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Notes From The President's Desk

Much is happening in the Club and in our own lives. As you will see I have another address again! One of these days! I figure if I keep saying it, one of these days I will be settled again - in the meantime this address will hopefully last as long as the last one at least!

Our Club Specialty is fast approaching. Our show Chair, Ron Stewart, has been hard at work and I am delighted that we are going to have good support from our eastern members. Now it is up to those of us in the west to join in , too - this was done for you!

Also we have elections coming up again. This is a chance for you to support your Club. I will not be standing again for President though I will look at other ways to do my bit. Have a great summer; see you at the Specialty! Fern

A Word From the Editor

In the last issue, I promised an article on why and how to make sure your Cardigan is protected after you are gone, by making provision for your Buddy in your will. However, as a result of a problem experienced by one of my puppy buyers, I have substituted an article on choosing an obedience trainer. I will follow up with the other item in a future issue. Also, my apologies for the lateness of this issue!

Braggs From the American Specialty

Can/Am.Ch. Merrymoon Devil Woman, "R.J.", won the prestigious, champions only Megan competition from the red/sable bitch class. The entry was 94. She's the first Canadian Cardi to win it, and joins an impressive roster of Megan winners that reads like a 'who's who' in Cardigans.

The next day in Veteran Sweepstakes she was Best Of Opposite in Sweeps.

In the BOB competition, in an entry of 128 Specials, plus the veteran dog and bitch and herding titled dog and bitch, she made both cuts and was awarded one of 12 Awards of Merit.

In puppy Sweeps, my 8 month old red dog puppy, Merrymoon Pluperfect Ponyxpres, "Welles", co-bred and co-owned with Jon Kimes, made the cut in a class of, I believe, 33, but didn't place. However, in the regular classes, he was awarded 4th place in a small, (15 dogs), but very strong Bred By dog class.

Also in regular classes, my black dog, Chandler-Pluperfect Prophecy, "Gabriel" (he's out of my black-masked red dog Merrymoon Noblestar Jacob and AmCh Chandler-Pluperfect Playgirl) co-owned by Sally Weiss, Patti Snider and myself, won the Open dog class and went on to Reserve Winner's dog. The male entry was, I believe 92.

Unfortunately my brindle bitch, Chandler-Pluperfect Playful, a litter sister of Gabriel, co-owned by Patti Snider, Jon Kimes and I, left her coat at home and in the interest of modesty was pulled. Barb Hoffman

Results of the Aurora Kennel Club Booster

A booster show was held with the Aurora Kennel Club on May 25, with Judge Larry Kereluke presiding. Thanks to Charlie MacInnes for organizing things. And the winners were.....!

Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Winners Dog: Chandler Pluperfect Prophecy; bred by Norma Chandler and Jonathon Kimes; owned by S. Weiss, Patty Snider and Barb Hoffman.

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Merrymoon Noblestar Hot Ice; bred and owned by Barb Hoffman and Patty Snider.

Best Puppy: Merrymoon Pluperfect Ponyxpress; bred by Barb Hoffman, owned by Barb Hoffman and Jonathon Kimes

Winners Bitch: Heart of Gold's First Noel; bred and owned by Lisa and Jay Phillips.

Reserve Winners Bitch: Aberwyvern Cleo Laine; bred and owned by Marilyn Boissonneault

Reserve Winners Dog: Am. Ch. Warwick's White Collar Crime; bred by ; owned by Shelley Camm

It was a very good weekend for Cardigans. After the booster, our breed winner, Chandler Pluperfect Prophecy, (Gabriel) went on to a Group 4th under Mr. Kereluke. On Sunday, a different judge (Cheryl Myers Egerton), a different dog, this time Can/Am Ch. Merrymoon's Firestorm, the same result! Back to back Group placements aren't all that common in our breed; that two different dogs were selected shows the depth of the entry that turned out for the booster weekend. Thanks to everyone for coming, and thanks to our judges for their fine work!

Saturday June 22 at Kingston: Gabriel picked up another Group 4th under judge J. Moulton! *Way to go!*

ANNOUNCING THE RAFFLE!

