

## **Saluki Club of America Constitution & Bylaws**

**Section 1.** The name of the Club shall be the Saluki Club of America.

**Section 2.** The objects of the Club shall be:

- a. to further the advancement of pure-bred Salukis and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b. to encourage the organization of independent local Saluki Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club;
- c. to promulgate the Standard of the Breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only Standard of excellence by which Salukis shall be judged;
- d. to do all in its power to protect and advance the best interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and other competitive activities approved of or regulated by the Club or the American Kennel Club;
- e. to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, and other competitive activities under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

**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 By Laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

### **By-Laws**

#### **ARTICLE I: Membership**

##### **Section 1. Eligibility.**

There shall be five types of membership open to persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose of this Club. They are as follows:

- a. Regular Membership is open to all persons eighteen years of age and older. This type of membership enjoys all the privileges of the Club including the right to vote and hold office, except that only Regular Members residing within the United States may hold office or vote upon the Standard for the Breed.
- b. Honorary Membership shall be approved by a majority of the Board. Candidates for Honorary Membership may accept or decline if approved by the Board. Honorary Members cannot vote, do not pay dues, and are ineligible to hold office, sponsor new members, or nominate candidates for office. Honorary Members wishing Regular Membership will apply under the Regular Membership procedures.
- c. Lifetime Membership will be granted by the Board to any member who meets the following criteria: Has been a member in good standing for 25 years, and, in the determination of the Board, has offered outstanding service to the Club. Lifetime Members do not pay dues, but can hold office and are eligible to vote in club elections, sponsor new members, nominate candidates for office, and vote upon the Standard for the Breed, except that only Lifetime Members residing within the United States can hold office or vote on the Standard for the Breed.
- d. Junior Membership is open to individuals at least nine (9) years of age and under eighteen (18) years of age. Junior Members cannot vote, do not pay dues, and are ineligible to hold office, sponsor new members, or nominate candidates for office.
- e. Associate Membership is open to individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older with limited time in the Saluki breed. Associate Members cannot vote and are ineligible to hold office, sponsor new members, or nominate candidates for office. The Associate Membership shall be for a term of three (3) years with a three (3) year renewal at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

##### **Section 2. Membership Dues and Fees.**

Membership dues shall not be raised more than ten dollars (\$10.00) per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. Dues for Regular Members shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60.00) per year. The Board of Directors shall determine each year the specific amount of dues. If the Board does not vote a change in the amount by October 15th, the dues shall remain the same figure as the previous

(current) year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

### **Section 3. Election to Membership.**

**Section 3A. Regular Membership.** Each applicant for Regular Membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and Bylaws and the Rules of the AKC. The application shall state the name, address and signature of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsements of two members in good standing not from the same family or household as the applicant or each other. Applications for Regular Membership shall be accompanied by an initiation fee and the dues payment for the current year. The initiation fee shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The general membership shall be notified of the names and addresses of new applicants in the next published Newsletter of the Saluki Club of America, Inc. and allowed thirty (30) days to respond. Within forty-five (45) days thereafter the Membership Committee shall report to the Board on each published applicant. In cases of incomplete application or where there are questions about some of the responses, the Board may table the application for a period of not more than thirty (30) days prior to acceptance. During this time, they will obtain the missing information or answers from the sponsors or the prospective member. This is a one time occurrence. After the application is accepted by the Board, the Board shall act upon each application within thirty (30) days. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the Directors present at a meeting, or of two-thirds of the entire Board voting by mail shall elect an applicant to membership. Abstentions will not be counted as votes. An application that has received a negative vote by the Board may be re-submitted by the signed request of the two endorsing members within 30 days of notification that the application failed. The Board is required to send the mail ballot to the membership within sixty (60) days after the application has been resubmitted. The Club members may elect an applicant rejected by the Board by vote of the entire membership by secret ballot sent to the membership within sixty (60) days after the application has been resubmitted. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the ballots received shall elect an applicant to membership. Abstentions will not be counted as votes. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the members of the Club shall have all moneys submitted returned thereto and may not re-apply for membership in the Club within six (6) months of said rejection.

