

## **Georgia Junior Club Lamb Association**

A division of Georgia Club Lamb Association

Constitution as of January 1, 2010

### **Article 1: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Georgia Junior Club Lamb Association (GJCLA). It shall be a division or part of the Georgia Club Lamb Producer's Association (GCLPA).

### **Article II: Objectives and Mission**

1. The mission of the Georgia Junior Club Lamb Association is to prepare the members of the Junior Association for membership and leadership in the Georgia sheep industry, and to offer educational opportunities that prepare them to become leaders in the community as well as the sheep industry.
2. The GJCLA will promote the sheep industry through educational activities.
3. The objectives of the association are as follows:
  - a. To prepare our members for membership and leadership in the Georgia Club Lamb Association through promotion of leadership activities and events.
  - b. To promote the sheep industry.
  - c. To provide educational and leadership opportunities for the membership.
  - d. To teach the importance of accepting leadership roles and responsibilities.
  - e. The Georgia Junior Club Lamb Association shall be a partnership of the Georgia Club Lamb Producers Association and its family members.

### **Article III: Membership**

To be eligible for membership:

1. Applicant must be a resident of Georgia.
2. Applicant must be 19 years of age or less at time of election and be actively engaged in or interested in the production of sheep or the market lamb project.
3. Application must be in the individual's name.
4. Members shall be those who pay their dues during the current fiscal year.
5. All members in good standing as of January 1 of the current year are eligible to run for office and vote at the annual meeting.

#### **Article IV: Dues**

Junior dues shall be outlined and determined in the Georgia Club Lamb Producer's Association operating policy. .

#### **Article V: Meetings**

The junior association will hold three meetings during the year to correspond with the GCLPA Futurity, the State Market Lamb Show and the GCLPA annual board meeting. The officers will meet at various times throughout the year to plan the annual meeting, activities and other events as needed. To be eligible to vote at the annual meeting, you must be a member in good standing as of January 1 of the current year.

#### **Article VI: Report**

Activity reports of officers and/or of the Board of Directors shall be given at the Georgia Club Lamb Producers annual board meeting and at the general membership meeting held in conjunction with the state market lamb show.

#### **Article VII: Office of Association**

The office of the Georgia Junior club Lamb Association will be the same as the Georgia Club Lamb Producers Association's current officers. Unless otherwise specified this will be the same as the Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **Article VIII: Election of Officers and Board Members**

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members.
2. All candidates for office shall submit a completed application to the GCLPA Board of Directors for approval on or before a predetermined deadline.
3. One board member will be selected from each of the 4 districts of the state as determined by the GCLPA Board of Directors. The candidate with the highest number of votes from each of these 4 districts will be elected. In the event there is no eligible candidate to serve from a particular district, the candidate with the next highest number of votes after all other positions have been filled shall be elected.
4. Members of the executive board (president, vice president and secretary/treasurer) must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of the current year and have filled out and returned the

- application forms by deadline. The 4 remaining board members to be elected must have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade before the election. Members 6<sup>th</sup> grade or higher are eligible to run.
5. Those individuals running for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer must go through application process and interview process.
  6. Only those returning the completed application forms will be accepted for an interview.
  7. The interview shall be conducted by members of the Georgia Club Lamb Producers Association, or individuals of their choosing.
  8. The President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected annually. These officers may be nominated from any area of the state, but shall not serve in the same office for more than one consecutive term.
  9. Past President may serve in an advisory capacity to the officers.
  10. There will be one elected Georgia Club Lamb Association officer/board member assigned as the Junior Board Advisor each year.
  11. All eligible candidates shall be voted on by the junior members in good standing at the GCLPA Futurity.
  12. In case of discrepancy in votes or a tie, the vote will be re-counted. Vote again if necessary in the form of a run-off between two candidates.
  13. In the absence of the President, the office shall be filled the current/active Vice President.

#### **Article IX: Powers of the Officers**

1. They shall have (under supervision of the GCLPA Association or their designated representative) charge over all the affairs of the GJCLA, and shall conduct the business of the Junior Association.
2. A quorum shall consist of a majority of officers.

#### **Article X: Voting Powers**

Each individual member present, whose dues are paid, as outlined in this constitution, for the current fiscal year, shall be entitled to vote. No individual proxies shall be accepted.

#### **Article XI: Amendments**

1. The Constitution may be amended only at the annual meeting in December, in conjunction with the annual Georgia Club Lamb Association meeting.
2. Amendments must be submitted to the Georgia Club Lamb Producer's Officers and Junior Officers at the member meeting in October. Or at least sixty (60) days prior to annual meeting.
3. The inaugural vote shall be held in conjunction with the GCLPA Futurity in July 2010. The inaugural vote amendment will only be used once, in the year of 2010, the start of the Junior Association. This amendment will be removed after inaugural vote. Inaugural voting is as follows:

- a. All members, who join and pay their yearly dues to the Junior Association between January 1, 2010 and the day of the election, July 30, 2010, will be eligible to vote.
- b. Votes will be cast and members installed on July 31, 2010. Officers and Board Members will take office immediately to fulfill their term until 2011. Officers and Board members who are elected will be expected to work at the GCLPA Futurity of 2010.
- c. All candidates interested in running for office and board should have application completed by June 15, 2008. All candidates whom are seeking election will be required to interview prior to voting, with a date of interview to be determined by the GCLPA Board, no later than July 15, 2010.

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## **Constitution & By-laws**