

LKC Constitution

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~~1. ARTICLE I~~

~~Names and Objects~~

~~SECTION I~~

~~The name of the Club shall be the
LAWRENCEVILLE KENNEL CLUB, INC.~~

SECTION II

The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs;
- (b) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of pure-bred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, agility trials, obedience trials, and other events under the rules of the AKC.
- (c) to conduct meetings, sanctioned matches, dog shows, agility trials, obedience trials and other events under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- (d) to provide education to the general community and promote responsible dog ownership.

ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1

~~Eligibility. There shall be four types of membership open to all persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club —1) Individual; 2) Family (husband and/or wife, and/or minor children eighteen or younger living with a parent or stepparent); 3) Junior (for persons between the ages of nine and eighteen) —a junior member must meet the same eligibility requirements as a regular member, but shall not have the right to vote or hold office in this Club and shall not be required to pay dues; and, 4) Honorary (approved by the Board for the life of the individual and without payment of dues but with no right to vote). 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.~~

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ARTICLE I

Membership

SECTION 1

There shall be six (6) types of membership open to persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the objects of the Club and the Code of Ethics of the Club.

Individual: Open to those persons over 18 years of age. Individual Members enjoy all the privileges of the Club including the right to vote and the right to hold office.

Family: Open to two persons aged eighteen (18) years of age or older who reside in the same household. Each individual in good standing comprising a family membership shall be entitled to a vote, not to exceed two votes. Individual members may elect Family Membership at the time dues are renewed.

Associate: Open to a single individual age 18 years or older who enjoys all the Club privileges except voting and holding office

Lifetime: Open to those members who have maintained a continuous unbroken Individual or Associate Membership in the Lawrenceville Kennel Club for a period of twenty-five (25) years. Lifetime Members pay no dues and enjoy all of the privileges of the Club including the right to vote and the right to hold office.

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Junior: Open to persons 10-17 years of age. Junior members cannot vote or hold office. Junior members pay no dues and may become regular members upon reaching their 18th birthday and so notifying the Secretary.

Honorary: Open to persons 18 years of age and older. This membership is for outstanding contributions to the Lawrenceville Kennel Club or the canine world in general and elected by majority vote of the Individual, Family, and Lifetime members. Honorary members do not pay dues and are not eligible to vote. However, such members can maintain an Individual Membership if they pay dues.

SECTION II

Dues.

~~Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first day of June of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. For family memberships each adult member over the age of eighteen, who is listed on the roster, is entitled to one vote. During the month of April the Membership Chairperson shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. The amount of dues may be changed from time to time and shall be set by the Board of Directors at its March meeting each year.~~

SECTION II

Dues.

Membership dues shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors. Individual Membership dues shall be set at no more than \$75. The general membership shall be notified of any changes in dues and the basis for it by publication in the Club's newsletter or other written notice by April 1.

Annual dues shall be payable on or before the first day of June each year. During the month of April the Membership Chairman shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year. No member may vote or hold office whose dues are not paid for the current year.

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SECTION III

Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, the Bylaws, the Club's Code of Ethics, 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 signature of two sponsors as indicated in this section. The application also requires two (2) letters of endorsement to be filled out by the applicant's sponsors, and sent under separate cover to the Membership Chair. ~~The Membership Chair shall forward copies of both the application and the sponsors' endorsements to the Editor of the Chatter for publication in the newsletter.~~ Sponsors must be current members in good standing for a period not less than one (1) year. The letters of endorsement shall be on a form approved by the Board of Directors. Upon submission of the application, the prospective member shall also submit ~~an application fee in an amount to be determined, from time to time, by the Board of Directors~~ along with the dues for the current year.

Any applicant accepted as a member 90 days or less before the annual dues are payable (June 1) will be credited for full payment for the following year.

All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chair at a Club general business meeting. When both sponsors' endorsements have been received, the applicant's name and information from the application form is to be published in the next newsletter and read at the first succeeding Club business meeting attended by the applicant. At the next Club meeting attended by the applicant, the application will be voted upon ~~out of the presence of the applicant,~~ and the affirmative votes of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required for election to membership. Applications not voted on within six business meetings after the application was accepted will be voided. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club will have their dues payment refunded to them and may not re-apply for membership within six months after such rejection.

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Any applicant accepted as a member 90 days or less before the annual dues are payable (June 1) will be credited for full payment for the following year.

All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chair at a Club general business meeting. When both sponsors' endorsements have been received, the applicant's name and information from the application form is to be published in the next newsletter and read at the first succeeding Club business meeting attended by the applicant. At the next Club meeting attended by the applicant, the application will be voted upon by secret ballot, and the affirmative votes of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required for election to membership. Applications not voted on within six business meetings after the application was accepted will be voided.

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Objections to Applications for Membership

Objections to a membership application may be voiced within thirty (30) days after receipt of a Newsletter containing the name of a prospective applicant. Such objection must be made in writing to the Secretary. Such application shall be tabled by the Board of Directors for investigation and disposition. Following the investigation, the Board will vote to either accept the application or reject the application.

Privileges of Membership

A member in good standing is defined by the By-Laws as a member who has no delinquent debts to the Club and who is in good standing with the American Kennel Club. (For example, unpaid dues, unpaid trophy donations, and unfilled donations are considered debt to the Club.) Obligations other than dues are consider a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.

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SECTION IV

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 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.

