

CONSTITUTION (AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION)

Article I Name and Objects

Section 1. The name of the club shall be The Boykin Spaniel Club & breeders Association of America, Inc.

Section 2. The objects of the club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Boykin Spaniels and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) To encourage the organization of independent local Boykin Spaniel specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club;
- (c) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Boykin Spaniels shall be judged;
- (d) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at Field Trials, Dog Shows and Obedience Trials;
- (e) To conduct Field Trials 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 ONE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP, OPEN TO ALL PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND WHO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PURPOSES OF THIS CLUB.

SECTION 2. DUES. MEMBERSHIP DUES SHALL BE \$25.00 PER YEAR, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST OF JANUARY OF EACH 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 OF 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 THESE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS 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. ACCOMPANYING THE APPLICATION, THE PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SHALL SUBMIT DUES PAYMENT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. APPLICANTS MAY BE ELECTED AT ANY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR BY WRITTEN VOTE OF THE DIRECTORS BY MAIL. AFFIRMATIVE VOTES OF 2/3 OF THE DIRECTORS PRESENT AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR OF 2/3 OF THE ENTIRE BOARD VOTING BY MAIL, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ELECT AN APPLICANT. AN APPLICATION WHICH HAS RECEIVED A NEGATIVE VOTE BY THE BOARD MAY BE PRESENTED BY ONE OF THE APPLICANT'S ENDORSERS AT THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLUB AND THE CLUB MAY ELECT SUCH APPLICANT BY FAVORABLE VOTE OF 75% OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT.

SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERSHIP 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 I 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 90 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE FISCAL YEAR; HOWEVER, THE BOARD MAY GRANT AN ADDITIONAL 90 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.

c) BY EXPULSION. A MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TERMINATED BY EXPULSION AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VI OF THESE BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLUB SHALL BE HELD IN THE MONTH OF MAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLUBS NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL IF POSSIBLE, AT A PLACE DATE, AND HOUR DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE MAILED BY THE SECRETARY TO EACH MEMBER AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. THE QUORUM FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE 10% OF THE 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 SECRETARY UPON RECEIPT OF A PETITION SIGNED BY 10% OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING. SUCH A MEETING SHALL BE HELD AT SUCH A PLACE, DATE AND HOUR AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH MEETING SHALL BE MAILED BY THE SECRETARY AT LEAST 14 DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN 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 10% OF THE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION. OTHER MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD AT SUCH TIMES AND PLACES AS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OR BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE DIRECTORS. WRITTEN NOTICE OF EACH SUCH MEETING SHALL BE MAILED BY THE SECRETARY TO EACH DIRECTOR AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING. THE QUORUM FOR A BOARD MEETING SHALL BE A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD VOTING IN PERSON OR BY CONFERENCE PHONE. DIRECTORS ARE TO ATTEND AT LEAST FIFTY (50) PERCENT OF THE MEETINGS HELD EACH YEAR.

SECTION 4. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS WHEN NECESSARY BY MAIL THROUGH THE SECRETARY OR THROUGH CONFERENCE PHONE.

SECTION 5. ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE EXECUTIVE SESSION, EXCEPT FOR THE BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, ALTERNATE AND TEN OTHER PERSONS, ALL OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES. EACH WILL SERVE ONE (!) THREE (#) YEAR TERM. AFTER COMPLETION OF ONE(!) TERM, THE MEMBER MUST SIT OUT ONE (1) YEAR BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE TO RUN AGAIN. THEY SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE CLUBS 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.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS. THE CLUB'S OFFICERS, CONSISTING OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND ALTERNATE SHALL SERVE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPACITIES BOTH WITH REGARD TO THE CLUB AND ITS MEETINGS. THESE OFFICERS ARE ELECTED TO THEIR OFFICE DIRECTLY BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. OFFICERS SHALL SERVE IN THEIR CAPACITY FOR ONE (1) YEAR TERMS BUT MAY BE RE-ELECTED.

