

ARTICLE 7 – DISCIPLINE

The Board shall have the power to suspend, expel or reprimand any member if, in their opinion, he/she has violated:

The constitution of The club or the by-laws of The Canadian Kennel Club

The Board shall have the power to suspend or terminate the membership of a member who, in their opinion, has committed an act which is considered prejudicial to the objectives of The Club, the C.K.C. or the interests of its members or their dogs.

A person, so suspended or expelled, shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Board within 30 days or they could elect to have a hearing at the next General Meeting. The suspended or expelled member would have to appear at the meeting in person.

Such suspended member may apply for reinstatement upon a successful appeal.

“Expulsion” when imposed, shall terminate membership automatically for all time. “Suspension” when imposed, automatically deprives the member of the privileges of the club for the period ordered when the suspension is imposed.

Central Ontario Newfoundland Dog Club

CONSTITUTION

Name

The name of the Club shall be Central Ontario Newfoundland Dog Club, (herein after referred to as The Club).

Affiliation

The Club will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club.

Objectives

The purpose of the Club is to:

To promote the working abilities of the Newfoundland Dog.

Foster sportsmanship, and encourage participation in club events.

To promote adherence to the CKC standard.

To increase the knowledge and understanding of the breed.

To achieve better communication and understanding among owners, breeders and other interested parties.

Non Profit

The Club shall be operated as a non-profit organization. Any moneys generated through dues, donations or other means shall be used to further The Club’s objectives.

Area of Operation

The area of operation of The Club shall be west to Windsor, east to Yonge Street in Toronto and north to Tobermory.

Revisions to the Constitution

A proposed amendment to the Constitution or By-laws may be proposed at any time by any Regular or Life Club member. A seconder to the amendment will be required. The proposed amendment will be published in the minutes and voted on at the next Annual General Meeting. A two thirds majority of members present will be required to pass the amendment.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership Year

The Club's fiscal and membership year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 2 – Classification

Provisional Member shall be any newly accepted member who is eighteen (18) years of age or older. Provisional Members shall have no voting privileges for six (6) months, after which time they shall become Regular Members.

Regular member is any person eighteen (18) years of age or older and who will subscribe to the purpose of this Club and will abide by this constitution.

Junior member is any member up to seventeen (17) years. Junior members will not be entitled to a vote on club matters or elections nor will he/she be eligible to hold office. A junior member shall become a regular member with all the rights and privileges attached thereto upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age.

Life member is a person has been a member in good standing for twenty five (25) years.

Section 3 - Application

Application to The Club may be submitted only on the form provided by The Club or a copy thereof. Accompanying the application must be the dues payable for the current year. With the application form he/she agrees to abide by The Club's Constitution, and the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.

Section 4 - Selection

After an applicant for membership has been approved at an executive or general meeting, the applicant's name and address shall be published in The Club's newsletter. If no significant objections are received by the Membership Secretary by the stated deadline, which must be at least thirty (30) days after publication, the applicant becomes a provisional member.

Section 5 - Members in Good Standing

Members in good standing are those that:
have paid all current dues
are not suspended by the Canadian Kennel Club

ARTICLE 6 – ELECTIONS

Section 1 - Eligibility

Any regular and life member in good standing may be eligible for nomination for any office, subject to the provisions contained in these By-laws.

Section 2 - Nominations

2 members will be appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee.

Section 3 – Consent to Stand

By November 1st, forward "Consent to Stand" forms to those presently holding elected positions with instruction to return completed forms to the Nominating Committee no later than December 1st. The option of sending in a short Biography (maximum 100 words) must be given on the form.

Section 4 - Further Nominations

Supply to the Regular and Life Members, a list of nominees for all elected positions with a request for any further nominations and instructions that such further nominations must be signed by the nominee and returned to the Nominating Committee no later than January 15th. The instructions must include the option for the nominee to submit a short biography of 100 words maximum.

Section 5 - Elections

Elections will take place every two (2) years. Ballots will be mailed to all Regular and Life members in good standing at March 1 of the current club year. The ballots will list all officers and candidates for office as provided by the nominating committee. The ballots will include a return envelope to be mailed to Nomination Committee.

Section 6 – Counting of Ballots

The ballots shall be opened and counted at the Annual General Meeting by two (2) Returning Officers, other than the nominating committee, appointed by the President from the general membership attending the meeting. The largest number of votes shall elect for any Office. In the event of a tie vote for any office, ballots for a re-vote for that position only, must be mailed to all Regular and Life Members within one (1) week by the Nominating Committee with instructions that the ballots must be returned within thirty (30) days. These ballots would then be opened and counted at the next General Meeting, by two (2) Returning Officers, other than the Nominating Committee, appointed by the President from the general membership attending the meeting.

Section 7 - Acclamation

If only one person accepts nomination for a position, he/she shall be elected by acclamation. If no one is nominated or runs for a position, the position shall be filled at a later date at the Board's discretion.

Section 4 - Cheques

The cheque signing officers of The Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All cheques drawn from The Club account must have the signature of the Treasurer or the President, should the Treasurer be unavailable, and one (1) other signing officer, and all signing officers must identify the office he/she holds on the signature line.

