



BY-LAWS

1) MEMBERSHIP:

Eligibility - Membership shall be open to persons or households who are fanciers of Golden Retrievers, who are in good standing with the Canadian Kennel Club and who subscribe to the Constitution and Code of Ethics of this Club. Persons or one member of the household shall be over 18 years of age.

- 1.1) *Probationary* - Probationary Members shall have no voting rights nor may they hold office nor may their names appear on the Club's Breeders List. Probationary Membership shall be granted to persons who are over 18 years of age, are owners and/or fanciers of Golden Retrievers. Name of the applicants will be presented to the membership at the General Meeting following receipt of application. Members shall have 60 days from the day of presentation to submit any objections in writing to the Club Secretary for presentation to the Board of Directors. In order to acquire Ordinary Membership status a Probationary Member must actively contribute to the functioning of the Club and it's events, and have completed on full year probationary membership (excludes 3 month grace period).
- 1.2) *Ordinary* - Ordinary members shall be entitled to one vote per Ordinary Member. To maintain Ordinary Individual Membership status a member must attend a combination of Three (3) General Meetings and Club event per year. To maintain Ordinary Joint Household Membership, the household members must collectively attend a combination of Three (3) General Meetings and Club event per year. A members name may only appear on the Breeders List after that person has completed one (1) year as an Ordinary member.
- 1.3) *Honorary* - Honorary Members shall have NO VOTING rights, nor may they hold office. Honorary Membership may be awarded to those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the Club. Nominations must be presented at the Annual General Meeting by the Board of Directors. The nomination must be approved by a 2/3 majority of members present. Honorary Members are free from payment of membership dues.
- 1.4) *Life* - Life Members shall be entitled to all privileges and responsibilities of Ordinary Membership without paying dues. To qualify for Life Membership the member must be and have been a member in good standing with this club for a consecutive Twenty Five (25) years.

2) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Memberships may be terminated:

- 2.1) *By Resignation*. Any member in good standing may resign upon written notice to the Secretary, subject to the payment of any amounts due the Club at that time.
- 2.2) *By Lapsing*. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if dues remain unpaid 42 days after they are payable. The Board of Directors may, at their sole discretion, reinstate membership under this Section when payment is subsequently received.
- 2.3) *By Expulsion*. A member may be expelled on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee.

3) REINSTATEMENT:

- 3.1) *Membership.* A member who has lost Ordinary membership status due to late payment of dues may regain Ordinary membership status by fulfilling the requirements of attending a combination of three (3) General Meetings and/or Club events per fiscal year. Upon notification in writing from the Membership Secretary, a member will be restored to Ordinary membership status. If the member also qualifies to be on the Breeders List, upon written notification from the Treasurer that the fees for the Breeders List have been received, the member's name will appear on the next printing of the Breeders List.
- 3.2) *Breeders List.* If a member has been an Ordinary member for less than two years, reverts to Probationary status, then regains Ordinary status, their cumulative time as an Ordinary member will determine their eligibility for the Breeders List.

- 4) DUES: Membership dues are based on individual and household membership for any two (2) members of the same household. Rates to be established at a General Meeting. Dues must be postmarked no later than the last working day prior to the Twelve (12) of May, which allows approximately a 42 day grace period. No member shall vote unless dues are paid.

5) MEETINGS

5.1) ANNUAL

The Annual General Meeting shall be held after the first (1) of April and before the thirtieth (30) of June at a location consistent with the boundaries as designated by the Constitution. Date, time and location to be determined by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Annual General Meeting shall be for the consideration of the Treasurers' Annual Report, Secretary's Report, Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws and for the election of Officers and Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Written notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

A quorum for the meeting shall consist of one third (1/3) of the voting membership.

Nominations for election of Officers and members of the Board of Directors shall either be made and seconded in writing to the Secretary or the Secretary's delegate before the meeting or shall be made and seconded verbally at the meeting. Majority vote of those present at the meeting shall decide these elections, the President to cast a deciding vote in the event of a tie. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

5.2) REGULAR

The regular meetings shall be held no less than six (6) times per fiscal year at a location consistent with the boundaries as designated by the Constitution. Written or verbal notification by the Secretary shall be given to the membership at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Minutes of previous meeting will be provided no later than the beginning of the next meeting. A quorum shall consist of 1/4 of the membership.

5.3) SPECIAL CLUB MEETING

Special Club Meetings may be called by the President or by a petition duly signed by five (5) Ordinary members and presented to the President, allowing a minimum of seven (7) days notice as to time, date and location. A quorum for such a meeting to be one third

(1/3) of the Ordinary Membership. The reasons for calling this meeting must be clearly stated in the petition and the notice of meeting. Only issues announced in the notice of meeting may be brought before a special meeting.

5.4) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at a location consistent with the boundaries as designated by the Constitution, minimum of six (6) per year or more as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Time, date and location to be determined by the Board of Directors. With unanimous agreement of the Directors, meeting may be held by telephone conference call or by other electronic means. Written or verbal notification by the Secretary shall be given to the Directors at least ten (10) days prior to date of the meeting. Executives unable to attend a Board of Directors meeting should notify the Secretary at least twelve (12) hours prior to the meeting. Minutes of the Directors meetings shall be distributed at the next Directors Meeting. A quorum for a Board of Directors meeting shall be greater than fifty (50) per cent of the membership of the Board. If a Director misses more than two (2) consecutive meetings, their directorship shall be reviewed by the Board at which time their reasons will be taken into consideration.

5.5) **SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Special Board of Directors Meetings can be called by the President or by the majority of the Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated and no other business shall be transacted thereat.