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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)

All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 , and ending 12-31-2011

☐ Check if applicable

☒ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

NEBRASKA TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

PO BOX 830915

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

LINCOLN, NE 685830957

D Employer identification number

47-0596900

E Telephone number

(402) 472-5351

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website:▶ WWW.NEBRASKATURFGRASS.COM

J Tax-Exempt status (check only one)—☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(6) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$50,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 180,192

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	127,538
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	36,575
	4	Investment income	4	23
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	13,195
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	5,470
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (Add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	7,725
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	2,861
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	174,722
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	41,250
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	30,450
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	95,797
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	167,497
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	7,225
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	19,593
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	26,818

Part II

Balance Sheets

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

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(See the instructions for Part II)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22	Cash, savings, and investments	109,923	22	103,703
23	Land and buildings		23	
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	26,928	24	28,463
25	Total assets	136,851	25	132,166
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	117,258	26	105,348
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) .	19,593	27	26,818

Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments	Expenses	
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? TO PROMOTE THE TURFGRASS INDUSTRY IN NEBRASKA, ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE FURTHER STUDY AND RESEARCH OF TURF, DISSEMINATE INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS STUDY AND RESEARCH, AND REPRESENT THIS GROUP IN MATTERS OF POLICY REGARDING THE TURFGRASS INDUSTRY		(Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title			
28	DONATE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA RESEARCH PROGRAM (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28a	0
29	PROVIDE MEDIUM FOR MEMBER EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29a	0
30	DISSEMINATE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE STUDY OF TURF RESEARCH (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30a	0
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

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(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

Part V

Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

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		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		No
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	Yes	
35b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	Yes	
35c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> 37a 0		
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		No
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> , section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> , section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/>		
40b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
40c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="checkbox"/>		
40d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
40e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/>		
42a	The organization's books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> BEN LENNANDER Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> (402) 472-5351 PO BOX 830915 Located at <input type="checkbox"/> LINCOLN, NE ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 685830957		
42b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	Yes	No
42c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/>		No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> 43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	Yes	No
44b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		No
44d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		
46			No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
48	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE:** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer	2012-11-12 Date		
	JEN ROEBER VICE PRESIDENT Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	KRISTAL L SIEBRANDT CPA CFE	Date	Check if self-employed
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	HBE BECKER MEYER LOVE LLP 7140 STEPHANIE LANE PO BOX 23110 LINCOLN, NE 685423110		Preparer's taxpayer identification number (See instructions) P00543870
			EIN	47-0677245 Phone no (402) 423-4343

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 47-0596900
Name: NEBRASKA TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

Form 990-EZ, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
JERRY SHORNEY 2740 A ST LINCOLN,NE 68502	PRESIDENT 1 00	0	0	0
RICHARD POLLOCK 16202 FORT ST OMAHA,NE 68116	PAST PRESIDENT 0 70	0	0	0
ANDRE HOYT 7500 BURLINGTON ST OMAHA,NE 68127	VICE PRESIDENT 0 70	0	0	0
JEN ROEBER 403 LINE DRIVE CIR LINCOLN,NE 68508	TREASURER 0 70	0	0	0
GREG BOSTELMAN 1707 W OKLAHOMA AVE GRAND ISLAND,NE 68803	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0
JAY ARNSPERGER 10722 SAPP BROTHERS DR OMAHA,NE 68138	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0
JEFF ERICKSON 328 THOMPSON AVE YORK,NE 68467	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0
CHRIS OLSON 18311 L STREET SUITE 10 OMAHA,NE 68137	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0
MIKE WINJE 4141 NORTH 27TH ST LINCOLN,NE 68521	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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2011**Open to Public
Inspection**Name of the organization
NEBRASKA TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION**Employer identification number**

47-0596900

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4	INTEREST INCOME 23
OTHER REVENUE	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	DESCRIPTION OTHER INCOME AMOUNT 341 DESCRIPTION NEWSLETTER INCOME AMOUNT 2,520 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 8 2,861
GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION GRANTEE NAME UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA GRANTEE ADDRESS R STREET LINCOLN, NE 68588 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION CASH AMOUNT GIVEN 41,250
OTHER EXPENSES	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	DESCRIPTION CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS AMOUNT 90,838 DESCRIPTION TELEPHONE AMOUNT 546 DESCRIPTION MISCELLANEOUS AMOUNT 2,291 DESCRIPTION NEWSLETTER EXPENSE AMOUNT 2,122 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 95,797
OTHER ASSETS	FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	DESCRIPTION ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 3,055 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 5,445 DESCRIPTION PREPAID EXPENSES BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 23,873 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 23,018
OTHER LIABILITIES	FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	DESCRIPTION DEFERRED REVENUE BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 117,258 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 105,348

**TY 2011 Transfers Personal Benefits
Contracts Declaration**

Name: NEBRASKA TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

EIN: 47-0596900

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.