

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (Amended)  
of  
DULUTH KENNEL CLUB

**ARTICLE I**

Name

The name of the corporation shall be DULUTH KENNEL CLUB

**Article II**

Corporate Purposes

**SECTION 1. PURPOSES.** The general purposes of the corporation shall be:

- (a) To further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs;
- (b) To Conduct all AKC Events the Club is eligible for under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club;
- (c) To devote all profits accruing to the corporation to the above purposes or to make specific bequests to such charitable or civic organizations as shall be approved by a majority vote of those in attendance and voting at a corporate meeting; and under no circumstances to afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its members, or to pay a salary, fee, commission or dividend to any member.

**SECTION 2. CONSTRUCTION.** The purposes and powers specified in this article shall be construed as both purposes and powers and shall be in nowise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause of this or any other article of this Amended Articles of Incorporation, but each of the powers and purposes specified in this article shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers and the specification herein contained of particular powers is not intended to be and shall not be held to be a limitation of the powers now or hereafter granted to non-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Minnesota, but is intended to be and shall be held to be in furtherance thereof.

**ARTICLE III**

Duration and Location

**SECTION 1. DURATION.** The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**SECTION 2. LOCATION.** The location of the corporation and the address of its registered office shall be No. 901 Torrey Building, Duluth, Minnesota 55802

## ARTICLE IV

The names and addresses of the re incorporators of the corporation are:

Name	Address	
Carolyn McLeran	1239 Missouri Avenue	Duluth, Minnesota 55811
Lois Shabatura	2833 Lake Avenue So.	Duluth, Minnesota 55802
Ruth Stefanik	1705 Arrowhead Road	Duluth, Minnesota, 55811

## ARTICLE V

### Executive Board and Officers

**SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD.** The government of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors herein designated, the Executive Board constituting eleven (11) members, consisting of the five (5) duly elected officers of the corporation and six (6) directors thereof. All members of the Executive Board shall be members of the corporation. Three (3) directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation except that more than that number may be elected at any annual meeting if necessary to bring the full number of directors up to six (6). Directors of the corporation shall be elected for a term of two (2) years except that directors may be elected for a term of one (1) year when necessary to bring about the expiration of the terms of three (3) directors in each year. Any vacancy in the directors may be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Board and any persons thus elected director shall hold office until his successor shall be elected by members of the corporation at the next annual meeting. No person shall be elected a director of the corporation for more than two (2) consecutive terms but any person who has served two (2) consecutive terms may again be elected a director after a lapse of one (1) year.

The names, addresses and terms of office of the directors who are members of the reorganized Executive Board of the corporation are as follows:

Name	Address	Term
Joan Swanson	3018 East Second Street Duluth, Minnesota 55812	Until first annual meeting
Richard E. Beckwith	98 McQuade Road Duluth, Minnesota 55804	Until first annual meeting
Marie Thompson	Flynn Road Duluth, Minnesota 55804	Until first annual meeting
Fred Effinger	5419 Avondale Duluth, Minnesota 55804	Until first annual meeting
Gerda Vodery	712 East Seventh Street Duluth, Minnesota 55805	Until first annual meeting
Dorothy Christensen	2167 Springvale Road Duluth, Minnesota 55811	Until first annual meeting

**SECTION 2. OFFICERS.** The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a first vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing in the corporation. The Executive Board may from time to time appoint and employ or discharge an executive secretary who shall not be a member of the corporation and who shall perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Executive

Board shall determine. The officers of the corporation shall receive no compensation and shall be elected by the members of the corporation at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected and qualified, provided, however that any officer may be removed from office and another person elected to fill the vacancy thus created at any time by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Executive Board at a meeting called for that purpose at which all members of the Executive Board shall have had notice

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Membership**

**SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY.** There shall be two (2) classes of membership.

- (a) Senior members 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 the corporation;
- (b) Junior members open to all persons eight (8) years through seventeen (17) years who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and who subscribe to the purposes of the corporation.
- (c) LIFE MEMBERS – The Executive board of the Board of directors may name persons to be life members under such terms and conditions that to them seem reasonable, and such members shall have voting rights and not pay dues.

