

## **SECTION 1 NAME**

(1) The name of the club shall be the **Mastiff Club of America, Inc.**

## **SECTION 2 OBJECTIVES**

(1) The objectives of the club shall be:

(a) to encourage and promote the selective breeding of quality purebred Mastiffs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to fit the standard;

(b) to encourage the organization of independent local Mastiff 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 Mastiffs 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 dog shows and obedience trials;

(e) to provide for the welfare of the breed through a program of Mastiff Rescue and continuing education;

(f) to conduct sanctioned matches, obedience trials and specialty shows under the rules of the [American Kennel Club](#).

## **SECTION 3**

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the any profits or remainder of 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 1. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

There shall be four **(4)** 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. They are Junior, Associate, Active and Life.

**Junior Membership:** To protect the future of our breed; MCOA offers a Junior membership for children at least ten (10) years, and less than eighteen (18) years of age who are seeking Active membership. Junior members shall be eligible for Active status upon their 18th birthday provided the individual has been a Junior member for three (3) years or more. A Junior member having served less than three (3) years Junior status shall automatically receive Associate member status upon his/her eighteenth (18) birthday. Junior members have no voting or office holding privileges.

**Active membership** shall be open to all persons eighteen (18) years or older who have completed a total of not less than three (3) years as a Junior member or one (1) year as an Associate member. Members shall be in good standing with the American Kennel Club and must subscribe to the purposes of this Club. Active members shall pay dues and shall have voting privileges. After having served 36 months as an Active member, a member shall be granted office holding privileges and may hold office.

**Associate membership** shall be assigned to persons eighteen (18) years or older who are seeking Active membership status. If no negative response is submitted by any member within a year and the member's dues are current, the Associate member will be presented to the Board to be voted to an Active membership status (in accordance to Article I. Election to Membership). Associate members have no voting, nor office holding privileges.

**Life membership** may be bestowed upon any member, or any other person, who has a long record of service to the breed and/or Club. The recipient of this membership shall pay no dues, and he/she shall still have voting and office holding privileges in the Club. Should an Active member be chosen to receive a Life membership, he/she, may refuse the life membership and remain an Active member in good standing if he/she so desires. The Board of Directors or the membership may make nominations at the Annual Meeting. Any person (s) so nominated must be approved by a majority vote of those present who are eligible to vote.

## **Article 1. Membership**

### **Section 2. Dues**

Membership dues shall be set by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors. The dues shall not exceed thirty-five (\$35.00) per year, to remain in effect until such time as an increase is deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Dues are payable in U.S. funds and are due and payable on or before the first (1) day of July each year. Upon renewing the dues each year the member is agreeing to abide by the current Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics that are in force as of the year in renewal. Past due indebtedness to the Club and any bank charges for returned checks will be paid by the applicant/member before membership is valid or is renewed. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of May, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

Family dues will be available for those individual members living in the same household (ie. Husband and wife and/or husband wife and junior member). The cost of the family dues will be the price of each individual membership with a 15% discount.

## **Article 1. Membership**

### **Section 3. Election to Membership**

(a) Junior Membership. An applicant for Junior membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics of the MCOA and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. The application for Junior membership shall state the name and address of the applicant and shall carry the endorsement of either one (1) family member and one (1) unrelated person or two (2) persons unrelated to each other or the applicant, who are both Active Members in good standing.

(b) Associate/Active Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics of the MCOA and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two (2) active members not related to each other or the applicant, having been active members of not less than three (3) years and of good standing.

Dues for the current year shall be included with the application and shall be made payable by check or money order in U.S. funds to the MCOA. The application shall be mailed within thirty (30) days of the last signature to the Membership Secretary whose responsibility it shall be to forward the list of applicants to the Recording Secretary for publication in the next MCOA Bulletin and at the same time send collected dues to the Treasurer with a copy of the application. Within thirty (30) days from receipt

of the application, the Membership Secretary shall then send to the applicant a receipt of acknowledgement and Formal MCOA Welcome Packet.

A member who has served three (3) years Junior and/or one (1) year Associate status shall be eligible for Active membership if no negative response is submitted by any member within that time frame and their dues are current. The Junior/Associate member shall by 2/3 majority vote of the Board, be voted to an Active membership with full voting privileges.

If a negative response is received by the Corresponding Secretary, it shall be his/her duty to inform the Junior or Associate member and his/her sponsors that a negative response has been received and forwarded to the Ethics Committee for their consideration. The Ethics Committee shall send a complete copy(ies) of the negative response(s) to the Junior/Associate member and their sponsors. The Junior/Associate member shall have thirty (30) days to respond to the Ethics committee with a rebuttal. The committee shall consider all documentation. If the Committee believes the negative response has merit, then the chairman of the Ethics Committee shall forward the decision to the Board of Directors within sixty (60) days of his/her receipt of the negative response. The Board of Directors shall then vote on whether the Junior/Associate member should be removed from membership in the Club. The Board of Directors vote shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted by mail or at the next scheduled meeting of the Board, at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. In order for the Junior or Associate member to be removed from membership, the Board of Directors must accept the negative response by a 2/3 majority vote.

