The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Constitution and By-laws

ARTICLE I
Name and Objects

SECTION 1.1. The name of the Club shall be The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle

SECTION 1.2. The objects of the Club shall be:

a) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as sanctioned by The Bulldog Club of America and approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Bulldogs shall be judged.
b) to encourage and promote responsible ownership and breeding of purebred Bulldogs and to do everything possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
c) to do everything in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows.
d) to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

SECTION 1.3. The Club shall not be conducted and 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.

ARTICLE II
Membership

SECTION 2.1. *Eligibility*. Membership is open to all persons eighteen years or older who are in good standing with The Bulldog Club of America and The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. A Junior membership is exempt from dues and open to children under 18 years of age; a non-voting/non-office holding membership which may automatically convert to regular membership at age 18, upon payment of the membership dues.

SECTION 2.2. *Membership*. Membership consists of either one person or two persons from the same family residing at the same address.

SECTION 2.3. *Voting*. Members become voting members once they attend one regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the current Club year. Club years are designated to be January through December. The Club Secretary will have the responsibility to maintain a current roster of voting members based on attendance to scheduled monthly meetings and also to determine if a quorum is present at each scheduled Club meeting.

SECTION 2.4. *Dues*. Membership dues shall be determined by the Board on an annual basis. Dues are payable on or before January 1st of each year. No member whose dues are not paid for the current Club year may vote. In November, the Secretary shall send to each member a statement of his or her dues for the ensuing year.

Lifetime Membership is available to those members age 70 and over who have been members for a minimum of 10 years and have performed outstanding services for the Club or the breed.

SECTION 2.5. *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 this

constitution and these by-laws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two club members. Endorsements by club members may be submitted by email to the Secretary. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At the next Club meeting, the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of three quarters 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 months after such rejection.

SECTION 2.6. *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 the 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 the meeting.
c) *by expulsion*. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of this constitution and these by-laws.

ARTICLE III
Meetings and Voting

SECTION 3.1. *Club Meetings*. Meetings of the Club shall be held in the Greater Seattle area at a date, time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Club Meetings may include teleconferencing or videoconferencing; if the meeting is to be held via teleconference/videoconference, the conference call number or log in details will be provided. Notice of each such Club Meeting shall be emailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of voting members in good standing.

SECTION 3.2. *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, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Special Club Meetings may include teleconferencing or videoconferencing; if the meeting is to be held via teleconference/videoconference, the conference call number or log in details must be provided. Notice of each such Special Club Meeting shall be emailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 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 percent of voting members in good standing.

SECTION 3.3. *Board Meetings*. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the Greater Seattle area at such date, time and place as may be designated by the Board. Board Meetings may include teleconferencing or videoconferencing; if the meeting is to be held via teleconference/videoconference, the conference call number or log in details must be provided. Notice of

each such meeting shall be emailed by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 3.4. *Special Board Meetings*. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least one member of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the Greater Seattle area at such date, time and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Special Board Meetings may include teleconferencing or videoconferencing; if the meeting is to be held via teleconference/videoconference, the conference call number or log in details must be provided. Reasonable notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

SECTION 3.5. *Voting*. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any such meeting of the Club at which he or she is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

ARTICLE IV
Directors and Officers

SECTION 4.1. *Board of Directors*. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and are residents of the United States. They shall be elected for a one year term 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.

SECTION 4.2. *Officers*. The Club officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall service in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board 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 President in addition to those particularly specified in this Constitution and By-laws.
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, the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Secretary shall be in charge of any correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a role of the members of the Club with addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in this constitution and in these by-laws.
d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank satisfactory to the Board, in the name of the Club. His books shall at all times be open to inspection by 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 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 President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to sign checks on the Club's bank accounts.

SECTION 4.3. *Resignation/Vacancies.* An Officer or Board Member may resign from office at any time either in writing to the Secretary or in person at any Club or Board meeting. Any vacancies occurring on the Board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the Board at its first meeting following the creation of such vacancy.

ARTICLE V
The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 5.1. *Club Year*. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31. 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.

SECTION 5.2. *Annual Meeting*. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December at which directors and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballot or virtual vote from among those nominated in accordance with Section 5.4. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election 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 5.3. *Elections.* The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The three nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 5.4. *Nominations*. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of September, the Board shall elect a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before October 15.

a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and three candidates for the three other positions on the Board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, on or before October 30, notify all club members in writing of the candidates so nominated.
c) Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that, if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his nominator shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations, which are provided for herein, may be made only by those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VI
Committees

SECTION 6.1. The Board may, each year, appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, 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. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 6.2. 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 VII
Discipline

SECTION 7.1. *American Kennel Club and Bulldog Club of America Suspension.* Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club and of The Bulldog Club of America automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 7.2. *Charges*. Any member may file 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 to the Secretary together with a deposit of $100.00, 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 or the breed. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by 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 registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 7.3. *Board Hearing*. 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 the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and the 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 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 fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put into formal 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.

SECTION 7.4. *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 or this article. Such proceeding 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 defendant shall have the privilege of appearing on his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak on his own behalf if he wishes. The assembly shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those present 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 8.1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the membership 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 the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 8.2. The Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds 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 provided to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX
Dissolution

SECTION 9.1. *Dissolution*. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club or any proceeds thereof or 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 of Directors.

ARTICLE X
Order of Business

SECTION 10.1. 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:
Call Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Consideration of minutes of last meeting
Report of President
Report of Vice President
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
Election of new members
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

SECTION 10.2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Call Meeting to Order
Consideration of minutes of last meeting
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Unfinished business
New Business
Adjournment