

International Miniature Zebu Association
A Nonprofit Corporation
By-Laws

Dated 01 November 2015

ARTICLE I. TITLE, OBJECTS, LOCATION:

Section 1: TITLE: The Association shall be known as the International Miniature Zebu Association, and shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State in which it presides, providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all such rights are granted to associations of this kind.

Section 2: OBJECTS: The purpose of the Association shall be to collect, record and preserve the pedigrees of Miniature Zebu, to publish a breeding registry to be known as the Miniature Zebu Studbook, and to stimulate and regulate any and all other matters such as may pertain to the history, breeding, exhibition, public sale, or improvements of this breed. Open registry was closed in April 1995.

Section 3: PLACE OF BUSINESS: The principal place of business shall be where ever the members decide, but its members or officers may be residents of any state, territory or country, and business may be carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials as may be participating.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS Section

1: MEMBERS:

A. There shall be four classes of membership.

1. FOUNDING MEMBERS: Members who have joined the Association prior to 10 October 1991 shall be known as Founding Members, who are also active as long as dues are paid.
2. ACTIVE MEMBERS: Members shall be classified as ACTIVE after acceptance of proper application and payment of annual membership dues as established by the Board of Directors. Active Members who have attained the age of 19 shall have the right to vote on Association issues. Active Members must own Miniature Zebu cattle registered with the International Miniature Zebu Association.
3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Associate members shall be those who have an interest in the Miniature Zebu breed and its advancement in the livestock industry but who are not actively involved as owners of registered Zebu cattle. Associate members are not entitled to vote or hold an elective office.
4. YOUTH MEMBERS: Members who have not attained the age of 19 years may join as Youth Members. Such members shall enjoy reduced membership fees and reduced other fees. Youth members shall be eligible to serve as Officers or members of the Board of Directors. Youth members shall have no voting rights.

B. Members may be individuals or natural persons, legal partnerships, corporations, firms, institutions of learning, executors, government entities, administrators, and trustees.

- C. As a condition of membership in the Association each member shall agree to conform to and abide by the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association, and amendments or modifications there to, which may, from time to time, be adopted.
- D. Application for membership may be made by submitting to the registrar of the Association an application in the form prescribed by the Board of Directors accompanied by the established membership fee.
- E. The Board of Directors shall have the power to accept or reject applications of membership, fix membership fees, and establish Rules and Regulations covering the rights and privileges of members, consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.
- F. Only Active members shall be entitled to vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the membership. Each active member shall have one vote. Corporations or firms, who are active members, shall designate in writing, an individual officer, director or member of the corporation or firm who shall exercise on behalf of the corporation or firm, the rights and privileges of such membership, including the right to vote and hold office. The corporation or firm shall have one vote and shall have only one individual hold an office at any one time. Husband, wife and children under the age of eighteen are entitled to only one vote, even if each owns cattle in his/her own name. An exception to this rule would be in such cases where spouse or children have purchased a separate membership.
- G. 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 regulations of the Association.

Section 2: ANNUAL MEETING: The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the resolution of the Board of Directors for the purpose of the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

Notice of the annual membership meeting shall be given by mailing written notice stating the time and place of such meeting to each member's last known address as it appears on the Association's records not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 3: QUORUM & PROXY: For the purpose of the transaction of business, the quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) or more voting members or ten percent (10%) of the total voting membership present in person, whichever shall be the least. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Section 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors, by giving written notice to the membership of the time and place of such meeting at least fifteen (15) days in advance. At a special meeting the members may transact only such business as is properly specified in the notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE III: DIRECTORS:

Section 1: GOVERNMENT: A Board of Directors shall govern the business and property of the Association. There shall be no less than three or more than nine directors, as established from time to time by the board or majority vote of the members at any annual or special meeting. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) directors. Directors will be elected for a three-year term. Directors must be an active member of the Association and in good standing for three years. All directors must be

bona-fide owners and breeders of Miniature Zebu cattle, actively owning, producing, propagating and raising Miniature Zebu cattle. A candidate for director must have raised and registered with IMZA at least one calf in each of two years during the three (3) years preceding his or her election/reelection. No person may hold the office of director if they have been convicted of any felony. All persons holding the office of Director must be 18 years of age or older.