**SECTION 2. DUES, ETC.** The terms and conditions of membership, dues, voting rights and membership obligations and the manner and time of calling meetings of members shall be stated in the bylaws of the corporation.

**SECTION 3. PERSONAL LIABILITY.** No member shall profit from any operation of the corporation, nor shall any member be personally liable for its obligations

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Capital Stock, etc**

**SECTION 1. CAPITAL STOCK.** The corporation shall have no capital stock.

**SECTION 2. CORPORATE SEAL.** The corporation shall have no corporate seal.

**SECTION 3. CORPORATE PROPERTY.** Title to all property, real, personal, or mixed, acquired by the corporation shall be held in the corporate name. The Executive Board shall manage all property belonging to the corporation for its benefit.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments; Dissolution

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS.** Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the corporation shall be made at a regular meeting of the members thereof by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present and entitled to a vote thereat. No proposition to amend shall be acted upon unless written notice has been given to the secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. A copy of such proposition shall be embodied in the call for the next regular meeting of the corporation and a copy sent to every senior member of the corporation at least ten (10) days before the time of the regular meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon. No amendment to the Amended Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

**SECTION 2. DISSOLUTION.** The corporation may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation Act. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the corporation nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the corporation shall be distributed to any members of the corporation but after payment of debts of the corporation its property and assets shall be given to a charitable corporation or other organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

Amended April 4, 2012

Amended Bylaws

Of

Duluth Kennel Club

**ARTICLE I**

Membership

**SECTION 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP.** There shall be two (2) classes of membership.

- (a) Senior Members – 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 the corporation. While membership is not restricted as to residence, the corporation's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.
- (b) Junior Members – Open to all persons eight (8) years through seventeen (17) years, who will not have voting privileges nor hold office, but will be eligible for Club awards, and who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and who subscribe to the purposes of the corporation. While membership is not restricted as to residence, the corporation's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.
- (c) Life Members – A member that has had twenty-five (25) years of continuous membership in good standing may be voted a life membership by a majority vote of the Executive Board. A life member need not pay dues and retains voting privileges.

**SECTION 2. DUES.** Membership dues shall not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per year payable on or before the first day of January in each year and shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Executive Board. 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/her 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 **Articles of Incorporation**, the **Bylaws of the Corporation**, the **Rules of the American Kennel Club** and the **Duluth Kennel Club Code of Ethics**. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two (2) Duluth Kennel Club members in good standing. Accompanying the application the prospective member shall submit dues for the current year. Dues will apply to the fiscal year in which the membership application is approved.

Applications for membership shall be filed with the Recording Secretary and the names of the applicants shall be published in the next monthly newsletter. Following this publication, the applications shall be presented to the Executive Board at their next monthly meeting for recommendation to the membership. Any Duluth Kennel Club member may send signed written comments regarding the applicants to the Recording Secretary. Such correspondence must be

received by the Recording Secretary prior to the date the Board of Directors is to consider the applications for recommendation. Correspondence regarding this issue is confidential and shall be destroyed by the Recording Secretary at the conclusion of this meeting. The board shall make its recommendation known to the membership at the next Club meeting following the presentation of the application to the board. At that meeting the application will be voted upon by secret ballot and affirmative votes of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants will be notified in writing within seven (7) days of their acceptance or rejection. In the event an application is rejected, their membership fee shall be refunded with their letter of notification. Applicants whose application for membership has been rejected may not reapply within six (6) months of the date of rejection.

**SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** Membership may be terminated:

- (a) By Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the corporation upon written notice to the secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the corporation. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the corporation and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- (b) By Lapse. A membership shall 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 Executive 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 corporate 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 Bylaws.

**SECTION 5. FORMER MEMBERS.** Former members who were in good standing when their membership lapsed may rejoin the Club by submitting an application and paying a reinstatement fee set by the Board plus one year's dues. A majority vote of the membership must approve the reinstatement.