Once again, The Raffle is back! The annual raffle is the main fundraising event for the Club so we are looking to you for your support. Here's how it works: there are three raffle tickets enclosed with this newsletter. The tickets are 3 for \$2.00. Additional tickets are available if you wish. Write your name and telephone number on the back of the tickets and return them to Marilyn Boissonneault by October 1st. The raffle prizes will be drawn at the Specialty in Abbotsford but you don't have to be present to win, we will pick out something nice and send it to you. You never know what lovely items will turn up as raffle prizes: I can recall everything from a Welsh cookbook (yummy) to camping stuff to Cardi-themed items of all sorts. But you can't win a prize without a ticket!

Of course, we also need raffle prizes! If you have something to donate send that along to Marilyn as well (the address is on the masthead). Or better yet, bring it along to Abbotsford!

Specialty 2002 Reminder!

Don't forget our 2002 national Specialty in Abbotsford, BC on October 24! Our judges have been confirmed by the CKC: Ms. Beryl Russell from New Zealand for regular classes, and Ms. Dana Wellock from Washington State for puppy and veterans sweepstakes. Our hard-working Show Chair, Ron Stewart, has posted more info on our website, so check it out for details at www.cardigancorgi.ca.

Specialty 2003!

Yes we are already making plans for next year's Specialty (and Al Alcock is working on 2004, our Trek to the Yukon!). The 2003 Specialty will be an independent, held in association with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Dog Association shows in late August. Subject to CKC approval, our judges will be Edweena ('Teddy') McDowell of Camelot Cardigans in Kansas, for regular classes, and Nancy Cunliffe, of Suncliffe Cardigans in Maine, for sweepstakes. Both of these ladies are well known Cardigan breeders and exhibitors in the US and I know they are really looking forward to this assignment. More details to come!

Notice of the 2002 AGM

Please note that the 2002 Annual General Meeting will take place sometime during Specialty weekend at Abbotsford, BC. This is an election year for us and the AGM is always an excellent opportunity for discussion on where the Club should be going and what our priorities should be. If you can't make it to the Specialty and AGM in person but you have something you want to raise contact any of the Executive or your local Director. We can't do proxy votes (not permitted by the CKC) but we can ensure your concerns and views are aired.

Choosing an Obedience Instructor

For years now Jim and I have recommended that our puppy buyers take the puppy to obedience classes, even if they have no interest in competitive trialing. Even an 8-week long 'puppy kindergarten' class will give a puppy a sound basis in the things a dog needs to know to fit in as a civilized member of his human family: to walk nicely on a leash, to come when called, to sit and stay. A trained dog is less likely to be a destructive dog....and even the best behaved Cardigan can get into mischief if opportunity coincides with boredom! The two most common reasons a puppy is abandoned at an animal shelter are related to lack of training: either problems with house-training or because he won't come when called. A bit of training could save the lives of many dogs. Finally, the classes provide a wonderful opportunity to have fun with your puppy, and to get help and support from experienced dog people.

Of course, this assumes that the owner has found a good class, with qualified and experienced trainers. Unfortunately this isn't always the case. One of our puppy buyers recently had a very bad experience with a trainer, which has prompted this article on how to choose an obedience school.

Most obedience courses involve one class per week for 8 weeks; a class might only be 40 minutes or so for puppies, with their short attention spans, and an hour for older

dogs. The purpose of an obedience class is to teach you how to teach your dog, so to achieve success you have to put in the commitment to attend the classes as well as work with your puppy at home between classes, 10 or 15 minutes every day.

Ask for recommendations from your vet, your breeder, a local kennel club or a pet supply store. Many kennel clubs offer obedience classes, as do some vet clinics (especially for puppies and other beginners) and the larger pet supply chains like PetsMart. The Dogs Annual, published by the Canadian Kennel Club every November, carries ads for larger training schools. Remember you want the kind of obedience school that trains family pets, not the kind that turns out protection dogs!

Talk to the trainer or the kennel club representative before you sign up for classes. Ask for the trainer's credentials. Not all trainers belong to the Canadian Association of Professional Pet Dog Trainers...but many of the best ones do. (At least they should have heard of it!) Ask how many obedience titles they've put on their own dogs: almost all good professional trainers either train competitively or have done so in the past. Ask what vaccinations the school requires the dogs to have; *don't* deal with a school that says that vaccinations aren't necessary. A top quality training school will offer a range of classes for dogs of different ages and levels of experience; don't deal with a trainer who says young puppies can't or shouldn't be trained (training for puppies can start between 12 and 18 weeks) or that certain breeds are 'untrainable'.