(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 BY-LAWS.

(b) THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL HAVE THE DUTIES AND EXERCISE THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT IN CASE OF THE PRESIDENTS DEATH, ABSENCE, OR INCAPACITY.

(c) THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB AND OF THE BOARD AND OF ALL VOTES TAKEN BY MAIL, AND OF ALL MATTERS OF WHICH A RECORD SHALL BE ORDERED BY THE CLUB. HE/SHE SHALL HAVE CHARGE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTIFY MEMBERS OF MEETINGS, NOTIFY NEW MEMBERS OF THEIR ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORS OF THEIR ELECTION TO OFFICE, KEEP A ROLL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND CARRY OUT SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS ARE PRESCRIBED IN THESE BY-LAWS.

(d) THE TREASURER SHALL COLLECT AND RECEIVE ALL MONEYS DUE OR BELONGING TO THE CLUB. HE SHALL DEPOSIT THE SAME IN A BANK APPROVED BY THE BOARD, IN THE NAME OF THE CLUB. HIS/HER BOOKS

SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE OPEN TO INSPECTION OF THE BOARD AND SHALL REPORT THEM AT EVERY MEETING THE CONDITION OF THE CLUBS FINANCES AND EVERY ITEM OF RECEIPT AND PAYMENT NOT BEFORE REPORTED; AND AT THE ANNUAL MEETING 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 SHALL DETERMINE.

(e) THE OFFICES OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER MAY BE HELD BY THE SAME PERSON.

(f) THE OFFICE OF ALTERNATE SHALL ACT IN ANY CAPACITY AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SHALL BE THE FIRST MEMBER SELECTED TO FILL ANY OFFICER VACANCY OCCURING ON THE BOARD (EXCEPT THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT) DURING THE YEAR UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL ELECTION. THIS PERSON WILL ALSO BE USED TO BREAK TIE VOTES AT BOARD MEETINGS.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES. ANY VACANCY OCCURING ON THE BOARD DURING THE YEAR SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM BY NOMINATIONS FROM THE OFFICERS FOLLOWED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT ITS FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING THE CREATION OF SUCH VACANCY, **EXCEPT THAT THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT SHALL BE FILLED AUTOMATICALLY BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT.** SHOULD TWO (2) OR MORE YEARS REMAIN ON THE UNEXPIRED TERM, MEMBER SHALL BE TREATED AS IF HE/SHE HAD SERVED A FULL TERM; THEREFORE, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION UNTIL SITTING OFF FOR (1) YEAR..

SECTION 4. ANY BOARD MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FOR CAUSE UPON AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THEN SERVING. CAUSE SHALL BE PRESUMED TO EXISTIF A BOARD MEMBER HAS FAILED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT MORE THAN FIFTY (50) PERCENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD DURING ANY CONTINUOUS TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD AND DULY CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE II.

ARTICLE IV THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR. THE CLUB'S FISCAL YEAR SHALL BEGIN ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY AND END ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER. THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL YEAR SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, AND SHALL CONTINUE THROUGH THE ELECTION AT THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING. THE ELECTED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS SHALL TAKE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND EACH RETIRING

OFFICER SHALL TURN OVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE ALL PROPERTIES AND RECORDS RELATING TO THAT OFFICE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION.

SECTION 2. VOTING. A MEMBERSHIP IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE AT CLUB MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OR AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB, VOTING SHALL BE LIMITED TO THOSE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHO ARE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, (DELEGATE) AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (AND THE STANDARD OF THE BREED) WHICH SHALL BE DECIDED BY WRITTEN BALLOT CAST BY MAIL. 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 BALLOTCAST BY MAIL.