Section 2: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION: Directors need not be citizens or residents of the United States of America. It is declared to be the policy of the Association to have the various areas in which Miniature Zebu are bred fairly represented on the Board of Directors, and it is hereby provided that no more than (3) directors may be residents of the same state of the United States of America or residents of the same foreign country.

In this instance, the term resident is defined as the state or foreign country in which the headquarters of a particular cattle operation is located. The Headquarters of the Association may not be moved from the boundaries of the United States.

Section 3: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: A mailed ballot shall elect the directors of the Association. The ballots shall be mailed to all members to the address on file in the office of the registrar. Ballots shall be mailed on or before 01 March of the year of election. Valid ballots will be mailed to the office of a Certified Public Accountant chosen by the Board of Directors. The ballots must be postmarked on or before 20 March of the year of the election. Membership dues must be current for the ballot to be counted. Ballots shall be counted and results submitted to the office of the association by said Certified Public Accountant.

Section 4: VACANCY: If a Director, during his term of office, dies, or resigns, or disperses his herd and ceases to be an active breeder of Miniature Zebu, or should he fail to attend two consecutive meetings, or otherwise fail to perform the duties of a Director, the Board of Directors may, after appropriate notice to such Director, remove him from office and declare a vacancy. The Board of Directors may then fill the vacancy by appointment of a new Director for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5: RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Board of Directors shall have the power to establish Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the members of the Association and for the conduct of the affairs of the Association consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 6: COMMITTEES: The Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint standing or special committees, which may include nonmembers of the Board of Directors. Standing or Special Committees appointed by the Board of Directors shall be charged with and limited to such responsibilities as the Board of Directors set forth by resolution.

Section 7: ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS: The regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual members meeting, and no notice shall be required for any such meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board by rule, may provide for other regular meetings at stated times and places, of which no notice shall be required.

Section 8: **SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by direction of the President or by two-thirds of the Directors in office. The registrar shall give notice of each special meeting by mailing or telephoning the same to each Director at least ten (10) days before the meeting; no such notice may be waived by any Director. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

Section 9: **QUORUM:** A majority of the whole number of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. In the absence of a quorum, a lesser number may adjourn any meeting from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned, without further notice, if a quorum is obtained.

Section 10: **ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING:** Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Directors or a committee may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Board of Directors or all of the members of a committee entitled to vote thereon. Members of the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 11: **CONFLICTING MEMBERSHIPS:** No person shall be eligible to serve as a Director of this Association who holds office or position of authority in any other Miniature Zebu Registry or in any association or organization engaged in the practice of registering Miniature Zebu Cattle.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS.

Section 1: **OFFICERS:** The officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors deems necessary. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the Boards Annual Meeting, and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2: **PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Members; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; shall maintain general supervision of the affairs of the Association; shall see that the ByLaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association are enforced; shall have a vote in the Board of Directors in case of a tie; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The director elected to the office of President must have been on the Board for at least three (3) years.

Section 3: **VICE-PRESIDENT:** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: **SECRETARY-TREASURER:** The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- A. Keep or cause to be kept exact minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association.
- B. Be custodian of the funds and securities of the Association and shall deposit, invest or otherwise dispose of the same, as the Board of Directors may order.

- C. Sign all checks issued by the Association and keep such accounts and financial records as may be requested by the President.
- D. Present a written report at the Annual Meeting informing the membership of a total accounting of IMZA funds.
- E. Perform such other duties as directed by the President and by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: REGISTRAR: A Registrar may be employed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Registrar shall receive such compensation as the Board of Directors may fix.