Most important of all, ask about their training methods: you want an instructor who emphasizes motivation over corrections. When I started talking obedience classes some 20 years ago motivational methods were unknown: a dog was 'corrected' (ie. punished) until it did what you wanted. Punishment is of no use, of course, if you are trying to teach the dog something new: it has no idea what you want, or why it is being corrected. Motivational methods gently show the dog what is wanted and motivate him to do it with food treats and praise. Later, when the dog has learned to link the words (the command) with the action you want gentle correction is introduced to reinforce the concept. For instance, the old way of teaching a dog to sit was to pull upward on the leash while forcing the dog's rear end down. The motivational way is to hold a food treat in your hand and move it back over the dogs head, so that in order to keep his eyes on it he has to sit. When his rump hits the ground he is praised and rewarded with the treat.

If at all possible ask to see a class in action before you sign up. You want to make sure their training methods are gentle but you also want to see that the trainers genuinely like working with dogs and with people (having been to many many classes over the years I suggest that the people are often more difficult to deal with than the dogs!). Can the trainer tailor her methods to fit different dogs and owners or is it strictly 'one size fits all'? Is there time for questions? Are the expectations and the pace of the class realistic? What size are the classes: too many dogs and owners crowded into a small space is frustrating and could lead to fights between the dogs. Are the facilities clean? Is there water available for the dogs? What is the drop-out rate in the classes? While some people quit every class (in my experience) because they can't or won't commit

the time and effort required, a very high drop-out rate suggests frustration or unhappiness with the training approach. Would the people taking the class take another, or recommend it to you?

If you are watching a puppy or beginners class, do the dogs wear chain collars (commonly called 'choke collars' because that is exactly what they do to the dog) or buckle collars? Personally I prefer to train puppies on a flat nylon buckle collar but some large unruly puppies, especially if they are older, may need a chain collar. If the dogs in the class are wearing chain collars does the instructor inspect them before class to ensure they are put on correctly and are the right size for the dog? This is very important since a collar of the wrong size is ineffectual as a training aid, and a chain collar improperly used can injure a dog.

If you live in a major city like Toronto you may find an obedience facility that is designed and built for the purpose, with a roster of professional trainers. If you live in a smaller community, like I do, you may find yourself taking classes in a school gym or church basement, from a dedicated amateur who loves doing obedience with her own dogs and has decided to help others have as much fun and joy. Don't assume that the part time trainers aren't as good: I've seen a couple of exceptional people with a real love of dogs who were very gifted teachers. Either way, take your Cardigan to school, and take the time to find a good one. You'll both be glad you did!

The Club Constitution

The Canadian Kennel Club recently approved new policies relating to member clubs, and has been reviewing their constitutions and by-laws to ensure that all clubs comply with these policies. Unfortunately, despite the fact that our Constitution is relatively new, the CKC found that we were not in compliance in a few areas. (The Code of Ethics is fine, however.) Al Alcock took on the unrewarding task of revising the document to conform to the new CKC standards, and a copy of the revised version is attached. As these changes are mandated by the CKC there is no point in holding a vote on them; however, if there is anything that you find really intolerable please contact Al ASAP: we must submit our revised Constitution by August 12 or suffer unspecified dire consequences!

To make it easier to follow, additions are shown in italics, phrases to be removed are shown in ~~strikeout~~.

Dogs have owners; cats have staff.

CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article 1: Name

The name of the Club shall be the "Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club".

Article 2: Geographic Area

The Club's geographic area of operation shall be all of Canada.

