



**WASATCH HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB**

**BYLAWS**

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## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

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

The name of the Club shall be The Wasatch Hunting Retriever Club.

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

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. To encourage and promote the quality in the breeding of purebred Retrievers and to do all that is possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- b. 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 Retrievers in the field under hunting conditions shall be judged;
- c. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field trials; and
- d. To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, hunt tests and 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 Bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

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

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Eligibility. There shall be one type of membership open to all persons eighteen (18) years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. 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.

### **Section 2.**

Dues. Membership dues shall be \$20 per year, payable during the first quarter 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 dues for the ensuing year.

### **Section 3.**

Election to membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and 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 for the current year. All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not reapply within six (6) months after each rejection.

### **Section 4.**

Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated if:

- 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.
- 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 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 VII of these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEETINGS AND VOTING**

#### **Section 1.**

Club Meeting. Meetings of the Club shall be held in or within 100 miles of the City of Salt Lake City, Utah in the Months of January, February, March, April or May on dates at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of each such meeting shall be

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sent by the Secretary at least ten (10) 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 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 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 (5) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in or within 100 miles of the City of Salt Lake City, Utah at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Notice of such a meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date 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.

## **Section 3.**

Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in or within 100 miles of the City of Salt Lake City by direction of the President at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

## **Section 4.**

Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in or within 100 miles of the City of Salt Lake City, Utah at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person authorized to call such meetings. Notice of such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum of such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

## **Section 5.**

Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he/she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club or election.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

## **Section 1.**

Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and twelve (12) other persons or as many as needed, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one year terms at the Club's Annual Meeting as provided in Article V and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

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### **Section 2.**

Officers. The Club's Officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club 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 the President in addition to those particularly specified in the Bylaws.
- 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 Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence to notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify Officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, phone numbers and emails and shall carry out such other duties as prescribed in these Bylaws.
- d. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same into the bank account designated by the Board in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and shall report to the Board 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 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.
- e. The Officers, Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person in which case the Board shall be comprised of the Officers and six (6) other persons.

### **Section 3.**

Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board or among the Officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creating of such vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**

#### **Section 1.**

Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 of the next Annual Meeting.

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### **Section 2.**

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of May at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records related to that office within thirty (30) days after the election.

### **Section 3.**

Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The five (5) nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

### **Section 4.**

Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of December, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one (1) of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the Committee and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be their duty to call a Committee Meeting which shall be held on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

- a. The Committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office and five (5) candidates for the five (5) other positions on the Board and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary.
- b. Upon receipt of the Nominations Committee's report, the Secretary shall prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> notify each member of the candidates so nominated.
- c. Additional nominations may be made at the Annual Meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his/her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) position.
- d. Nominations cannot be made at any other meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1.**

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, hunt tests, field trial trophies, annual prizes membership and other field which may be served by committees. Such committees shall

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always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

### **Section 2.**

Any committee appointed 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 services have been terminated.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **DISCIPLINE**

#### **Section 1.**

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

#### **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 together with a deposit of \$10, 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 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. It may also refuse to entertain the jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The 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/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

#### **Section 3.**

Board Hearings. 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 of the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.



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## **Section 4.**

Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty (60) days, but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and this Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he/she so wishes. The meeting and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

## **Section 1.**

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

## **Section 2.**

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed Amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and sent to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DISSOLUTION**

## **Section 1.**

Dissolution. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for the purpose of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board.

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## **ARTICLE X**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Section 1.**

Order of Business. 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.

- a. Roll call.
- b. Minutes of last meeting.
- c. Report of President.
- d. Report of Secretary.
- e. Report of Treasurer.
- f. Reports of Committees.
- g. Election of Officers and Board (Annual Meeting).
- h. Election of new members.
- i. Unfinished business.
- j. New business.
- k. 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:

- a. Minutes of last meetings.
- b. Report of Secretary.
- c. Report of Treasurer.
- d. Reports of Committees.
- e. Unfinished business.
- f. New business.
- g. Adjournment.