An application which has received a negative vote by the majority of the Board may be presented in person or by letter by one (1) of the applicant's sponsors at the next Annual Meeting of the Club. The membership may elect such applicant by favorable vote (written ballot) of seventy-five percent (75%) of the eligible voting members present. No applicant who has been rejected by the Board of Directors or the general membership may reapply for membership within twelve (12) months of the rejection.

## **Article 1. Membership**

### **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 Corresponding Secretary. No member may resign when in debt to the Club or when facing charges

pursuant to Article VI, Section 2 of the Bylaws. Dues obligations and advertising obligations are considered a debt to the Club. Dues are 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 thirty (30) days after the first day of the fiscal year. After this time the member has an additional 30 days to pay their dues in full, plus a \$25.00 late fee. In no case may a member be entitled to vote whose dues are delinquent. A member whose dues have lapsed after this time must reapply for membership as outlined in Article I. Section 3. Election to Membership.

(c) by expulsion. A Membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Bylaws Article VI.

## **Article II. Meetings**

### **Section 1. Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the club shall be held during the time period from April fifteenth (15) to June fifteenth (15) of each calendar year in conjunction with the Club's Specialty Show 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 Corresponding Secretary to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be ten percent (10%) of the Active and Life members in good standing.

## **Article II. Meetings**

### **Section 2. Special Club Meetings**

Special Club meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Board who are present at the Board meeting, or who vote by mail, email, fax or any other electronic devices deemed acceptable to the Board. The Special Club meeting shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition, stating the subject of said meeting, and signed by ten percent (10%) of the Active and Life members in good standing. Such meetings shall be held at a place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting. The quorum for a special club meeting shall be ten percent (10%) of the Active and Life members in good standing.

## **Article II. Meetings**

### **Section 3. Board Meetings**

The first Board meeting shall take place in the month of July, following the Board's assuming office on the first of July. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at least one (1) per quarter or if greater in number, shall be designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed or emailed (provided all board members are provided with means to receive email) by the Recording Secretary to each member of the Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board voting in person, mail, fax or any other electronic device deemed acceptable by the Board.

## **Article II. Meetings**

### **Section 4. Board Business**

The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail, email, fax, other electronic devices (provided each board member has means of this use), through the Corresponding Secretary, or by the telephone conference call (provided it does not conflict with any other provision of these bylaws). Board business may be conducted by email provided that 1) each member has the means to participate; 2) a procedure is in place to verify the identity of the individuals participating to ensure that they are the eligible board members; 3) a mechanism is in place to verify that the eligible board members are "listening"; 4) all board members agree to participate in this manner. Any business discussed or voted on by telephone conference, mail, fax or email shall be confirmed in writing by the Recording Secretary within seven (7) days..

## **Article III. Directors and Officers**

### **Section 1. Board of Directors**

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and there shall also be four (4) Board Members, all of whom shall be Active or Life members in good standing and who are residents of the United States. All of whom shall be elected for a two (2) year term. General Management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in any position and there shall be at least a period of one (1) year out of office before any individual is eligible to seek another position. The Delegate to the American Kennel Club shall also be an elected individual with the same requirements as the officers and board members but shall not be subject to term limits.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally apparent to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws. Along with the Treasurer he/she shall be bonded.

(b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

(c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all votes taken by mail, fax, or any other electronic device deemed appropriate by the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Recording Secretary shall prepare and publish to all Club members a summary of the Board minutes, including all motions and votes.

(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the official correspondence, to notify members of meetings, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carry out such duties as prescribed in these By-Laws.

(e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. He/she shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board in the name of the Club. His/her books shall at times be open to the inspection of the Board and he/she 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/she 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.

(f) The A.K.C. Delegate shall represent the M.C.O.A. membership and Board of Directors in all matters at the quarterly meetings of the delegate body of the American Kennel Club. The delegate shall file a report to the corresponding secretary within ten (10) days of a delegate meeting. The delegate shall inform the Board of Directors of any impending decisions that would influence the Mastiff breed in order to obtain their direction.

### **Article III. Directors and Officers**

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

In the event any vacancy occurs on the Board or among the officers, the remainder of the term of the vacated position shall be filled at the next scheduled Board meeting by an Active member in good standing who is eligible to hold office, by a 2/3 vote of the Board. Such member is to finish out that term

in the position appointed by the Board, 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 Board appointment.