Article 3: Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- (a) To protect and promote the interests of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi in Canada.
- (b) To promote quality in the breeding of the purebred Cardigan Welsh Corgi, and to further the improvement of the natural qualities, both physical and mental, of the breed.
- (c) To educate members, breeders, and judges to accept the Standard of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi as approved by the Canadian Kennel Club as the only Standard of excellence by which the breed shall be judged in Canada.
- (d) To assist and encourage owners of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi, and generally provide advice on the management, training, and showing of their dogs, whether in pet ownership, conformation, obedience, herding, tracking, agility or other activities.
- (e) To encourage participation in conformation, obedience, herding, tracking, agility, canine therapy programmes and other activities, which demonstrate the physical and mental qualities of the breed; and to conduct sanction matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, herding tests and other tests and trials under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.
- (f) To encourage sportsmanship, co-operation and mutual interest in all matters relating to the Cardigan Welsh Corgi among all members.
- (g) To uphold the by-laws of the Canadian Kennel Club.

BYLAWS

Article 1: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

There shall be six (6) categories of membership:

Regular member: Any person interested in the Cardigan Welsh Corgi who is sixteen (16) years of age or over. Regular members enjoy all of the privileges of the Club, including voting and nomination privileges.

Family membership: A family membership shall be available for two or more named adults, or adult(s) and children under sixteen (16), residing in the same household. (Common law or same sex households are included within this definition.) A family membership will be provided one copy of the Club newsletter. Any adult household member is eligible to stand for office, subject to other constitutional limitations *but only one vote per Family Membership will be permitted*.

Junior member: Persons having the same interests and who are under sixteen (16) years of age. Junior members receive the Club newsletter and may work on committees; they may not vote, hold office, nominate candidates to office, or chair a committee. Upon reaching sixteen (16) years of age they may convert to regular membership.

Associate member: Associate members shall be for those persons who do not wish to be a regular voting member. Associate members shall have no voting privileges.

Puppy memberships: Puppy memberships are intended to encourage responsible Cardigan ownership and involvement in the Club among those people who are new to the breed. Club members who breed puppies are encouraged to purchase puppy memberships for non-members who acquire puppies (or older dogs) from them. A puppy membership shall last one year only *and shall not have any voting privileges*.

Honourary membership: A honorary member shall be a person whose name has been sponsored by a member in good standing in the Club, in recognition of service rendered to the interests and advancement of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi. Such applications shall be considered by the Executive and approved by a majority of the members voting. A Honourary member shall be notified in writing by the Club Secretary of their new status. He/she shall signify his/her acceptance in writing, and shall be entitled to participate in Club activities with the right to vote but shall not hold office, and shall pay no membership dues. A Honourary member may switch to regular membership upon payment of the annual dues.

Section 2: Application for Membership

(a) All applicants for membership must receive a copy of the Club Constitution and Code of Ethics. A written application for membership, signed individually by each adult applicant as agreement to adhere to the Constitution and Code of Ethics, shall be submitted to the Club Secretary together with the current year's dues.

(b) An applicant for full membership must be sponsored by two (2) Regular Members in good standing.

(c) Membership in the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club may be refused if the applicant is under suspension by the Canadian Kennel Club or any other dog-related Club (all-breed, breed or performance) in any country; or has been convicted of cruelty to animals. If an application for membership is not approved, the fees will be promptly returned to the applicant. *Any individual rejected for membership by the Club must be provided with a written explanation.*

(d) *Once an application for membership has been accepted the Secretary shall record the status of*

membership. A welcoming package shall be forwarded containing a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws along with any other information that the Board of Directors may wish to have included.

Section 3: Club Year and Fees

- (a) The Club's financial and operating year shall be April 1st to March 31st.
- (b) Annual membership fees are due on April 1st of each year. If membership dues are not paid within thirty (30)-days (i.e. by April 30th for that year) such membership shall be considered as lapsed and terminated. In no case may a person be permitted to vote at any Club meeting, or by mailed ballot, whose membership fees are unpaid as of the date of the meeting or ballot. A membership terminated by reason of unpaid fees will necessitate the person re-applying for membership.
- (c) Yearly fees shall be established for all categories of membership other than for honorary memberships. These fees may be changed from time to time by majority vote of the Executive.
- (d) Membership fees shall be payable to the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club, and submitted to the Membership Chair.

Section 4: Termination of Membership

Memberships may be terminated:

- (a) By resignation: Any member may resign upon written notice to the Secretary; however, no member may resign while in debt to the Club.
- (b) By lapsing: A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if the annual fees remain unpaid by April 30th of each year.
- (c) By expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 5.