**Section 3B. Junior Membership.** Individuals at least nine (9) years of age and under eighteen (18) years of age may apply for Junior Membership directly to the Corresponding Secretary on a form approved by the Board of Directors. The application must be accompanied by the signature of at least one (1) Regular Member and include the written permission of the applicant's parent or legal guardian. Acceptance to Junior Membership shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board (abstentions do not count as votes). The initiation fee shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall not exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Junior Membership shall not require the payment of annual dues. Once a Junior Member reaches the age of eighteen (18) years, he shall automatically be considered for Regular Membership. Application for Regular Membership from a Junior Member shall be on a form approved by the Board of Directors and require the endorsement of two (2) Regular Members who are not from the same family or household of the applicant or each other. Such applications from Junior Members are not subject to publication in the Newsletter or processing through the Membership Committee. The application shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary and be accompanied by dues for the current year. Acceptance to Regular Membership shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board (abstentions do not count as votes).

**Section 3C. Associate Membership.** Each applicant for Associate Membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these Constitution and Bylaws and the Rules of the AKC. The application shall state the name, address and signature of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsements of two members in good standing not from the same family or household as the applicant or each other. Applications for Associate Membership shall be accompanied by an initiation fee and the dues payment for the current year. The initiation fee shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The general membership shall be notified of the names and addresses of new applicants in the next published Newsletter of the Saluki Club of America, Inc. and allowed thirty (30) days to respond. Within forty-five (45) days thereafter the Membership Committee shall report to the Board on each published applicant. In cases of incomplete

application or where there are questions about some of the responses, the Board may table the application for a period of not more than thirty (30) days prior to acceptance. During this time, they will obtain the missing information or answers from the sponsors or the prospective member. This is a one-time occurrence. After the application is accepted by the Board, the Board shall act upon each application within thirty (30) days. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the Directors present at a meeting, or of two-thirds of the entire Board voting by mail shall elect an applicant to membership. Abstentions will not be counted as votes. An application that has received a negative vote by the Board may be re-submitted by the signed request of the two endorsing members within 30 days of notification that the application failed. The Board is required to send the mail ballot to the membership within sixty (60) days after the application has been resubmitted. The Club members may elect an applicant rejected by the Board by vote of the entire membership by secret ballot sent to the membership within sixty (60) days after the application has been resubmitted. Affirmative votes of two-thirds of the ballots received shall elect an applicant to membership. Abstentions will not be counted as votes. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the members of the Club shall have all moneys submitted returned thereto and may not re-apply for membership in the Club within six (6) months of said rejection. The term of an Associate Membership shall be three (3) years with a three renewal at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4. Termination of membership**

Memberships may be terminated:

- a. By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Corresponding 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 each fiscal year.
- b. By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid ninety (90) days after the first day of the fiscal year. However the Board may grant an additional ninety (90) days 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.
- c. By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE II: Meetings**

#### **Section 1. General Membership Meeting.**

The General Membership Meeting of the Club shall be held in conjunction with the SCOA National Specialty at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors. In the absence of an SCOA National Specialty within eighteen (18) months of the previous General Membership Meeting, the Board shall call for a General Membership Meeting within such time frame. Written notice of the General Membership Meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the General Membership Meeting shall be ten percent of the Regular and Lifetime Members in good standing.

#### **Section 2. Special Club Meetings.**

Special Club Meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present at a meeting of the Board, or who vote by mail: and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the Regular and Lifetime Members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least fourteen (14) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be ten percent of the Regular and Lifetime Members in good standing.

#### **Section 3. Board Meetings.**

- a. The first meeting of the Board shall be held within three weeks of June 1st. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the President or a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such other meeting shall be provided by the Corresponding Secretary to each Member of the Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board Meeting shall be a majority of the Board. Officers and Board members must cast a voting ballot in seventy-five percent (75%) of the issues brought before the Board during each

6 month period after taking office, including actual meetings, teleconferences, land mail, and electronic communications, in order to remain on the Board. The AKC Delegate must attend seventy-five (75%) of all meetings that are not special meetings called solely to elect to membership.

**b.** Meetings are defined as gatherings where attendees see and/or hear each other. This includes meeting (in person) "physically" in the same room or conducting a meeting by video conference or teleconference.

**c.** Subject to applicable state law, the Board of Directors may also conduct business by telephone conference call, video conference, mail, fax and email through the Recording Secretary provided it does not conflict with any other provisions of these Bylaws. Items voted upon by telephone conference call, video conference, mail, fax, and email must be confirmed by the Recording Secretary in writing within seven (7) days. Votes taken must reflect the presence of a quorum. The following precautions must be in place:

1. Every Board member must have the ability to participate.
2. A procedure must be in place to verify the identity of the individuals participating to ensure that they are eligible Board members.
3. A mechanism must be in place to verify that the eligible Board members are "listening."
4. All Board members must agree to participate in this manner.