ARTICLE II

Meeting and Voting

SECTION I

Club Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be held in ~~(or within 25 miles of) the City of Lawrenceville~~ at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except June, August and December (no business meetings), and November, when the fourth Tuesday is in the same week as Thanksgiving Holiday, in which case November's meeting shall be on the third Tuesday. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by First Class Mail, E-Mail with the member's consent, included in an official club publication ~~or posted on an official club "website" as approved by the Board of Directors~~ or otherwise provided to all members of record by the Secretary or a designated club member at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

SECTION II

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 and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held ~~in (or within 25 miles of) the City of Lawrenceville~~ at such place, and at such date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 7 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

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ARTICLE II

Meeting and Voting

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Club Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be held in within Gwinnett County, Georgia and shall be held nine times per year at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except June, August and December (no business meetings), and November, when the fourth Tuesday is in the same week as Thanksgiving Holiday, in which case November's meeting shall be on the third Tuesday. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by First Class Mail, E-Mail with the member's consent, included in an official club publication or otherwise provided to all members of record by the Secretary or a designated club member at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

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SECTION III

Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held ~~in (or within 25 miles of) the City of Lawrenceville at least seven times per year, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board.~~ Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by First Class Mail or E-Mail with the board member's consent by the Secretary, or a designated club member, at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION IV

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SECTION III

Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held within Gwinnett County, Georgia Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by First Class Mail or E-Mail with the board member's consent by the Secretary, or a designated club member, at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

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There shall be minutes taken for all types of meetings listed above.

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ARTICLE III

Directors and Officers

SECTION I

Board of Directors. The Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Directors at Large, and as provided for in ARTICLE III, Section I(c), the immediate Past President, all of whom shall be members in good standing. A Board member may be removed for failure to attend a majority of the annual Board Meetings, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining Board. The Board of Directors of the Lawrenceville Kennel Club shall be responsible for the management and operation of the Lawrenceville Kennel Club, its facilities and all events.

(a) The President, Vice President, Secretary, ~~and Treasurer~~ 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. No person shall serve as ~~an officer of the Club~~ for more than 4 consecutive terms.

(b) The four Directors at Large shall be elected for two year staggered terms (two Directors at Large per term) at the Club's annual meeting, as provided in ARTICLE IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. No person may serve as a Director at Large for more than 2 consecutive terms.

(c) If the Immediate Past President is not filling one of the Board of Directors positions in ARTICLE III, Section I(a), or Section 1(b), he shall be a voting member of the Board for one year after his past term as President.

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(a) The President, Vice President, and Secretary, 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. No person shall serve as President, Vice President, or Secretary for more than 4 consecutive terms.

(b) The Treasurer shall be elected for a two year term. The Treasurer position is not subject to term limits.

(c) The four Directors at Large shall be elected for two year staggered terms (two Directors at Large per term) at the Club's annual meeting, as provided in ARTICLE IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. No person may serve as a Director at Large for more than 2 consecutive terms.

(d) If the Immediate Past President is not filling one of the Board of Directors positions in ARTICLE III, Section I(a), or Section 1(b), he shall be a voting member of the Board for one year after his past term as President.

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SECTION II

(d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. He shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. His books shall be at all times open to inspection of the Board, and he 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 annual meeting he shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors determine. The Treasurer's books shall be audited as determined necessary by the Board of Directors.

AKC Delegate. The LKC delegate to the American Kennel Club shall be elected by the membership for a two-year term. Nominees shall be recommended by the Board. The delegate shall represent the Club at AKC meetings at the direction of the Board.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION III

Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each Office and designated Board position shall be declared elected.

SECTION IV

(a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office ~~and~~ Director's position coming vacant and, after securing the consent of each person nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

SECTION II

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AKC Delegate. The LKC delegate to the American Kennel Club shall be elected by the membership for a two-year term. Nominees shall be recommended by the Board. The delegate shall represent the Club at AKC meetings at the direction of the Board. Should a Vacancy occur during a term, a special election shall be held to fill the position for the remainder of the term, plus an additional two years.

ARTICLE IV

The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION III

Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each Office and designated Board position shall be declared elected. If there is only one candidate for each office, the Secretary will be empowered to suspend the designated election procedure and to cast a single ballot without polling the entire membership.

SECTION IV

(a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office, Director's position, or AKC Delegate, coming vacant and, after securing the consent of each person nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

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ARTICLE VI

Discipline

SECTION I

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 II

Complaints. Any member may file a Complaint against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written Complaints with Specification(s) detailing alleged misconduct by a member must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit in an amount to be set by the Board, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the Complaint with Specification(s) 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 Complaint and Specification(s), if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. If the Board considers that the Complaint and its Specification(s) do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club, it may refuse to entertain the matter and shall so advise the Complainant. If the Board entertains the Complaint and Specification(s), the Board shall fix a date for 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 Complaint and Specification(s) to the member complained against by registered mail, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the member complained against may personally appear ~~in~~ his own behalf and bring witnesses if he wishes.

ARTICLE VI

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SECTION I

American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from ANY privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from all privileges of this Club for a like period of time.

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Complaints. Any member may file a Complaint against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Written Complaints with Specification(s) detailing alleged misconduct by a member must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit in an amount to be set by the Board, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the Complaint with Specification(s) 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 Complaint and Specification(s), if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. If the Board considers that the Complaint and its Specification(s) do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club, it may refuse to entertain the matter and shall so advise the Complainant. If the Board entertains the Complaint and Specification(s), the Board shall fix a date for a hearing by the Board not less than three weeks or more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the Complaint and Specification(s) to the member complained against by registered mail, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the member complained against may personally appear on his own behalf and bring witnesses if he wishes.

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SECTION IV

Expulsion. Expulsion of 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 III in this ARTICLE. Such proceedings may 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 member recommended by the Board to be expelled shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting the member may make an explanatory statement in his own behalf addressing the issues, ~~but counter accusations will not be allowed.~~ The President shall read the Complaint and Specification(s) and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the member complained against, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members present shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

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