Article 2: Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held at a place, date and time designated by the Executive Committee, and will usually be held in conjunction with the annual Specialty show. Notice of such meeting shall be deemed sufficient if carried in the Club's official news publication and received by members a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. A quorum for the annual meeting shall consist of a minimum of two (2) elected Officers, plus a minimum of seven (7) regular members.

Section 2: Executive Committee Meetings

The President or any two (2) other elected Officers shall call Executive Committee meetings. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may also conduct its business in person, by mail, or by electronic means (including FAX, computer or telephone conference call). In the case of telephone conference, the signature of each participating member of the Executive Committee at the end of the minutes will authorize any action taken during a telephone meeting and for this purpose the draft minutes must be provided to the Executive Committee members taking part within fourteen (14) days after the call.

Section 3: General Meetings

General meetings, other than the Annual Meeting, may be called at the discretion of the President *and a minimum of fifteen (15)-calendar days notice shall be provided to the membership.*

Section 4: Special Meetings

Any five (5) members in good standing may call a Special Meeting upon written petition to the Secretary. Notice of the meeting and a written Agenda must be made available to all members a minimum of thirty (30)-days in advance of the date set for the meeting, and the Special Meeting will deal only with items on the published Agenda.

Article 3: Officers and Directors

Section 1: Executive Committee

(a) General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of four elected Officers, the immediate Past-President, and the appointed Directors. The elected Officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. They shall be elected for two-year terms, as provided in Article 4, and shall serve until March 31st of the Club's fiscal year in which an election is held. Each retiring Officer shall turn over to his/her successor all properties and records pertaining to his/her office, in good order, within thirty (30)-days of being elected.

(b) In accordance with Canadian Kennel Club regulations, to hold office a member must be a resident of Canada and a member in good standing of the Canadian Kennel Club. Only Regular Members of the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club may hold office.

Section 2: Directors

The Directors shall be elected for a two (2)-year term, or until such time, as they are unable to carry out their duties and resign. One Director shall be elected for at least four (4) of the six (6) regions (i.e. British Columbia, Prairie, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic and Yukon/Northwest Territories), which are recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club. A *Chair of Official Publications* and a *Membership Chair* shall be appointed *and will act only in an ex-officio capacity to the Board*.

In accordance with Canadian Kennel Club regulations, no more than three (3) Directors may be from any given region. *All Directors must reside in the region that they represent and are elected by those members residing in that respective region.*

Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities

(a) The duties of the President is to manage the affairs of the Club; to preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee; to serve as an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; to write a regular column for the Club newsletter; and to represent the interests of the Club to the Canadian Kennel Club and other bodies when necessary. He/she may vote on amendments to the constitution, on the election of Officers, and on the expulsion of a member. On all other matters he/she may vote only in the event of a tie when he/she shall cast the deciding vote.

(b) The duties of the Vice-President are to assist the President in managing the affairs of the Club and to act in the absence of the President.

(c) The duties of the Treasurer are to receive all monies due or belonging to the Club and to deposit same in a bank to the *name and credit* of the Club; to pay out money as authorized by the Club, with cheques to be signed by the Treasurer and one other elected Officer; to keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements; and to provide a report of the Club's finances to the Executive Committee on a quarterly basis. An annual financial statement shall be presented at each annual meeting, at which time it shall be approved and subsequently printed in the Club newsletter. The Club's books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee or their appointee.

(d) The duties of the Secretary shall be to attend meetings and to keep accurate minutes of the

proceedings; to keep an accurate roll of Club members and their addresses; to take charge of the correspondence of the Club and to write at the direction of the Executive Committee all replies sent in the Club's name; to send breed information and breeder referrals to those who request such information; to complete the annual requirements for renewal of the Club's official recognition by the Canadian Kennel Club; and to carry out other such duties as may be directed by the Executive Committee.

(e) The duties of the Past-President shall be to assist and advise the Executive Committee on matters relating to the affairs of the Club. The Past-President shall serve on the Executive Committee with no voting privileges for a one-year term only.