If the vacancy is that of the Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary or Treasurer, the retiring officer shall turn over all properties and records to the designated successor as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days. Failure to turn over property and records may result in charges being filed against the retiring officer.

#### **Article IV. The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections**

##### **Section 1. Club Year**

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June. All newly elected officers shall take office on July first (1) of each calendar year. The first meeting of the Board of Directors shall take place in the month of July.

#### **Article IV. The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections**

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

At the Annual Meeting or a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to Active and Life members in good standing who are present at the meeting. The annual election of Officers, Delegate, Directors and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Ethics and the Standard of the Breed shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

#### **Article IV. The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections**

##### **Section 3. Annual Election**

The annual election of Officers, Directors, and Delegate to the American Kennel Club shall be by written ballot cast by mail. Ballots to be returned to an independent accounting firm designated by the Board of Directors for the purpose of tabulation. Ballots must be mailed to the members by the Corresponding Secretary no later than April fifteenth (15) and must be received by the independent accounting firm no later than May thirty-first (31). The winners shall be notified by June fifteenth (15) and the results to be announced by publication in the June thirtieth (30) bulletin.



The election of Officers, Directors and Delegate shall be divided as follows to promote Board continuity. In odd numbered years the election of President, Recording Secretary, AKC Delegate and two (2) Board members at Large (herein after known as odd year Board Members) shall be held. In even numbered years the election of Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) Board Members at Large, one of which will be the Ethics Committee Chairperson (herein known as even year Board Members) shall be held.

By way of verification of the ballot count, the independent accounting firm shall retain the original ballots for a period of sixty (60) days from June fifteenth (15), after which time they may be disposed of. Election for each office to be held only if more than one (1) person is nominated for that office. The person receiving the largest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

#### **Article IV. The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections**

##### **Section 4. Nominations and Ballots**

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these Bylaws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before January fifteenth (15). The Committee shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternates representing the four (4) major U.S. Time Zones with no one (1) Time Zone represented by more than two (2) members. All members of the Committee shall be Active or Life members in good standing, no more than one of whom shall be a member of the current Board of Directors. No person may be a nominee in a Club election who has not been an Active member in good standing for three (3) years. No two or more members of an immediate family, husband, wife, mother, father, son or daughter, may serve on the Board on concurrent or overlapping terms.

(a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate, from among the eligible members of the Club, one (1) candidate for each position which shall expire June thirtieth (30) of the current year 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 practical to do so. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Corresponding Secretary who shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the name of the state in which he/she resides, to each member of the Club on or before March first (1) so that additional nominations may be made by the members, if they so desire.

(b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition, addressed to the Corresponding Secretary and received at his/her regular address on or before April first (1). They must be signed by five (5) active members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position, except for the position for herein, may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination by the Nominating Committee.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Corresponding Secretary, on or before April first (1st), the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.

(d) If one (1) or more valid additional nominations are received by the Corresponding Secretary, on or before April first (1), he/she shall on or before April fifteenth (15), mail to each member in good standing, a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope addressed to the independent accounting firm 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 in the blank envelope, which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the independent accounting firm. The independent accounting firm shall check the returns against a provided list (by the Treasurer) of members whose 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 June fifteenth (15).

## **Article V. Committees**

### **Section 1.**

The Board may, each year, appoint special committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, and other fields which may well be served by special committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board of Directors. There may also be Standing Committees which assist the Board of Directors in carrying out the day-to-day business of the Club. Standing Committees shall file a year-end report to the Corresponding Secretary no later than June fifteenth (15) of each calendar year. Such reports shall include the committees actions over the past year, listing its current objectives and any recommendations for the coming fiscal year. The Board of Directors, at its first annual meeting shall review each Standing Committee's report. The Board of Directors shall then review and appoint each chairperson and committee for the coming year.

## **Article V. Committees**

### **Section 2.**

Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and by written notice to the committee by the Corresponding Secretary. The Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

## **Article V. Committees**

### **Section 3.**

The Ethics Committee shall be a special committee whose purpose shall be to investigate charges made by any person whether member or non-member, against a Club member for conduct not in the best interests of the Club or breed. They may at Board direction periodically review the Code of Ethics. If the Ethics Committee determines by majority vote that there is sufficient evidence of misconduct, then they shall recommend to the Board of Directors that a hearing should be held.

## **Article V. Committees**

### **Section 4**

The Ethics Committee Chairperson is a member of the Board of Directors and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in this position. The remaining committee members shall be comprised of four (4) additional members, one (1) from each Time Zone in the country, if feasible, and two (2) alternates. These appointments shall be brought before the Board of Directors for their approval by the Chairperson. These additional appointments also shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on this committee.

