

**KENAI KENNEL CLUB**

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**  
**KENAI KENNEL CLUB, INC.**

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**CONSTITUTION**

**NAMES AND OBJECTIVES**

Section 1: The name of the club shall be Kenai Kennel Club.

Section 2: The objectives of the Club shall be:

(A) To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs.

(B) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at all American kennel Club events.

(C) To hold events under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations for which the Club is eligible.

(D) EDUCATION:

Section 3: The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4: The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such Bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

## BYLAWS

### Article I

#### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: **Eligibility:** There shall be six types of membership, all of which require that the person(s) be in good standing with the American Kennel Club and subscribe to the purposes of this Club. They are the following:

- 1) **Regular Member:** Open to persons 18 years or older. This membership includes voting privileges, Club benefits and holding office.
- 2) **Family Members:** Open to 2 adult members and their legal children of the same household. This membership includes holding office and voting privileges for the adult members. All Family Members are entitled to Club benefits.
- 3) **Junior Member:** Open to persons 8 through 17 years, who have no voting privileges and may not hold office, but who are entitled to Club benefits. They may convert to regular membership upon reaching their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 4) **Associate Member:** Associate Members have Club benefits, but no voting privileges and cannot hold office.
- 5) **Life Member:** Open to individuals who have been members for not less than 20 years. This membership includes voting privileges, Club benefits and holding office.
- 6) **Honorary Member:** An individual who has made significant contributions to the Club. Honorary Members have Club benefits but no voting privileges and cannot hold office.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area. Associate membership is available to those who reside 50 miles or more from the City of Kenai.

Section 2: **Dues:** The Board of Directors shall periodically review the annual dues structure and make adjustments when they deem it necessary. The dues structure is:

- 1) Regular Member: not greater than \$50.00 annually.
- 2) Family Member: not greater than \$75.00 annually.
- 3) Junior Member: not greater than \$25.00 annually.
- 4) Associate Member: non greater than \$40.00 annually.
- 5) Life & Honorary Member: no annual dues.

No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. Not less than 60 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Treasurer shall send to each member their statement of account with the Club including all membership dues for the ensuing year.

Section 3: **Election to Membership:** Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics, Constitution, Bylaws and Standard Rules of this Club, and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At the applicant's third meeting the application will be read again and voted upon by secret ballot. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

Section 4: **Termination of Membership:** Memberships may be terminated:

- 1) By Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary: but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of May.
- 2) By Lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid ninety days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional ninety days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- 3) By Expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provide in Article VI of these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **MEETINGS AND VOTING**

Club and Board meetings shall be held within the greater Kenai, Alaska area at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

- Section 1: **Club meetings:** The quorum of such meetings shall be twenty percent of the voting members in good standing. The Secretary shall send notice of all regular Club meetings at least ten days prior to each meeting. The term “notice”, “notification”, or “notified” as used in these Bylaws is intended to be by either a written and mailed or an email action.
- Section 2: **Special Club meetings:** Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Board voting at a regular or special meeting, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written petition signed by at least five members of the Club who are in good standing. Club members shall be notified of such meetings by the Secretary at least five and not more than 15 days prior to the meeting, and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated. No other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the Members in good standing.
- Section 3: **Board meetings:** The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board. The Secretary shall send notice of all regular Board meetings to Board Members at least five days prior to each meeting. Board meetings are open to attendance by Club members unless an issue requiring an executive session is involved.
- Section 4: **Special Board Meetings:** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. The secretary shall notify board members at least five days but no more than ten days prior to the meeting and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated. No other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board. Board meetings are open to attendance by Club members unless an issue requiring an executive session is involved.
- Section 5: **Voting:** Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote per motion at any meeting of the Club at which they are present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

## ARTICLE III

### DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- Section 1: **Board of Directors:** The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and five other persons all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the Club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors and it may develop Standing Rules to facilitate that general management.
- Section 2: **Officers:** The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.
- 1) **The President** shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws.
  - 2) **The Vice President** shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.
  - 3) **The Secretary** shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club; have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify officers and directors of their election to office, notify new members of their election to membership, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws.
  - 4) **The Treasurer** shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. Monies shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting on the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt of payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount, as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- Section 3: **Vacancies:** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the Officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such a vacancy, or at a special Board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

## ARTICLE IV

### THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

- Section 1: **Club Year:** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of May and end on the thirtieth day of April. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting.
- Section 2: **Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting shall be held in the month of May at which Officers, and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty days after the election.
- Section 3: **Elections:** The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The five nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.
- Section 4: **Nominations:** No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of February the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of who may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before March first.
- 1) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office, and five candidates for the five other positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
  - 2) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall before March fifteenth notify each member of the candidates so nominated.
  - 3) Additional nominations may be made at the April meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposed shall present to the secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.
  - 4) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **COMMITTEES**

Section 1: **Committees:** The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

Section 2: **Committee Termination:** Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **DISCIPLINE**

- Section 1: **American Kennel Club Suspension:** Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.
- Section 2: **Charges:** Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$25.00, which shall be forfeited if the Board following a hearing does not sustain such charges. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct, which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail together with a notice of hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.
- Section 3: **Board Hearing:** The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

Section 4: **Expulsion:** Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may only occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his or her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in their own behalf if they wish. The members shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1: **Amendments:** Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the voting membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendation of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the Secretary received the petition.
- Section 2: **Vote:** The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
- Section3: **No amendment** to the constitution and bylaws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club has approved it.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DISSOLUTION**

- Section 1: **Dissolution:** The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than two thirds of the voting members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for the purpose of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club, nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club, shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IX

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: **Order:** At meetings of the Club, the order of Business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the President
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of the Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (annual meeting)
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Section 2: **Board Order:** At meetings of the board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

## ARTICLE X

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: **Parliamentary Authority:** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.