The duties of the Registrar shall be:

- A. Maintain the office of the IMZA, including all equipment, membership Records, Zebu registrations and records in a businesslike manner.
- B. Receive all money for the IMZA. Write receipts for the money and forward money to the Secretary-Treasurer to be deposited in the IMZA account.
- C. Receive reports of birth, transfers, permanent registrations and memberships from members. Complete and return all paperwork within 15-days or less, if the paperwork is submitted properly with pictures and money.
- D. Shall sign and issue all certificates issued.
- E. Shall keep on file all documents constituting authority for pedigrees.
- F. Shall keep a record of all transfers of animals.
- G. Shall present a written report at the annual meeting informing the membership of:
 1. The total number of animals in the registry.
 2. The number of births reported in the preceding year.
 3. The number of transfers in the preceding year.
 4. The number of permanent registrations completed in the preceding year.
 5. The total number of active members in the Association

ARTICLE V. DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION.

Section 1: VIOLATIONS: Whenever any members of the Association or any other person in interest shall represent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association in writing stating the facts upon which complaint is based that a member of the Association, or any other person who is a holder of a Certificate of Registration issued by this Association, has engaged in misrepresentation or misconduct in connection with the breeding, showing, registration, purchase or sale of Miniature Zebu, or has willfully violated the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations of the Association, the Secretary-Treasurer shall present such charge to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 2: HEARING: Upon receiving a complaint, the Board of Directors shall set a time and place for hearing the charge or charges against the member or holder of a Certificate of Registration. The Board of Directors shall cause a written notice to be mailed to the last known address of the accused person at least thirty (30) days before the date of such hearing. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and the nature of the charges against the accused.

At the time and place set for the hearing, the accused shall have the opportunity in person or by counsel to be heard and to present evidence in his own behalf, and to hear and refute the evidence offered against him.

Section 3: PENALTIES: If the Board of Directors considers that the charges are sustained, it may suspend or expel such offender if a member of the Association, or impose such other appropriate penalties as it may decide and deprive him of any privileges in the official Record of the Association, including refusal to transfer any Certificate and Registration issued by this Association and cancellation of any registration of any animal standing in the name of the accused person, The Board, in its discretion, may also suspend and hold in abeyance during the duration of any complaint before it, the privileges of membership in the Association if the accused is a member of the Association, or the right to transfer any Certificate of Registration, if the accused is not a member.

ARTICLE VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

Section 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS: The order of business of the Annual Meeting shall be:

- a. Calling the Meeting to Order by the President.
- b. Reading the minutes of previous meeting and acting thereon.
- c. Annual address of the President.
- d. Reports of Committees and old business.
- e. Election of Directors.
- f. Unfinished Business.
- g. New Business.
- h. The Board of Directors shall be the final authority in interpretations of Charter, By-Laws and other rules of the Association. In determining questions not covered by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of this Association, Roberts Rules of Order shall be used.

Section 2: FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year for the Association shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31 of the succeeding year.

Section 3: NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Not later than four months prior to each annual meeting of the members, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members. Such committee shall consider all available candidates for the directorships to be filled at the forth-coming meeting and shall submit a slate of candidates to the registrar by 15 January of the election year. Such submission shall be deemed a nomination of each person named. The committee may recommend one or more candidates for each vacancy to be filled. Individual members may submit their name directly to the registrar by 15 January for placement on the election ballot.

Section 4: PROHIBITION AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaigns on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 5: DISTRIBUTION OR DISSOLUTION: In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, no members shall be entitled to distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the corporation from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be used or distributed to another not for profit corporation in accordance with the IMZA charter.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors in attendance at any Board meeting and confirmed by a majority vote of the members, or these By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the qualified members voting in person at the annual meeting of the Association providing that the proposed amendment changes have been published and forwarded to all members no less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Proposed By-Laws changes must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors, no less than three (3) months prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. INDEMNIFICATION:

Each person who shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Miniature Zebu Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs and expenses incurred by or imposed upon him/her, in connection with or resulting from any action, suit, or proceeding to which he/she is, or may be party, by reason of having been or being a Director of the Association. Such indemnification shall include settlements made in amounts approved by the Board of Directors at the time of such settlement is offered, whether or not such person is a Director at the time such costs are incurred or imposed upon him/her. **WITH THE EXCEPTION**, the indemnification shall not apply where he/she shall be finally adjudged to be liable by reason of having been willfully negligent or guilty of misconduct or otherwise derelict in the performance of his/her duties as Director. The rights of indemnification herein provided.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA RULE

