

Virginia Junior Angus Association

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Article I

Name, Offices, Records and Purposes.

1. **Name.** This Association shall be known as the Virginia Junior Angus Association (VJAA).
2. **Offices.** The principle office and the location of the VJAA will be at the Virginia Angus Association office. Currently it is in Fishersville.
3. **Records.** The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of all business. These records shall be housed and maintained at the Virginia Angus Association office. The minutes of its Board of Directors and Committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors shall also be kept at the Virginia Angus Association office. All books and records of the Association may be inspected by any members, or his agent or attorney for proper purpose at any reasonable time.
4. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Association is both educational and charitable. This includes but is not limited to the improvement and development of the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in breeding and raising Angus cattle. The Association will also strive towards leadership development and the participation of all youth interested in promoting Angus cattle. The Board of Directors of the VJAA shall serve as a communication link between the membership and the Virginia Angus Association, the Junior Activities Dept. of the American Angus Association, and the National Junior Angus Association.

Article II

Membership

As a condition of membership in the Association, each member shall agree to conform to and abide by the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association, and amendments of modification thereto, which may from time to time be adopted.

1. **Qualification of Members.** As stated in the by-laws of the American Angus Association, applicants for Junior membership must be under 21 years of age. Applicants for membership into the VJAA must be a resident of the State of Virginia and/or maintain an established breeding herd on a farm in Virginia. Junior membership shall be issued only to an individual and shall expire upon the attainment of age 21. Membership in the Association shall cease upon the death, resignation, or expulsion of a member, except as may otherwise be provided in the rules and regulation of the Association.
2. **Rights of Members.** All members shall have equal rights to vote and hold office.
3. **Dues.** Dues of \$5.00 must be paid by the annual meeting each year in order to remain on the active mailing list. Active membership shall be from January 1 thru December 31 of each year. At any time during the year a member may become active by submitting \$5.00 to the current treasurer. Active members will receive all of the mailings from the VJAA. The \$5.00 dues are to be used to cover the cost of communicating with the

members. All members, whether active or not, will have access to information on the VJAA web page; however, only active members will receive mailings.

Article III Meetings of Members

1. Time and Place of the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at a time and place designated by the Junior Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee. The annual meeting shall be held before April 1st.
2. Voting. Each member in good standing of the VJAA shall be entitled to cast one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.
3. Order of Business. The order of business at the Annual Meeting of the membership shall be as follows:
 - A. Meeting called to order.
 - B. Reading and approval of minutes of proceeding meeting.
 - C. Report of Secretary.
 - D. Report of the Treasurer.
 - E. Reports of committees and any other reports
 - F. Unfinished business.
 - G. New business
 - H. Nomination and election of all officers , directors and new advisors
 - I. Adjournment of meeting.

Article IV Board of Directors

1. General. The Board of Directors and designated committees shall implement and carry out all programs as directed by the general membership. In addition, the Board of Directors shall serve as a communication link between the membership and the VAA, the Junior Activities Dept. of the American Angus Association, and the National Junior Angus Association.
2. Number, Terms and Election of Directors. The Board of Directors of the VJAA shall consist of: a President, a President-elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Reporter, two Historians and six Directors. All officers, except the Treasurer and President, shall be elected each year by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall serve a two-year term, the election taking place in odd years. The President-elect shall assume the office of President. All candidates for any office cannot have reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday as of the day of their election to the VJAA board.
3. Meeting of the Board. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held with prior notification to the membership. Any business of the Board of Directors may be transacted at a regular meeting. Any business transacted at a Board of Directors meeting shall be available to the general membership through the Virginia Angus office.
4. Resignation. Any member of the Board of Directors may resign at any time upon giving written notice thereof to the remaining members of the board of directors. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein: and unless otherwise specified

therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

5. Removal. Any officer so elected may be removed by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the sole purpose of removing an officer, at which a quorum is present, provided that such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract responsibilities, if any, of the person removed.

