

# **NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, INC. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

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## **ARTICLE I – NAME OF CLUB**

The name of the club shall be **NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, INC.**

## **ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote and support a small balanced Nigerian Dwarf Goat while maintaining the necessary emphasis on the productive, dairy type miniature goat in the State of Florida; to engage in activities that promote the Nigerian Dwarf Goat; to educate the public as to the value of all phases of goat husbandry and to foster the study of goats and caprine products in schools of higher learning and promote caprine products knowledge; to promote close fellowship amount the members of the organization through meetings, conferences, and correspondence, to encourage the interchange of helpful ideas, and to promote the interests and make possible protection of all members in good standing, to promote and encourage the exhibition of the Nigerian Dwarf Goat in the State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE III – NOT FOR PROFIT**

**NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, INC.**, shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the association shall inure to the benefit of any member of individual.

## **ARTICLE IV – HEADQUARTERS**

The headquarters of the **NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, INC.**, shall be where the President of the Club resides or shall designate.

## **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1:** The Board of Directors of the organization shall consist of adult representatives elected annually by the membership. All Officers and Directors must be members in good standing in the organization. The officers consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities in regard to the Organization and Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision over the affairs of the organization, shall direct its policies and shall control procurement, custody and expenditures of the organization's funds.

**SECTION 2:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Officers and Directors are required to attend all meetings. In the event that more than three (3) meetings are missed consecutively *without good cause*, than that officer or director could be replaced.

### **PRESIDENT:**

1. The President shall preside at all General and Board of Director meetings.
2. The President shall make all efforts to keep the club moving forward.
3. Adhere to Job Description adopted by this organization

### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. The Vice President shall assist the President and shall assume the duties of the President in his or her absence.
2. The Vice President shall oversee all committee chairpersons
3. Adhere to Job Description adopted by this organization.

### **SECRETARY:**

1. The Secretary shall keep correct and impartial records of all meetings and read same at next meeting of the organization. The Minutes of meetings of the organization are of historical importance and must be preserved accordingly.
2. Keep an accurate roster of the names and addresses of the membership
3. Adhere to Job Description adopted by this organization.

### **TREASURER:**

1. The Treasurer shall keep record of members and addresses and their dues accounts.
2. Handle all funds and pay all bills after being duly passed on by the organization.
3. Keep an itemized accounting of the income and expenses of the Club and keep a record of said accounting for IRS purposes.
4. Adhere to Job Description adopted by the organization.

### **DIRECTORS:**

1. Oversee Officers of the Organization in an advisory capacity
2. With all four (4) Officers make up the Executive Board which handles all urgent business between regular meetings.
3. Represent and account to the membership
4. Adhere to Job Description adopted by the organization.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1:** The **NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, INC.**, reserves the right to terminate or refuse membership to any individual, farm, or group upon sufficient evidence presented to the Board of Directors that the individual, farm, or group's membership would be a detriment to the organization. Such a determination would be made by majority rule of the Officers and Directors.

**SECTION 2:** There shall be four classes of membership, to-wit:

1. **Individual** - An adult member with voting privileges
2. **Family** – Two or more adult members and children living in the same household. Only one vote count.
3. Youth (under age 18) No voting privileges
4. Honorary – No voting privileges.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – CLUB YEAR**

The fiscal year of the club shall be from June 1 of each year and ending on May 31 of each year.

***ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER SHALL GOVERN ALL MEETINGS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED FOR IN THE BYLAWS.***