### **ARTICLE III: DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND POSITIONS HELD WITHIN THE CLUB**

#### **Section 1. Board of Directors**

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer and five other persons all of whom will be elected for two-year terms and all of whom shall be Regular or Lifetime Members in good standing who are residents of the United States. They shall be elected 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.

Non-officer members of the Board shall be elected for two-year terms in two classes. The first class shall consist of two members and shall be elected in even numbered years. The second class shall consist of three members and shall be elected in odd numbered years.

Officers and members of the Board who are serving their second consecutive two year term shall not be eligible for re-election to that position for a third consecutive term.

#### **Section 2. Officers**

The Club's Officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board of Directors and its meetings.

**a.** 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. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

**b.** The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

**c.** The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all votes taken by mail or electronically, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Recording Secretary shall inform the Nominating Committee no later than November 30th of any Board Members who have not met the seventy-five percent (75%) voting requirement and are therefore ineligible for re-election.

**d.** The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notifying members of meetings, notifying new members of their election to membership, notifying Officers and Directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club and their addresses and regularly send a copy of such roll to all members, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws.

**e.** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board and the Treasurer shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported, and at the General Membership Meeting he shall render an account 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 2.1. AKC Delegate**

The AKC Delegate shall be elected by the membership to a two-year term of office. The AKC Delegate shall attend all meetings of the Board but without a voting status. Among other duties, the AKC Delegate shall report to the Club all significant actions and matters discussed at the AKC's Delegate Meetings.

### **Section 3. Vacancies.**

Any vacancy occurring on the Board or among the Officers during the year shall be filled for the balance of that position's term by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President, the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the Board. No one person may hold two Board positions simultaneously and the AKC Delegate shall not be a member of the Board. If the position of AKC Delegate is vacated, the position will be filled by a special election of the membership within six (6) months from a list of candidates who have submitted biographical information with their application.

### **Section 4.**

No one person may hold more than two positions that include: Board Member, AKC Delegate, AKC Gazette Columnist, or Committee Chairman, or more than a total of three positions with SCOA including Committee membership and liaison positions.

## **Article IV: The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, and Elections**

### **Section 1. Club Year**

The Club's fiscal year shall begin the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin on the 1st day of June and end on the 31st day of May. The elected Officers and Directors shall take office on the 1st day of June and each retiring Officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to the office within thirty (30) days after the election.

### **Section 2. Voting**

In all cases of votes being submitted by mail, electronically, in person, or (in the case of the Board) e-mail, there must be enough votes cast to show that a quorum has responded. A quorum is a simple majority of the Board or 10% of the membership.

At the Regular Membership Meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those Regular and Lifetime Members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of Officers, AKC Delegate, and Directors, and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and the Standard for the Breed which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail or electronically. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail or electronically. Ballots for the annual election of Officers, AKC Delegate, and Directors shall be sent to all members in good standing as of March 2nd. Ballots for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and to the Standard for the Breed, and for any specific questions submitted by the Board of Directors shall be sent to all members in good standing thirty (30) days before the date scheduled by the Board for the counting of ballots. Only those members who receive a ballot at that time shall be eligible to vote.

### **Section 3. Annual Elections**

The election of Officers, Directors, and AKC Delegate shall be conducted by mail or electronic ballot. To be valid, ballots must be received by the Recording Secretary on or before May 15th.

Unless an independent outside individual or firm is designated by the Board, ballots shall be counted by three Inspectors of Election who are members in good standing and who are neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot and who shall be appointed by the Board. The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, the mail or electronic balloting shall be repeated. If any nominee, at the time of the election, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 3.

### **Section 4. Nominations and Ballots**

No person may be candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these Bylaws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors on or before November 15th. The Committee shall consist of three Regular or Lifetime Members from different areas of the United States of America, and two (2) alternates, all members in good standing, not more than one of whom

shall be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, teleconference, or e-mail and shall submit its slate to the Recording Secretary by December 15th.