6. Vacancies. Vacancies caused by death, resignation, incapacity, removal, or disqualification of a board member, except in the office of President, may be or may not be filled by the VJAA Board and the Advisory Committee. The VJAA Board and the Advisory Committee shall decide how the vacancy will be filled at their next board meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. A member appointed to fill a vacancy created by any reason shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

7. Meetings. All meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any place or time as the Board of Directors may determine by resolution, or by written consent of all members of the board.

8. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors and any member of the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of the majority of the members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum, shall be the act of the VJAA Board of Directors.

9. President. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association subject to the directions of the Board of Directors and the Junior Advisory Committee and shall preside at all meetings of the general membership and the Board of Directors.

10. President-elect The President-elect shall conduct meetings in the absence of the president and coordinate all elections and oversee the work of appointed and special committees as directed by the President. The President-elect shall succeed to the office of President at the end of the term or if the President office becomes vacant. In the event the President-elect cannot serve at President, an election will be held at the annual meeting of the VJAA.

11. Secretary. The Secretary must keep a record of business and report the minutes of each meeting, notify active members of meetings and events and maintain an updated list of active members. All minutes shall be forwarded to the Virginia Angus Association to be kept on file. The Secretary shall work with the reporter to submit a monthly article to the Virginia Angus Newsletter.(this suggestion comes from Rebecca)

12. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds, securities of the VJAA. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenses, collect and dispense funds as directed by the membership, report transactions at each meeting, and work with committees on planning budgets to meet their goals. A copy of the annual report shall be submitted to the VAA office no later than January 5 of the next year to be kept on file.

13. Reporter. The Reporter shall be in charge of dispersing information of upcoming and past activities of the VJAA. The reporter shall work with the secretary to submit a monthly article to the Virginia Angus Newsletter.

14. Historian There will be two (2) Historians. Each year one Historian will be elected at the annual meeting as one Historian's term is completed. The Historian is responsible for preparing the annual scrapbook for the contest at the National Junior

Angus Show.

15. Directors. The Directors of the association shall consist of 6 members, optimally representing all areas of the state. A director must be at least 12 years of age to serve unless the circumstances deem otherwise. The director can serve two (2) terms consecutively unless the circumstances deem otherwise.

Article V Queen and Princesses

The VJAA shall have an acting queen and two(2) princesses. They will be elected by the VJAA membership at the annual meeting and will serve a term of 1 year. The queen must be sixteen (16) years of age as of January 1st of the election year. The queen and princess positions may not serve concurrent terms unless there is no other candidate to fill the position. The elected queen and princesses must follow the National Junior Angus Association queen dress code.

Article VI Delegates

1. The delegates to the National Junior Angus Meeting shall be elected by secret ballot at the regularly scheduled meeting. Each member may serve as a delegate two (2) consecutive years and then must sit out one (1) year, unless there are no members attending whom have not served as a delegate.
2. All delegates shall be at least fourteen (14) and not over the age of twenty-one (21). It is the desire of the Association that priority be given to electing members as delegates that have not served as a delegate before.

Article VII Advisors

1. The advisors shall be elected for a three (3) year term by the membership at the annual meeting. All advisor candidates must be approved by the Virginia Angus Association Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting.
2. Each year one (1) advisor is elected by a 2/3 vote of the membership present, as one (1) advisor's term is completed. An advisor cannot serve consecutive terms with a limit of two (2) terms per advisor .
3. The advisors will guide, direct and offer assistance to the officers, directors, and members of the Association while allowing decisions to be made and work to be done by the members, officers and directors. It is the responsibility of the advisors to attend all membership, executive board and executive committee meetings when possible.

Article VIII Miscellaneous

1. Amendments. The by-laws of the Association may from time to time be altered or amended in an respect or repealed in whole or in part, by voting members of the Association, which power may be exercised by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular board meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose; after which become effective upon approval of a 2/3 vote of those present at a prior notified meeting of the general membership. Prior notification to qualify must be over 30 days. All by-laws changes must be presented in written form or posted on the VJAA web page to the membership 30 days prior to voting.