1. MEMBERSHIP:

Memberships shall not be limited to natural persons or individuals, but may include legal partnerships, corporations, firms, and institutions of learning, executors, administrators, and trustees. The applicant for membership should indicate clearly the name in which the membership is to be recorded. Any registrations recorded on behalf of a member shall be recorded in the same name as that appearing on the membership. If registrations are to be obtained, care should be taken to apply for the membership in exactly the same name that the registrations are to be recorded; either the desired name of the individual, the exact name of a partnership, or the corporate name (accompanied by the signature of the authorized agent as it is to appear on the application for registration).

RULE 2. VOTE:

Each founding and active membership carries with it one vote. Associate membership has no vote.

RULE 3. REGISTRATION:

The Following provisions shall govern the Registration of animals eligible for registry in the Association.

- A. **PRIVATE HERD RECORD FORM:** Members must submit a copy of this record to the IMZA office in order to receive records of births. This document will be the basic and most important historical document of your herd. It is the responsibility of the owner to maintain accurate herd records. Each animal in your herd should be assigned a Herd ID Number, and all future births and purchases are assigned consecutive numbers. For example, most people list their first Miniature Zebu as #001 and the next as #002, #003, etc. The source would be where (what person or farm – not an auction name – please try to identify the breeder) the Zebu came from. Your first calf might be #006 and under its source you would list 001 & 003 (indicating who its

parents are). Please name your Miniature Zebu in your Herd Record. The names will be needed for registration application and will appear on the Certificate of Registration. You should enter all Miniature Zebu you have sold and to whom you sold them. It does not cost you to list animals in your Private Herd Record that you submit to IMZA. The only cost is for the actual animals you register. Although some people record purchase and sale price information under the remarks section, please do not submit this information to IMZA.

- B. **REPORT OF BIRTH:** Instructions are self-explanatory on the front of the forms. These forms are only to be used to record with IMZA the birth of miniature zebu out of registered parents. Percentage bull calves are not eligible for registration. Birth Certificates will be issued to the owner for documentation for the registration application when the calf reaches three (3) years of age or for use with transfer application if the calf is sold prior to three (3) years of age. The fee for the Report of Birth is \$25.00 for members. Birth recording for nonmembers is \$50.00. Enclose the fee with application and two clear close-up colored pictures taken from one side of the calf with the mother. Polaroid photos are not acceptable. If you have acquired miniature Zebu under three years of age from another breeder, please contact the original breeder and request them to sign the Report of Birth form, provide the parents' registration numbers (required) and submit to IMZA. Birth Record alone does not guarantee registration. The miniature zebu must still meet the breed standards when it is three years of age. Birth Record does provide assurance that the miniature Zebu is out of registered stock and therefore should otherwise be eligible. When submitting a Report of Birth application for a calf, include a unique name for the calf. The name must include the farm name or initials (herd prefix). For example if a farm is named "Zebu Cattle Forever" and the unique name of the calf is "Precious" the name shown on the application could be "ZCF Precious" or "Zebu Cattle Forever Precious." All calves registered must have a herd prefix as part of the animal's official name. Once an animal is Birth Recorded the Herd Prefix portion of the name will follow the animal for the rest of its life and cannot be changed. The unique animal name of Precious, in this case, can be changed by a new owner or the original owner at any time prior to registering offspring from the animal. Once the animal has offspring that have been registered, no portion of its name can be changed. All members must have their own herd prefix.
- C. **REGISTRATION APPLICATION:** Effective April 6, 1995, only miniature Zebu having reached the age of three (3) years, born of registered parentage, and having their birth record with IMZA, are eligible for registration. The fee for qualified animals born before June 1, 1998 is \$25.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members. The fee for qualified animals born on or after June 1, 1998 is \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. There will be a \$25.00 rush fee for anything to be returned within one week. Along with the Registration Application Form you must submit two clear close-up colored pictures taken from one side of the Zebu. Polaroid photos are not acceptable. Please note that you do not have to have a yardstick in the photos. The owner is certifying the height of the miniature zebu to be accurate. The current requirements for registration are that the miniature zebu can be not taller than 42-inches, measured behind the hump. The hump must be discernible. Miniature zebus with pendulous ears and/or pendulous penis sheaths are not eligible. Other characteristics such as horn shape,