(f) The duties of the regional Directors shall be to represent their respective regions as a liaison between the region and the Executive Committee; to relay any complaints, information and/or news on relevant regional activities to the Executive Committee for their action and approval; and to provide an annual report on regional activities, due April 1st, for inclusion in the Club newsletter. Directors are expected to contribute area news to every newsletter, and to arrange one event on behalf of the Club each year. Such events can include booster shows, eye clinics, fun days, or any other event approved by the Executive Committee.

(g) The duties of the Director of official publications shall be to edit and distribute the Club newsletter and other publications as approved by the Executive Committee. The Director of official publications may appoint assistants as required.

(h) The duties of the membership chair are to accept membership applications; forward funds to the Treasurer; keep an accurate and current list of members; inform the Secretary and newsletter editor of new members; send letters of welcome and membership cards to new members; and to promote membership in the Club.

(i) A member of the Executive Committee can be removed from his/her position for failure to carry out his/her duties as listed in the relevant job description; on conviction of cruelty to animals; or on suspension of membership in the Canadian Kennel Club. If a member of the Executive Committee fails to participate in three consecutive meetings of the Committee without valid reason, he/she shall be considered to have abandoned his/her position, and the Executive shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of his/her term.

(j) Any member of the Club who is given the responsibility of operating a cash fund in the interests of the Club, or who incurs legitimate expenses in carrying out activities of the Club as authorized by the Executive Committee, shall submit an itemized account accompanied by receipts. These shall be submitted to the Treasurer when the fund is to be reimbursed or closed, for approval by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Committees and Order of Business

(a) The Executive Committee may appoint committees or individuals to carry out specific activities or projects on behalf of the Club, subject always to the final authority of the Executive Committee. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full Executive Committee upon written notice to the appointee, and the Executive Committee may appoint a successor to the person whose service has been terminated. Any Club property assigned to a committee appointee for use on behalf of the legitimate interest of the Club must be returned to the Club promptly and in good order upon termination of the appointment.

(b) *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:*

Roll Call

Minutes of last meeting

Report of 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

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

Reading of minutes of last meeting
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of Committees
Unfinished business
Election of new members
New business
Adjournment

Article 4: Voting Procedures and Elections

(a) At the annual meeting, or at a general or special meeting, voting shall be limited to those regular members in good standing who are present, and decisions shall be passed by a majority vote providing a quorum is present. The election of Officers, amendments to the constitution and bylaws and amendments to the official standard of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi shall be decided by regular members in good standing through written ballot cast by mail. Other issues as determined by the Executive Committee may also be submitted to the membership for decision by mailed ballot. ~~In all cases of voting by mail, decisions shall be passed by a majority of those regular members casting ballots.~~ The result of all voting by the membership shall be published in the Club newsletter. In no case will voting by proxy be permitted in carrying out the Club's business.

(b) Elections for Club Officers will be held every two (2) years, with elections to be held in odd-numbered years, and the Officers-elect will assume their responsibilities on April 1 and serve until March 31 of the second year.

(c) The Executive shall choose Nominating Committee by November 1st of the Club operating year in which an election is to be held. The committee shall consist of three (3) members in good standing. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to stand for election. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, telephone or other electronic means.

(d) The Nominating Committee will solicit written nominations from the membership, to include the acceptance of the Nominee, for each of the elected offices, being for President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary and regional Directors, having due consideration for Canadian Kennel Club policies relating to regional representation as the Canadian Kennel Club may from time to time enact. Nominations shall close on December 15th.

(e) No person may stand as a candidate for more than one position, and only one person per household may be nominated as a candidate for President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer.

(f) If there is only one Nominee for a position, that candidate shall be deemed to be elected.

(g) Whenever there are two or more candidates for a position, a ballot of the membership by mail shall take place. The Secretary shall mail to each regular member in good standing by January 30th a ballot listing all of the candidates for each position in alphabetical order, together with a blank envelope and a second envelope addressed to the Secretary marked "ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was addressed. So that the ballots may remain secret, each member upon marking the ballot shall seal it in the blank envelope, which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the

Secretary. To be valid the Secretary on or before March 1 must receive all ballots. The ballots shall be counted by a scrutiner appointed by the Nominating Committee and who is not a candidate for office, in the presence of the Secretary. Prior to the opening of the outer envelopes and the removal of the blank envelopes the Secretary shall check the returns against a list of the regular members whose fees are paid for the current year, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters. The scrutineer shall keep the ballots and envelopes for a period of ninety (90)-days following the election.