**a.** The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors up for election and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. They shall also present a list of candidates volunteering for the AKC Delegate position. Any individual may become a candidate for AKC Delegate by applying for the position and providing biographical information regarding their qualifications. A member who has held the position of President for the four years immediately prior to the election year will be ineligible for the position of President or Vice President. The committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Recording Secretary who shall either mail the list or include it in the Club Newsletter. In either case, the list shall include the full name and address of each candidate and shall be mailed to each member of the Club on or before January 15th with a reminder that additional nominations must be received by the Recording Secretary by March 2nd.

**b.** Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary and received at his regular address on or before March 2nd, signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate.

**c.** If no valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before March 2nd, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected with no balloting required and shall take office on June 1st.

**d.** If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before March 2nd, he shall, on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> send to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees and their full addresses for each position in alphabetical order, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary, or an independent outside individual or firm, if so designated by the Board of Directors, marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking his ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope, which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary on or before May 15th. The Inspectors of Election shall check the returns against a list of members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting which shall be announced at the General Membership Meeting. Should the Officer or Board nominations be done electronically, measures by the Inspectors of Election will be taken to insure confidentiality, member authentication, and accurate vote tallies.

**e.** Nominations cannot be made at the General Membership Meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

**Section 5.** Designation of Independent Outside Individual or Firm

The Board may designate an independent outside individual or firm for the mailing and/or receipt of ballots (paper or electronic) and to serve as Inspectors of Election for an election of Officers and Directors or for any other ballot to the Membership. In such case, the related duties of the Recording Secretary set forth in these Bylaws will be undertaken by such independent outside individual or firm. Such outside individual or firm shall provide a written report regarding the results of the election or other ballot to the Recording Secretary.

**Article V: Committees**

**Section 1.** The Board may each year appoint standing Committees to advance the work of the Club. 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. Duties of Special Committees shall be approved by the Board and be on file with the Recording Secretary.

**Section 2.**

Any Committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

**Section 3. Membership Committee.**

The Board of Directors shall each year appoint a Membership Committee to consider and process all

applicants for membership. The Membership Committee shall include all regional representatives and a Committee Chairman. Regional Representatives shall be appointed by the Board each year.

## **Article VI: Discipline**

### **Section 1. American Kennel Club Suspension**

Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of the American Kennel Club shall automatically 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 interest of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board or a Committee following a hearing. The Corresponding 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 interests of the Club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or of the breed, 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 or a Committee of not less than three members of the Board not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the 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 or Committee may, by a majority vote suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for no more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing, or until the next General Membership Meeting if that will occur after six (6) months. 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 recommendation of the Board or Committee. Immediately after the Board or Committee has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

### **Section 4. Expulsion**

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the General Membership Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board or Committee as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the finding and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Regular and Lifetime Members present and voting at the General Membership Meeting shall be necessary for the expulsion. If expulsion is not voted for, the suspension shall stand.

## **Article VII: Amendments**

### **Section 1.**

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and to the Standard for the Breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the Regular and Lifetime Members with the recommendations of the Board of Directors by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary. As set forth in Section 2, following: The favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Regular and Lifetime Members in good standing who return valid paper or electronic ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any amendment. This vote must also demonstrate that a quorum of the membership has participated and the quorum in the case of amendments shall be 25% of the membership.

**Section 2.**

The Constitution and Bylaws or the Standard for the Breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed on paper or electronically by the Corresponding Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a secret ballot on which he may indicate his choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the Recording Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Regular and Lifetime Members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any amendment. This vote must also demonstrate that a quorum of the membership has participated and the quorum in the case of amendments shall be 25% of the membership.

**Section 3.**

No amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws or to the Standard for the Breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

**Article VIII: Dissolution**

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Regular and Lifetime Members in good standing. In the event of dissolution of the Club, except 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. After payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to one or more charitable organizations for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

**Article IX: Order of Business**

**Section 1.**

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 Vice President

Report of Recording Secretary

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Report of Committees

Unfinished Business

Election of new members

New business

Adjournment

**Section 2.**

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

Roll Call

Minutes of the last meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Vice President

Report of Recording Secretary

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Appointment of new Committees

Report of Committees

Unfinished Business

Election of new members

New business

Adjournment



**Section 3.**

Any procedures not covered in these Constitution and Bylaws shall be governed in accordance with the most current authorized edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

**Article X: Number and Gender**

Wherever appropriate, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

As Amended by Membership Vote tallied 3/17/2020 and approved by the AKC Board of Directors 11/10/2020, effective immediately as of that date.

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