black tail switch, color, etc may be desirable or undesirable according to the individual preference of the breeder. IMZA does not require that miniature zebu be branded, tattooed, ear-tagged or otherwise permanently marked by the owner/breeder. However, many zebu can be identified by existing notches, holes or other markings as well. Please include this type of identification description if available in your registrations for entry as permanent identification on IMZA records and on the Registration Certificates.

D. TRANSFER APPLICATION:

Instructions are on the reverse of the forms. Every change in ownership must be promptly recorded with IMZA so that progeny of the animal may be registered and subsequent changes in ownership recorded. The Association looks to the SELLER to promptly complete transfers in every detail and give to the BUYER. This form along with the \$10.00 transfer fee should be sent to the Association office within 60-days of sale. This form requires signature of the owner as well as the signature of the buyer who by signing is also certifying that the buyer has verified the height on a given date. This mechanism is intended to insure that both buyer and seller agree that the miniature zebu is the height as certified in its registration application. This form may also be used as a certificate of breeding cows, either by artificial insemination or natural service. It should be noted that IMZA reserves the right to request two new clear close-up, colored pictures taken from one side of the animal. It is not necessary to submit additional photos routinely. If IMZA believes that a new Registration Certificate should be issued due to length of time from original registration, IMZA will notify the seller of the need for the new photos. We all recognize that miniature zebu may change in appearance over time. The intention is that the Certification of Registration accurately reflects the miniature zebu registered.

E. PERCENT ZEBU:

Percentage miniature zebu heifers were allowed to be recorded and registered as such in the IMZA registry, if a registered Foundation pure bull sired them. As of April 1, 1995, the registry was completely closed to half-blood breeding. There are still $\frac{1}{2}$ percent $\frac{3}{4}$ percent and $\frac{7}{8}$ percent zebu in the registry. When heifer calves reach $\frac{15}{16}$ percentage (i.e., calves out of registered $\frac{7}{8}$ percent cows and sired by a registered Foundation pure bull) the heifer calves will be recorded as Native Pure Bred and will be eligible for application for full registration, when they become three (3) years of age.

When heifer calves reach $\frac{31}{32}$ Native Pure (i.e., calves out of $\frac{15}{16}$ Native Pure cows and sired by a Foundation Pure bull) the heifer calves will be recorded as Foundation Pure and will be eligible for application for full registration when they become (3) years of age. The registration fee for qualified animals being transferred from Native Pure to Foundation Pure born on or before April 7, 2005 is \$25.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members. The fee for qualified animals being transferred from Native Pure to Foundation Pure after April 7, 2005 is \$15.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members.

Bull calves born to percentage cows will not be eligible for birth recording or registry until they have reached the Native Pure (or 31/32) level. Only bull calves out of 15/16 registered Native Pure cows and sired by a registered Foundation Pure bull will be eligible for registration.