(i) The person receiving the largest number of valid votes for each position shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the names of those candidates shall be placed in a hat and the scrutiner shall draw one name, which shall be declared to be the winner. The Secretary will notify all candidates of the results, in writing, by March 30th. The results, including the number of votes cast for each candidate, will also be published in the next Club newsletter.

(j) Should any elected Officer be unable to complete his/her term in office, the resulting vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term until the next election by a majority vote of the remaining Officers; except the office of the President, which shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President.

Article 5: Discipline

(a) Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the Canadian Kennel Club or other national kennel Club is automatically suspended from the privileges of this Club for the same period.

(b) Any member in good standing may bring charges against any other member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the breed or the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee shall first consider whether the actions alleged, if proven, might constitute action prejudicial to the best interests of the breed or the Club. If the Executive Committee determines that the charges do not allege action prejudicial to the best interests of the breed or the Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Executive Committee entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by a committee of 3 members of the Executive Committee of whom at least one (1) shall be an elected Officer other than the President, not less than three (3) weeks and not more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The hearing may be conducted by telephone conference call if circumstances warrant. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail, or deliver them by hand, together with a notice of the date, time and place of the hearing and an assurance that the accused member may personally appear in his/her own behalf and bring witnesses if he/she wishes. Written notice of the hearing will also be sent to the complainant, requesting his/her attendance.

(c) Immediately upon conclusion of the hearing, the disciplinary committee shall provide a report with its recommendations to the Secretary, who will promptly submit it to the full Executive for a vote. Should the charges against the accused member be sustained, the Executive by a majority vote may set a penalty ranging from a letter of reprimand, to a temporary suspension of the privileges of the Club, to a recommendation to the membership that the accused member be expelled from the Club. The Secretary shall promptly inform each of the parties involved of the decision and penalty, if any.

(d) Should the accused member wish to appeal the decision of the disciplinary committee, or the penalty imposed, he/she may notify the Secretary for a review. The President and two other members of the Executive Committee who did not take part in the original hearing shall conduct the review.

(e) Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at an annual meeting following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee as provided in section (c) above; or at a special meeting called for that purpose, in both cases providing a quorum is present. The defendant may appear in his/her own behalf although no evidence will be taken at the meeting. The President will read the charges, the findings and the recommendations and invite the member, if present, to speak on his/her own behalf. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present shall be necessary for expulsion.

(f) Notice of official disciplinary action by the Club shall be published in the Club newsletter. The

Canadian Kennel Club shall also be advised of the expulsion and the grounds for such action.

Article 6: Amendments

(a) Only regular members in good standing shall have the privilege of submitting and voting on amendments to the Club constitution, Code of Ethics, bylaws or Official Breed Standard.

(b) Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the regular members in good standing and setting forth the exact wording of the proposed amendment. The Executive Committee shall deal with such petitions promptly. The Secretary will forward a copy of the proposed amendment, together with the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to the regular membership in the form of a ballot within sixty (60)-days of receipt. Ballots must be marked, sealed and returned to the Secretary within sixty (60)-days of the date of mailing as recorded by the Secretary. The double-envelope system described in Article 4 Section (f) above shall be followed. *Amendments to the Breed Standard will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those eligible voting members to affect an amendment. For these Constitutions and By-laws a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all eligible voting members will be required. Proxy votes are not permitted.* ~~majority vote of the ballots returned shall be required to pass an amendment.~~

(c) No amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws or the Official Breed Standard adopted by the Club shall come into effect until the Board of Directors of the Canadian Kennel Club has approved it.

Article 7: Dissolution

(a) ~~The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the regular members in good standing.~~ *The Club may be dissolved at anytime, by providing to The Canadian Kennel Club written documentation of two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing in favour of the decision; proxies are not permitted.*

(b) In the event of dissolution, other than for the purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of the law, none of the property of the Club nor any assets of the Club shall be retained by or distributed to any member of the Club. After payment of the Club's debts, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit and welfare of dogs, as selected by the Executive Committee.

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