SECTION 3. ANNUAL ELECTION. AT THE ANNUAL MEETINGFOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (AND DELEGATE TO THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, WHO MAY BUT NEED NOT BE A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE CLUB) THE VOTE SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY SECRET BALLOT. BALLOTS TO BE VALID MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY BY MAY 15. BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED BEFORE THE MEETING BY THREE INSPECTORS OF ELECTION WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND NEITHER MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT BOARD NOR CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT AND WHO SHALL BE CHOSEN IN ADVANCE BY THE BOARD.

CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED. IF ANY NOMINEE, AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING, IS UNABLE TO SERVE FOR ANY REASON, SUCH NOMINEE SHALL NOT BE ELECTED AND THE VACANCY SO CREATED SHALL BE FILLED BY THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN MANNER PROVIDED BY ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.

SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS. NO PERSON MAY BE A CANDIDATE IN A CLUB ELECTION WHO HAS NOT BEEN NOMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE BY-LAWS. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE SHALL BE CHOSEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE NOVEMBER 15. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THREE MEMBERS PREFERABLY FROM THREE DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE U.S.A., AND TWO ALTERNATES, ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, NO MORE THAN ONE OF WHOM MAY 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.

(a) THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATEFROM AMONG THE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, ONE CANDIDATEFOR EACH OPENING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (AND A CANDIDATE FOR THE DELEGATE TO THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB) AND SHALL PROCURE THE ACCEPTANCE

OF EACH NOMINEE SO CHOSEN. 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 SECRETARY WHO SHALL PUBLISH THE FULL NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE AND THE NAME OF THE STATE IN WHICH HE RESIDES IN THE JANUARY NEWS LETTER SO THAT ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE BY THE MEMBERS IF THEY SO DESIRE.

(b) ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS OF THE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS MAY BE MADE BY WRITTEN PETITION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY AND RECEIVED AT HIS/HER REGULAR ADDRESS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15TH, ACCOMPANIED BY THE WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THE ADDITIONAL NOMINEE SIGNIFYING HIS/HER WILLINGNESS TO BE A CANDIDATE.

c) IF NO VALID ADDITIONAL NOMINEES ARE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15TH, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S SLATE SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED AT THE TIME OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND NO BALLOTING WILL BE REQUIRED.

(d) IF ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS ARE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15TH HE/SHE SHALL, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1ST, MAIL TO EACH MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING A BALLOT LISTING ALL OF THE NOMINEES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, WITH THE NAMES OF THE STATES IN WHICH THEY RESIDE, AND A SHORT SELF WRITTEN RESUME OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH A BLANK ENVELOPE AND A RETURN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY 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/HER BALLOT, SHALL SEAL IT THE BLANK ENVELOPE WHICH IN TURN SHALL BE PLACED IN THE SECOND ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY. THE INSPECTORS OF ELECTION SHALL CHECK THE RETURNS AGAINST THE LIST OF MEMBERS WHOS 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 ANNUAL MEETING.

(e) NOMINATIONS CANNOT BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER THAN AS PROVIDED ABOVE.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. THE BOARD MAY EACH YEAR APPOINT STANDING COMMITTEES TO ADVANCE THE WORK OF THE CLUB IN SUCH MATTERS AS FIELD TRIAL, DOG SHOWS, OBEDIENCE TRIAL, 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 TO AID IT ON PARTICULAR PROJECTS. 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.

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 OR THE BREED. WRITTEN CHARGES WITH SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE WITH THE SECRETARY WITH A DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 WHICH SHALL BE FORFEITED IF SUCH CHARGES ARE NOT SUSTAINED BY THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE FOLLOWING A HEARING. THE SECRETARY SHALL PROMPTLY SEND A COPY OF THE CHARGES TO EACH MEMBER IF 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 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 THE BREED IT MAY REFUSE TO ENTERTAIN JURISTITION.** IF THE BOARD ENTERTAINS JURISTITION 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 3 WEEKS NOR MORE THAN 6 WEEKS THEREAFTER. **THE SECRETARY SHALL PROMPTLY SEND ONE COPY OF THE CHARGES TO THE ACCUSED MEMBER BY CERTIFIED MAIL TOGETHER WITH A NOTICE OF THE HEARING AND AN ASSURANCE THAT THE DEFENDANT MAY PERSONALLY APPEAR IN HIS/HER OWN DEFENSE AND BRING WITNESSES IF HE/SHE WISHES.**