F. HARDSHIP REGISTRATIONS:

A person desiring to register a Miniature Zebu whose parents do not both hold IMZA Registration Certificates may apply to do so under the Hardship Registration Rule. The applicant may obtain a Hardship Registration application form by downloading the document from the IMZA website or by requesting a copy from the IMZA registrar by phone or email. Only animals 24 months of age or older may apply for Hardship Registration. The applicant shall submit a completed Hardship Registration application to the IMZA registrar, along with any and all supporting information available. Supporting information may include: a) at least 4 current photos of the animal – front, left side, right side and rear (mandatory) b) date of birth (mandatory) c) copies of any records or documents related to date of birth or parentage d) photos of the animals parents e) names and or traceable history of parents f) summary explanation of animals and/or parents background, etc. The Hardship Registration application fee shall be established by the Board of Directors and is subject to change at any time. This fee must be submitted in full at the time of application. A Hardship Registration Committee (hereafter “HRC”) will review each application and determine by majority vote if the animal is approved or rejected for Hardship Registration. Consideration may be given to the animals appearance, background etc. All decisions made by the HRC are final. Animals whose applications are approved by the HRC shall immediately achieve the status “Appearance Certified.” Applicants not approved by the HRC (first attempt only) will receive a refund of the Hardship Registration application fee, less a \$10 administrative charge. The HRC committee may choose to reject an animal without prejudice if they feel they do not have sufficient information to make a decision and would like the owner to re-submit the application with additional information. Re-submission of an application rejected without prejudice will again be considered a first attempt. Although there has never been an instance of the Dexter Bulldog Dwarfism Gene “chondrodysplasia” in our registry, the HRC reserves the right to require a test for the gene if the committee deems it necessary based on the physical appearance of the applicant animal. Animals not approved by the HRC may be resubmitted for consideration, but no applications other than a first attempt will be considered for refund if not approved. All applications reviewed by the HRC will receive a notice of outcome by mail or email.

G. IMPORTS:

A person desiring to register a Zebu imported into the United States or Canada from another country or to register an animal located in another country whose parentage can be verified, but whose parents are not registered with IMZA, must submit an application, plus 3 sets of current photos of the animal-front, left side, right side, and rear view and as extensive a background pedigree as available to the IMZA office. If the animal is registered with another registry outside the United States, information regarding the registration, including a copy of the Registration Certificate shall be submitted. Imported Semen being used for artificial insemination will be treated as an import registration. Height of mature animals (3 years and

older) to be verified on affidavit by a Veterinarian. When available DNA testing for parentage is desirable. The IMZA member application fee is \$100.00 per animal; nonmember fee is \$200.00 per animal. An Import Committee will determine by majority vote, the classification of the imported Miniature Zebu from the submitted application, photos and supporting documentation. All decisions of the IMZA Import Committee will be final.

RULE 4. DECEASED ANIMALS:

If an IMZA registered animal is deceased, the date of death must be promptly reported to the IMZA office so that may be recorded on the permanent record.

RULE 5. BREEDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDS:

Each member shall keep an individual private herd record in which shall be tabulated the individual identification numbers of each animal and such other information concerning ancestry and breeding of same, that will make clear and positive for all times the parentage of an animal offered for registration in Association Herd Registry. Individual identification numbers shall be given to calves before they are registered.

RULE 6. DISAGREEMENTS OR DISPUTES BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER:

The Association will not assume the responsibility of settling disputes between seller and buyer concerning financial settlements, ownership, health or fertility.

RULE 7. CORRECTION OF CERTIFICATES:

When new certificates are received from the Association, they should be immediately checked to determine if correct. If an error is discovered or a change of certificate found necessary, it should be returned to the Association office for correction. No alterations of any kind should be made on the certificate except by the Association office, because it will not conform to the copy kept on file by the Association. Errors made by the office will be corrected free of charge, but if made by the breeder or owner, a \$10.00 correction charge will be made.

RULE 8. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES:

A duplicate certificate of registration shall be issued upon sworn statement to the IMZA office from the recognized owner of the animal that such certificate has been lost or destroyed and upon payment of a fee, or if a certificate becomes damaged upon receipt of the damaged certificate at the IMZA office, it can be replaced for the same fee. Duplicates always supersede the original. Thus, if an original certificate is found after a duplicate has been issued; the original must be sent to the IMZA office for cancellation. Duplicate certificate fees are \$25.00.

RULE 9. PHOTOS:

All photos and forms submitted to the IMZA office become the property of the IMZA.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS:

AMENDMENT I. CLOSURE OF REGISTRY:

As of 31 December 1993 the registry is closed to all new bloodlines, except by Hardship Application; which requires a fee and approval of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT II. CLOSURE OF REGISTRY, APRIL 1995:

As of April 1995, the Registry is completely closed. There will be no more hardship cases allowed. Nor will half-blood animals be allowed.