Section 5 - Audit

Each year, the Board will recommend and the membership will appoint an auditor/auditing committee for the coming year. The Treasurer will present The Clubs books to the auditors to examine and give a report at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 6 - Spending Approval

All spending on behalf of The Club over the amount of \$1000.00 must have prior Board approval.

Section 7 - Club Dissolution

Should The Club remain inactive for a period of two (2) years, or should its members decide to dissolve, all assets will be converted to cash and transferred by way of cheque to The Pet Trust Fund at the Ontario Veterinary College.

ARTICLE 5 - PROCEDURE

Section 1 - Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail on all procedural matters not covered by these By-laws during in person meetings of either The Club or The Board.

Section 2 - Voting Rights

Each member is allowed one vote at any meeting or election provided that: He/she is a member in good standing
Proxy voting will be allowed at Board meetings only.

Section 3 - Order of Business

Each meeting will be conducted as follows:

- Calling of the roll
- Acceptance of the last minutes.
- Financial Report
- Report of Committee Heads
- Old Business
- New Business
- Elections (if necessary)
- Scheduling of next meeting
- Adjournment

Section 6 - Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated:

By resignation - any member in good standing may resign from The Club upon written notice to the Secretary and on settling all financial obligations to The Club.

By lapsing - a membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if members' dues remain unpaid on the first day of January.

By expulsion - a membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 7 of these By-laws.

ARTICLE 2 – ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Officers

The Officers shall be comprised of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Immediate Past President

All positions shall be for a two (2) year period.

Section 2 - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the above officers together with the Committee Chairs listed below. The Board shall have the general management of The Club's affairs.

Section 3 - Committees

The following three (3) positions will become automatic members of the Board.

The Membership Secretary shall keep an up to date roll of all members and their addresses, shall present all membership applications for approval at the next general meeting after received, shall forward notification to each new member of acceptance to membership, along with a copy of the Constitution and shall take charge of the collection of membership dues.

The Working Dog Chairperson is responsible for putting the committees together for all the events for the year and present them to a general meeting.

A Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for collecting information and advertising, publishing and distributing to all club members. The newsletter will endeavor to cover activities within the club, member's news, interesting articles pertaining to the Newfoundland dog and any other items he/she deems worthy.

Section 4 - Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining Board members; except for a vacancy of President shall be automatically filled by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of the Vice-President shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 5 - Duties

President - The President shall preside at all meetings of The Club. He/she has the power to call special meetings of the Board and shall be a member of all committees. No member may call a meeting of The Club without consent of the President or his/her designate. He/she shall ensure that all meetings run smoothly and are conducted in a mannerly fashion.

Vice-President - The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the event of the President's absence, incapacity or death. He/she shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

Secretary - He/she shall keep a written record of all meetings of The Club and the Board of Directors. He/she shall read the minutes of the previous meeting and shall keep a record of attendance at every meeting. He/she shall be in charge of all correspondence of The Club, keep a complete membership list and any other duties assigned by the Board.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due to The Club and shall deposit the same in the bank account designed by the Board in the name of The Club. He/she shall pay out of the funds on hand all debts of The Club by means of a cheque countersigned by another officer. He/she shall keep a monthly tally sheet and report to The Club at all meetings all receipts and expenditures for that month. These shall be in legal binding and shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board. He/she shall prepare a year-end financial statement for the annual meeting and shall surrender the books for audit every year.

Immediate Past President - The Immediate Past President shall act as a consultant to the new executive for a maximum of one, two(2) year term. The Immediate Past President has an executive vote during this two year term.

Section 5 - Violations of Duty

The Board shall have full power to remove any Board appointment for violation of duty by a majority vote of the Board upon written notice to the appointee. The Board may then appoint successors to fill such vacancies. The General Membership consisting of a 2/3 majority of signatures, may, upon written notice to the Board, request a Special Meeting to hold an election, if the membership feels the Board is in violation of its duties".

ARTICLE 3 – MEETINGS

Section 1

A – Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of The Club shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days after The Club's fiscal year end.

B - General Meeting

Besides the Annual General Meeting there shall be at least five (5) other meetings (general or special) of The Club per year.

C - Special Meetings

Special meetings of The Club may be called:

By the President

By a majority of the Board of Directors

The general membership as stated in Article 2 Section 5

D - Quorum

A quorum for any general meeting of The Club shall consist of eight (8) members in good standing, of which, at least three (3) must be officers.

Section 2 - Board Meetings

The President, or a quorum of the Executive, may convene a meeting of the Executive at any time if deemed necessary. A Board meeting may be held "in person", by telephone, by mail or by other electronic communications. Such meetings shall be conducted through the Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of the Board of any Executive meeting at least forty eight (48) hours prior to such meeting.

Section 3 - Elections

Elections will take place every two (2) years.

ARTICLE 4 – FINANCE

Section 1 - Financial Year

The financial year of The Club shall commence on the 1st day of January and conclude on the 31th day of December of each year.

Section 2 - Dues

Dues for the fiscal year shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January. No member whose dues are not paid for the current year may vote in any Club matter. If a new member applies after the first day of September the membership dues will apply for the following year.

Section 3 - Banking

A bank account will be established in the name of The Club at a Canadian Chartered Bank.