary shall maintain the Constitution, with records of all amendments, and update them as they become effective.