## ARTICLE II

### Meetings

**SECTION 1. CLUB MEETINGS.** Meetings of the Corporation shall be held in the City of Duluth, Minnesota, or environs, at least quarterly during the calendar year on the first Wednesday of March, June, September and November at a time and place designated by the President. The date of the quarterly Club meeting for a given quarter may be designated by a vote of the members. The annual meeting will be held in the month of November in each year at such a date, hour and place as may be designated by the committee appointed by the President for the purpose of planning the annual meeting. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for all meetings shall be twenty (20) percent of the total membership.

**SECTION 2. SPECIAL CORPORATE MEETINGS.** Special corporate meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board or by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the corporation in good

standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the City of Duluth, Minnesota or environs, and at such an hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other corporate business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be twenty (20) percent of the voting membership.

**SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS.** Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held in the city of Duluth, Minnesota, or environs, monthly at a date, hour and place as may be designated by the President. Members of the Executive Board shall receive notice of such meetings from the Corresponding Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meetings. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the members of the Executive Board.

**SECTION 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or by the Corresponding Secretary upon written request by at least three (3) members of the Executive Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the City of Duluth, Minnesota, or environs, at such hour and place as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such a meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least three (3) days and not more than five (5) 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 for such meeting shall be a majority of the members of the Executive Board.

**SECTION 5. E MAIL NOTIFICATION for BOARD MEETINGS, GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS AND OTHER CLUB NOTICES.** The Duluth Kennel Club may send members notification of club meetings (also dues notices, minutes and newsletters) and board members notification of board meetings via e mail. Each member or board member will sign an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

**SECTION 6. TELECONFERENCING & VIDEOCONFERENCING for BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The Duluth Kennel Club will allow for Electronic communication as follows: Meetings – are defined as gatherings where attendees see and/or hear each other. This includes meeting (in person) "Physically" in the same room or conducting a meeting by video conference or teleconference.

## ARTICLE III

### Directors and Officers

**SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD.** The government of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors herein designated the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of eleven (11) members, consisting of the five (5) duly elected officers of the corporation and six (6) directors thereof. All members of the Executive Board shall be members of the corporation in good standing. Three (3) directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation except that more than that number of directors may be elected at any annual meeting when necessary to bring the full number of directors up to six (6). Directors of the corporation shall be elected for a term of two (2) years except that directors may be elected for a term of one (1) year when necessary to bring about the expiration of the terms of three (3) directors in each

year. Any vacancy in the directors may be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Board and any persons thus elected director shall hold office until his successor shall be elected by members of the corporation at the next annual meeting. No person shall be elected a director of the corporation for more than two (2) consecutive terms but any person who has served two (2) consecutive terms may again be elected a director after a lapse of one (1) year.

**SECTION 2. OFFICERS.** The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a first vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer, all of whom shall be active members in good standing in the corporation. The Executive Board may from time to time appoint and employ or discharge an executive secretary who shall not be a member of the corporation and who shall perform such duties and receive such compensation as the Executive Board shall determine. The officers of the corporation shall receive no compensation and shall be elected by the members of the corporation at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected.

**SECTION 3. OFFICERS: POWERS AND DUTIES.** The corporation officers shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the corporation and its meetings and the Executive Board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Executive Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office president in addition to those particularly specified in the Amended Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;
- (b) The First-Vice President shall have the powers and exercise the duties 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 and of the Executive Board of the corporation and all other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the corporation, keep a roll of the members of the corporation with their addresses and carry out such other matters as are prescribed in the Amended Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws;
- (d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of correspondence, notify members of meetings, shall notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in the Amended Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws;
- (e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the corporation and receipt therefor. He/she shall deposit same in a bank satisfactory to the Executive Board in the name of the corporation. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Executive Board and he/she shall report to them at every meeting and condition of the corporation's finances and every time or receipt or payment not before reported; and at the April 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. The treasurer shall submit the books during the month of January to the Auditing Committee.



**SECTION 4. VACANCIES.** Any vacancies occurring on the Executive Board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of all the then members of the Executive Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such a 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.

