

BYLAWS
Tri County Prescribed Burn Association
Approved April 6, 2010

1. Purpose

The Tri County Prescribed Burn Association is organized to:

- 1.1. Promote safe and effective prescribed burns;
- 1.2. Provide equipment needed to conduct a safe prescribed burn;
- 1.3. Provide trained and certified help for prescribed burns;
- 1.4. Provide technical assistance in developing prescribed burn plans;

2. Tri County Area

- 2.1. TCPBA is organized to promote prescribed burning in Lancaster, Saline, and Seward Counties in Nebraska.
- 2.2. Counties boundaries are not absolute. Assistance may extend to counties adjacent to these counties.

3. Membership

- 3.1. Membership year shall run from July 1 to June 30.
- 3.2. Charter membership shall expire June 30, 2011.
- 3.3. Memberships received between May 1 and June 30 shall be inclusive of the subsequent membership year.

4. Membership Dues

Membership dues will be \$25 per year.

5. Burn Approval

- 5.1. Approval of burns shall be by majority vote of the TCPBA Burn Approval Committee.
- 5.2. Prescribe Burn Approval Requirements must be met before a burn approval may be granted.
- 5.3. Burn Approval Committee shall be nominated by the officers and subject to approval of a majority of voting members in attendance at a TCPBA meeting.
- 5.4. Burn plans submitted before March 1 will have priority

6. Use of TCPBA Equipment

Person Checking Out Equipment must:

- 6.1. Attend a TCPBA approved prescribe burn training program
- 6.2. Participate in a minimum of two TCPBA approved prescribed burns
- 6.3. Hold a current TCPBA training certification
- 6.4. Be a current TCPBA member.

7. Election of Officers

- 7.1. Annually at the first TCPBA meeting after July 1.
- 7.2. Current officers shall serve until their successor has been elected.
- 7.3. Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

8. Liability

- 8.1. The TCPBA assumes no liability for the conduct of its membership.
- 8.2. Liability during any burn, including training exercises, falls on the individual or the land owner where the event is taking place.
- 8.3. Landowners should verify coverage with their insurance carrier for activities held on their property.
- 8.4. Any individual, land owner, or their agents, shall indemnify and hold harmless TCPBA, its members and officers, against all claims, judgments, costs and fees, including attorney fees, proceeding(s), demand(s), lawsuit(s), civil action(s), or loss(es) (collectively or individually, a "Claim") for damages or injury of any kind, including death, arising in any manner relating to any activity conducted by an individual or land owner as it relates to TCPBA.