AMENDMENT III. PERMANENT REGISTRY AGE:

As of April 1995, the age for permanent registry will be three years. All animals must be three (3) years of age, before a permanent registration certificate will be issued.

AMENDMENT IV. NEW HEIGHT REQUIREMENT:

As of 01 January 1997, the maximum allowed height for mature miniature zebu bulls will be 40.0 inches.

AMENDMENT V. NEW HEIGHT REQUIREMENT:

As of 01 April 1998, the maximum allowed height for mature miniature zebu bulls will be back to 42.0 inches. Birth reports are no longer free.

*NOTE: As of this date fees were set:

Birth certificates would be \$25.00; registration certificates born before 01 June 1998 would be \$25.00.

Registration certificates for animals born after 01 June 1998 would be \$10.00. All fees will be effective 01 June 1998.

AMENDMENT VI. REVISION OF ENTIRE IMZA BYLAWS:

On 16 September 2004.

AMENDMENT VII. MEMBER CLARIFICATION, DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION.

As of 1 September 2005.

AMENDMENT VIII. ADD YOUTH MEMBER CLASS

On 7 April 2010. Added a class for members 18 and younger.

AMENDMENT IX. DEFINE BREEDING EXPERIENCE FOR BOARD MEMBER

On 7 April 2010. Require registering at least one calf in two of the three years preceding election.

AMENDMENT X. CHANGE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

On 7 April 2010. Changed allowed members from a single state or foreign country from two to three.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 3 F: Alternate Registrations.

On 11 July 2011. Re-established Hardship registration. Changed name from Hardship to Alternate Registration and changed minimum age for Alternate Registration to 24 months. Also changed related Alternate Registration Committee Guidelines.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 3 F: Alternate Registrations.

On 21 March 2013. Added verbiage regarding the ARC right to require a “chondrodysplasia” test if Deemed necessary.

RULES AND REGULATIONS-IMZA Rule 3 B, C, D: Report of Birth, Registration Application, Transfer Application

On 09 April, 2014 Dropped late fees for all Report of Birth, Registration applications and Transfer applications.

RULES AND REGULATIONS-IMZA Rule 3 F: Hardship Registration.

On 01 December, 2014 Changed name from Alternate Registration back to original name of Hardship Registration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMZA Rule 3 Registration, B: Report of Birth,

On November 1, 2015 Added verbiage governing the naming of an animal and changes to a registered animal’s name.

HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL MINIATURE ZEBU ASSOCIATION

FORMATION:

The International Miniature Zebu Association (IMZA) was formed in Macon, Missouri. on 10 April 1991.

PRESIDENTS:

The first President was Charles G. Wilson of Hernando, MS. Charles served as president from 10 April 1991 to 26 December 1994.

James A Morgan of Kent City, Michigan, served as president from 27 December 1994 until 08 April 1998.

Bob V. Baker of Tacoma, Washington, served as president from 08 April 1998 until 10 April 2000.

James A. Morgan of Kent City, Michigan, was again elected president from 10 April 2000 until 07 April 2005.

Lonnie R. Hoover of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, was elected president on 07 April 2005 and served until 10 September 2009.

Dean Schocker of New Liberty, Iowa, was elected president on 10 September 2009 and served until 06 April 2011.

Steve DeMoor of Sanford, Florida, was elected president on 06 April 2011 and served until 11 April 2013.

Judy Rohner of Centralia, Illinois was elected president on 11 April 2013 and served until 5 April 2017.

Dean Schocker of New Liberty, IA was elected president on 5 April 2017 and served until _____.

IMZA OFFICE:

The office of IMZA was located at 2000 Galloway Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, from 10 April 1991 until 26 December 1994.

The office was moved to 2560 17-Mile Road, Kent City, Michigan, from 27 December 1994 until 25 September 1998.

The office was moved to PO Box 66, Crawford, Nebraska, on 26 September 1998 when Maureen Neidhardt was appointed registrar.

The office was moved to 17500 Hamilton Arms Court, Dewitt, VA 23840, on November 1, 2014 when Kathy Petersen was appointed registrar.