SECTION 3. BOARD HEARING. THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHETHER COUNSEL MAY ATTEND THE HEARING, BUT BOTH COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT SHALL BE

TREATED UNIFORMLY IN THAT REGARD. IT SHALL BE THE COMPLAINANTS OBLIGATION TO PROVE BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT THAT THE CONDUCT OF THE ACCUSED MEMBER HAS HAD OR WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE CLUB OR THE BOYKIN SPANIEL. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HEARING ALL THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT, THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE MAY BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO DROP ALL CHARGES OR TO PROCEED WITH DISIPLINARY ACTION. SHOULD THE BOARD RECOMMEND TO TAKE ACTION, IT WILL IMMEDIATELY GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT WHICH TIME A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN HELD TO DETERMINE TO SUSPEND THE DEFENDANT. A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO SUSPEND A CLUB MEMBER. THE BOARD SHALL HAVE COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND ANY PART OF THE MEMBERS PRIVILEGES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PARTICIPATION IN CLUB SPONSORED HUNTING TESTS FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE HEARING, OR UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IF THAT WILL OCCUR AFTER SIX 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 DEFENDANTS 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 HEARING OR COMMITTEE 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 DECISION AND PENALTY, IF ANY.

SECTION 4. EXPULSION. EXPULSION OF A MEMBER FROM THE CLUB MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY AT THE ANNUAL 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 FINDINGS 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 2/3 VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR EXPULSION. IF EXPULSION IS NOT SO VOTED THE SUSPENSION SHALL STAND.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE BY-LAWS (AND TO THE STANDARD OF THE BREED) MY BE PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR BY WRITTEN PETITION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY SIGNED BY TWENTY PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS 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 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD BY THE SECRETARY FOR A VOTE WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DATE WHEN THE PETITION WAS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 2. THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (OR THE STANDARD FOR THE BREED) MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY TIME PROVIDED A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT HAS BEEN MAILED BY THE SECRETARY TO EACH MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING ON THE DATE OF THE MAILING, ACCOMPANIED BY A BALLOT ON WHICH HE MAY INDICATE HIS CHOICE FOR OR AGAINST THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN. DUAL-ENVELOPE PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 (d) SHALL BE FOLLOWED IN HANDLING SUCH BALLOTS, TO ASSURE SECRECY OF THE VOTE. NOTICE WITH SUCH BALLOT SHALL SPECIFY A DATE NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE MAILING BY WHICH THE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY TO BE COUNTED. THE FAVORABLE VOTE OF 2/3 OF THE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHO RETURN VALID BALLOTS WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO EFFECT ANY SUCH AMENDMENT.

ARTICLE VIII CLUB MAIL AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SECTION 1. CLUB MAIL. ALL CLUB MAIL SHALL BE SENT OUT BY FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED HERIN.

SECTION 2. CHANGE OF ADDRESS. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER TO PROVIDE THE CLUB WITH ANY ADDRESS CHANGE. ALL ADDRESS CHANGES MUST SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLUB SECRETARY ENSURE RECEIPT OF CLUB MAIL.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. THE CLUB MAY BE DISSOLVED AT ANY TIME BY THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF NOT LESS THAN TWO THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS. IN THE EVENT OF 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 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**ARTICLE X
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 LAST MEETING
REPORT OF PRESIDENT
REPORT OF SECRETARY
REPORT OF TREASURER
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD (AT ANNUAL MEETING)
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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:

READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
REPORT OF SECRETARY
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS
NEW BUSINESS
ADJOURNMENT