## **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.

## **Article VI. Discipline**

### **Section 2. Charges**

A member or non member may prefer charges against any member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the breed or Club. Written charges with substantiating documents must be filed in duplicate with the Recording Secretary together with a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100). The Recording Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to the Ethics Committee Chairperson and to the President within ten (10) days of his/her receipt. The Ethics Chair shall forward allegations to the Ethics Committee.

The Ethics Committee shall review all documentation to consider whether the alleged actions in the charges might constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics or conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the breed or Club. If the Ethics Committee considers that the alleged charges do not constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics or conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the breed or Club, they shall dismiss the charges. The Ethics Chair shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the charges, notify the Recording Secretary of the committee's decision. The Recording Secretary will notify the person(s) who submitted the charges.

If the Ethics Committee determines, by majority vote, that there is sufficient evidence of a violation of the Code of Ethics or conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the breed or club, a Board Hearing will be recommended. The Recording Secretary shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the Ethics Committee decision, notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Directors Hearing Committee. The Hearing Chair will set a date and a time of not less than forty (40) days nor greater than sixty (60) days of his/her notification of the finding and so notify the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall then, within five (5) days, send a copy of the charges, the hearing time, date, and instructions to the accused member and the complainant via certified/return receipt mail.

Testimony of witnesses shall be given by affidavit. Any other documentary evidence shall also be in written form. All evidence shall be supplied to the Recording Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled hearing date for dissemination to the Hearing Committee, the defendant and the complainant. Each member of the hearing committee, the defendant and the complainant must have a copy(s). The selected Hearing Committee of the Board of Directors shall hear the complaint.

## **Article VI. Discipline**

### **Section 3. Board Hearing**

The Board Hearing Committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both the defendant and the complainant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. The hearing shall be taped by the designated Hearing Secretary only. After transcription of the hearing the

tape will be destroyed. Any other taping or digital/electronic documentation of the proceedings will be prohibited. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, impose punitive action. Such action may include suspending the defendant from all privileges in the Club for a period of up to one (1) year and may require a letter of apology. At the Board of Directors discretion, this letter may be published in the bulletin.

Immediately after the Board Hearing having reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any, and shall also make sure that the penalties, if guilty be published in the next quarterly bulletin. If the Board of Directors deems the punishment insufficient, they may 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 fellow members at the next annual meeting which will consider the recommendation of the Board of Directors for expulsion.

## **Article VI. Discipline**

### **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 of Directors as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The President shall read the charges, findings, and recommendations. The defendant and the complainant shall then have the right to appear and present a short statement to the membership although no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The membership shall then vote by written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and eligible to vote 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 Bylaws and to the Standard of the Breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or by written petition, addressed to the Corresponding Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the Active and Life members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the eligible voting membership with recommendations of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

### **Section 2.**

[The Constitution](#), [Bylaws](#), [Code of Ethics](#) and the [Standard for the Breed](#) may be amended at any time, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each Active and Life member in good standing, and is accompanied by a ballot on which he/she may indicate his/her choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing by which date, the ballots must be returned to the Corresponding Secretary to be counted by the Corresponding Secretary unless a Board decision has been made to appoint an independent accounting firm for this purpose. At least a thirty percent (30%) response of the Active and Life members in good standing shall be necessary to enact a proposed amendment and it shall take a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the thirty percent (30%) in the time limit for such an amendment to pass. The voting ballot will be placed in an envelope marked "ballot" and that envelope placed in a mailing envelope. Thus utilizing a dual envelope system for voting.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

### **Section 3.**

No amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws, or the Standard for the Breed that is adopted by the Club, shall become effective until it is approved by the Board of Directors and the [American Kennel Club](#).

## **Article VIII. Dissolution**

### **Section 1.**

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent, of not less than 2/3, of the Active and Life members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or by the operation of the law, none of the property of the Club, proceeds thereof or any assets of the Club, shall be distributed to the members of the Club. But after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to the charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

## **Article IX. Order of Business**

### **Section 1. Order of Business**

At the Annual Meetings of the Club, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting shall be as listed. There shall be in attendance a Court Recorder, Parliamentarian and a Sergeant-of-Arms appointed by the Board of Directors. A time schedule of not less than four (4) hours shall be given by Specialty Show Committee for the Annual Meeting. Order of business is:

ROLL CALL

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

## **Article IX. Order of Business**

### **Section 2.**

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present shall be as follows:

ROLL CALL

REPORT OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ELECTION OF NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

## **Article X. Parliamentary Authority**

### **Section 1.**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws an any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.

Approved by vote of the MCOA membership: February 10, 2007

Approved by the American Kennel Club: June 4, 2007