**SECTION 5. REMOVAL.** Any member of the Executive Board missing three (3) regular meetings of the Executive Board without notification to the corresponding Secretary shall forfeit said office. Such office shall be filled as stated in SECTION 4 of this ARTICLE III of these BYLAWS.

**SECTION 6. ELIGIBILITY.** No member of the Executive Board but the Treasurer shall hold the same office for any longer time than two (2) terms running but may be elected to any other office that he may be nominated for.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### Annual Meetings, Elections

**SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR.** The corporation's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December. The corporation'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 2. ANNUAL MEETING.** The annual meeting shall be held in the month of November at which time the directors, officers and delegate to the American Kennel Club for the ensuing year shall be elected via a viva voce unless there is more than one candidate for one office in which event the election for that office shall be held by secret written ballot from those nominated in accordance with SECTION 5 of this ARTICLE. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after election.

**SECTION 3. PROXIES AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS.** Proxy voting will not be permitted at any corporate meeting or election. A member may request from the Corresponding Secretary an absentee ballot for the annual election of officers. Absentee ballots will be mailed to the requesting member two (2) weeks prior to the election and must be received by the Corresponding Secretary prior to the election.

**SECTION 4. ELECTIONS.** The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The three (3) nominated candidates for directors who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

**SECTION 5. NOMINATIONS.** No person may be a candidate in any election of the corporation who has not been nominated in accordance with these BYLAWS. During the month of July the Executive Board shall select a nominating committee consisting of not more than five (5) nor less than three (3) members, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Board. The Executive 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 August fifth (5<sup>th</sup>).

- (a) The committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office, three (3) or more candidates for the three (3) other positions on the Executive Board, and a Delegate to the American Kennel Club, who may but need not be an officer or director or member of the corporation, after securing consent of each person so nominated, and immediately report their nominations to the Corresponding Secretary in writing. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Executive Board of the nominees at its August meeting.
- (b) The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated by September fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>).
- (c) Additional nominations may be made by three (3) or more members of the corporation upon petition, which said petition shall include a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate, and shall be filed with the Corresponding Secretary more than one (1) month prior to the date of the annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to send notice of said additional nominations to the members of the corporation at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting. No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) office, except for the position of delegate to the American Kennel Club.
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE V

### Committees

**SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES.** At its first or second meeting of each official year the Executive Board may appoint Standing Committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, obedience trials, 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 Executive Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Executive Board to aid it on particular projects.

**SECTION 2. TERMINATIONS.** Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Written notice shall be given to the appointee. The Executive 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 any of 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 corporation or the members thereof. This would include conduct outside the boundaries of the American Kennel Club rules, the Duluth

Kennel Club Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Code of Ethics. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Recording Secretary together with a deposit of ten (\$10.00), which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Recording 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 corporation. If the Board considers that the charges not allege conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the corporation it may refuse to entertain 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 or no 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 own defense and bring witnesses if he so wishes.

**SECTION 3. EXECUTIVE BOARD HEARING.** The Executive 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 charge be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Executive Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privilege of the corporation 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 fellow members at the ensuing corporate meeting which considers the Executive Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Executive Board has 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 Executive Board's decision and penalty, if any.

**SECTION 4. EXPULSION.** Expulsion of a member from the corporation may be accomplished only at a meeting of the corporation following an Executive Board hearing and upon the Executive Board's recommendation as provided in SECTION 3 of this ARTICLE. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the corporation to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Executive Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at the meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Executive Board's findings and invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of those present at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not voted, the Executive Board's suspension shall stand.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Order of Business**

**SECTION 1. CORPORATE MEETINGS.** At meetings of the corporation the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit shall be as follows:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING  
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY  
REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD (At Annual Meeting)  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS  
NEW BUSINESS  
ADJOURNMENT

**SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS.** At meetings of the Executive Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

ROLL CALL  
READING OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING  
REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY  
REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS  
ADJOURNMENT

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendment Changes

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Board or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty (20) percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Executive Board and must be submitted to the members with recommendation 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. VOTING.** The constitution and bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for such purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

**SECTION 3.** No amendment to the constitution and bylaws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

Amended April 4, 2012