

CONSTITUTION OF THE THERIOGENOLOGY CLUB

Last Updated: January 2006

ARTICLE I: NAME

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the Theriogenology Club.

SECTION 2: This organization shall be affiliated with the Society for Theriogenology and shall abide by its Constitution and By-laws. The Constitution and By-laws shall not be in conflict with Washington State University (WSU) policies and procedures. WSU policies and procedures shall take precedence over the Constitution and By-laws of the Society for Theriogenology.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

SECTION 1: To create and enhance knowledge of theriogenology among veterinary students.

SECTION 2: To improve students' theriogenology skills.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: The two classes of membership shall be Active and Associate.

- A. Active membership shall be defined by:
 - a. Any student enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University.
 - b. A person becomes a voting member of this organization upon payment of dues.

- B. Associate membership shall be defined by:
 - a. College of Veterinary Medicine faculty and staff are eligible to apply for associate membership, but cannot vote or hold an office.

SECTION 2: Active members shall remain in good academic standing with the College of Veterinary Medicine.

SECTION 3: The Theriogenology Club is open to all students regardless of age, color, gender, handicapper status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers shall be the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Large Animal Activities Coordinator, and Small Animal Activities Coordinator. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution.

SECTION 2: The officers will be elected at a regular Theriogenology Club meeting in the fall semester. They will take office in the following spring semester and serve for two semesters, spring and fall.

SECTION 3: An opportunity for nominations of candidates will be provided and announced prior to the election meeting. Nominations shall continue to be taken until the designated election meeting.

SECTION 4: Officers will be elected by a majority of those club members present and voting who have paid their dues.

SECTION 5: Vacancies occurring among the offices will be filled at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, by the appointment of the President, provided however that upon a vacancy in the position of President, the Vice President will become President.

SECTION 6: The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- A. President – To preside over all meetings of the Theriogenology Club and all meetings of the Theriogenology Club officers; to oversee activities; to represent the Theriogenology Club in an official capacity.
- B. President Elect – To organize the Theriogenology Club booth at the annual Open House; to assist the President and other officers in their activities. Also, to serve as a liaison to the National SFT.
- C. Vice-President – To preside in the absence of the President.
- D. Treasurer – To receive and distribute funds upon authorization by the Activities Coordinator; to collect dues; to maintain a list of active members as pertaining to those who have paid the dues.
- E. Secretary – To prepare the minutes of all regular Theriogenology Club meetings; to send correspondence; to coordinate preparation and distribution of Theriogenology Club publications.
- F. Large Animal Activities Coordinator – To coordinate, with advice from fellow officers, a schedule of events during each semester for activities related to equine and agricultural animals.
- G. Small Animal Activities Coordinator - To coordinate, with advice from fellow officers, a schedule of events during each semester for activities related to small animals.

SECTION 7: Officers failing to fulfill the given responsibilities and duties may be removed by the active organization. This action must be approved by the majority of the active membership. Any active member may call for a review of an officer.

ARTICLE V: ADVISOR

SECTION 1: The advisor for the Theriogenology Club shall be selected from the faculty or staff at the College of Veterinary Medicine. A graduate student or assistant is not permitted to serve as the advisor for this organization.

SECTION 2: The duties of the advisor shall be as follows:

- A. To actively support and encourage club activities; to provide unbiased votes in the event of a tie during an election; to be used as a resource for information when necessary.
- B. The advisor shall not be responsible for collecting club dues, arranging or coordinating club activities, or running meetings.

ARTICLE VI: APPOINTED POSITIONS

SECTION 1: The President will appoint, with the consent of the majority of the officers, such project directors, committee chairmen, committees, as may contribute to the successful operation of the Theriogenology Club.

ARTICLE VII: DUES

SECTION 1: Each member will pay \$15.00 in dues per year and will not be entitled to vote at meetings or participate in certain activities until his/her dues have been paid in full.

SECTION 2: Dues shall be distributed as seen fit by the officers.

SECTION 3: To apply for membership to the Society for Theriogenology Student Chapter, students shall complete an application and pay \$10 dues. Applications shall be made available to the general membership by the officers at the beginning of each semester.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Do we want to have a section for this stating that regularly scheduled meetings will occur once a month for general membership, and X times a month for officers? Etc??

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted upon an affirmative vote by the general membership at the meeting following the initial proposal.

SECTION 2: Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to this Constitution.

SECTION 3: The Constitution must be amended by a vote of two-thirds majority at any regular or special meeting.