

Constitution and By-Laws of the Great Dane Club of Arizona

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Article 1. Name, purposes and fiscal year

Section 1.1 Name

The name of this Club shall be the Great Dane Club of Arizona. The name of the Club shall be changed by the Board of Directors when required to comply with such agreements as may be entered into with the Great Dane Club of America ("the parent club").

Section 1.2 Purposes

2. The purposes of the Club shall be to:

- (a) Promote the program, purposes and Code of Ethics of the Great Dane Club of America.
- (b) Aid and assist the parent club in encouraging the study of the breed by breeders, owners, exhibitors, judges, and all others interested in the breed.
- (c) Encourage and promote Specialty shows and classes in all-breed shows including the offering of prizes creating publicity and encouraging shows where Great Danes are exhibited.
- (d) Encourage scientific breeding of the Great Dane.
- (e) Secure new fanciers to the breed.
- (f) Conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, rally obedience trials, agility trials and other events for which the Club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.
- (g) Generate publicity on any matter affecting the welfare of the breed.
- (h) Do all in its power to protect and advance the best interests of the Great Dane breed.

Section 1.3 Fiscal year

The fiscal year of the Club ("the Club year") shall be the calendar year.

Article 2. Membership

Section 2.1 Core eligibility of members

All classes of membership are subject to the following core eligibility requirements: Membership is open only to persons in good standing with the American Kennel Club and the Great Dane Club of America, who subscribe to the purposes of the Club, and provided the applicant, or any immediate family member of such person, owns or has owned a Great Dane, or the applicant is interested in the welfare and advancement of the breed.

Section 2.2 Classes of membership

(a) General Members. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who meets the core eligibility requirements may make application as provided in these By-Laws for General membership in the Club. Upon adoption of these By-Laws, the initial General members shall be all members who were Regular members under the Club's 1979 By-Laws.

(b) Junior Members. Any person between the age of ten (10) and seventeen (17) years of age inclusive who meets the core eligibility requirements may make application as provided in these By-Laws for Junior membership in the Club. Upon a Junior member's attainment of the age of eighteen (18) years, the records of the Club shall show that the member was automatically converted to a General member.

(c) Non-resident Members. A person having the qualifications for General membership but who resides outside Maricopa County may make application as provided in these By-Laws for Nonresident membership in the same manner as for General membership, except that applicants for Non-resident membership are not required to attend any meetings before an application may be submitted.

(d) Honorary Members. Honorary membership may be conferred only upon a person who has rendered a distinctly valuable service to the Club or the breed. Honorary members shall be exempt from dues and application fee.

(e) Lifetime Partner Members. Lifetime Partner membership is conferred automatically upon a person who was a dues-paying member for 25 years. Lifetime Partner members shall be exempt from dues. Each year, Lifetime Partner members must notify the Corresponding Secretary in writing that they wish to maintain their membership in the Lifetime Partner class for the then-current Club year, and must send said notification so the Corresponding Secretary receives it no later than January 31st. Absent said notification, the records of the Club shall show that the member was automatically converted to a Lifetime Friend member for the balance of the year.

(f) Lifetime Friend Members. Lifetime Friend membership is conferred upon a person who was a dues-paying member for 25 years, who has elected Lifetime Friend membership or who did not notify the Corresponding Secretary as required to maintain membership in the Lifetime Partner class for the then-current Club year. Lifetime Friend members shall be exempt from dues. Any Lifetime Friend member who attends a regular meeting or who enters in an event sponsored by

the Club, shall automatically be converted to Lifetime Partner membership for the remainder of the current Club year. Each year, Lifetime Friend members must notify the Corresponding Secretary in writing if they wish to convert their membership to the Lifetime Partner class for the then-current Club year, and must send said notification so the Corresponding Secretary receives it no later than January 31st. Absent said notification, the records of the Club shall show that the member is in the Lifetime Friend class.

Section 2.3 Application process

(a) Application for General, Junior or Non-resident membership shall be in writing directed to the Board of Directors on a regular form previously approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) The application form shall provide that the applicant subscribes to the Club's purposes and agrees to abide by the Club's By-Laws, the Code of Ethics of the Great Dane Club of America and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

(c) Members of all membership classes except Honorary are eligible to sponsor membership applications, provided no member may sponsor more than two membership applications during one Club year.

(d) The General and Junior membership classes are subject to the following pre-application meeting requirement: A person wishing to become a General or Junior member must, before obtaining an application form, and within a six-month period, attend two or more full, regular meetings of the Club at which minutes are recorded as proof of attendance as a guest. Meetings and gatherings at which attendance and minutes are not recorded, do not count towards satisfying this pre-application meeting requirement. The rest of the application process for General and Junior members shall not begin until after fulfillment of this meeting requirement.

(e) A person wishing to become a General, Junior or Non-resident member shall observe the following application process in careful sequence:

1. The person wishing to become a member obtains the regular application form from a representative of the Membership Committee.
2. The person wishing to become a member obtains sponsorship from two members who are eligible to sponsor a membership application, who are not related to each other, who personally know the applicant, and who shall each submit their recommendation in writing together with relevant facts about the applicant, to the Board of Directors on a regular form previously approved by the Board of Directors.
3. The person wishing to become a member submits the fully completed application form to the Board of Directors, together with the dues required for the current year, or the balance thereof as provided in these By-Laws.
4. After receipt of the application, sponsorship forms and required fees, and before the start of the next regular meeting at which a quorum of the Board of Directors is present, the Board of Directors reviews application and sponsorship forms, and determines whether the applicant meets core eligibility requirements and eligibility requirements for the relevant membership class.

5. After a majority of the Board of Directors confirms the applicant's eligibility, the Board shall transmit the application materials to the Membership Committee for investigation and action. Simultaneously, the Board shall transmit the application materials to the Media and Publications Committee, who shall publish same in the next bulletin.

6. Upon establishing its findings, the Membership Committee shall prepare a report on the application for presentation to the members.

7. At the next regular meeting following publication of the Membership Committee's report about the application, the Membership Committee shall present the report. If two-thirds (2/3) of the Membership Committee concur, the report presented shall recommend admission of the applicant; else, the report shall recommend against admission.

8. Immediately following presentation of the report, and regardless of the recommendation of the Membership Committee, if quorum requirements are met, the General and Lifetime Partner members present shall consider and vote on the application by written ballot. A two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor shall be required to admit the applicant.

9. Any applicant not receiving the required number of votes in favor of admission must wait a minimum of six months before applying again.

(f) Subsequent to the recommendation of a majority of the Board of Directors, honorary membership may be conferred by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the combined General and Lifetime Partner members present and voting at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 2.4 Voting rights

The right to vote is held by each General and Lifetime Partner member, subject to two conditions:

(a) No member shall have the right to vote while the member is thirty (30) days or more in arrears on any dues, pledges or other debts in the records of the Treasury of the Club.

(b) No member shall have the right to vote for the election of directors and officers until the member has attended at least four (4) regular meetings as a member during the Club year in which the election is held.

Section 2.5 Office-holding rights

The right to hold office is held by General and Lifetime Partner members.

Section 2.6 Dues

(a) Annual dues are payable by General, Junior, and Non-resident members.

(b) Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors each year no later than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of a new Club year. Dues amounts may vary according to membership class, if the Board shall so determine.

(c) Annual dues notices and reply forms shall be sent at least fifty (50) days before the dues are payable.

(d) Annual dues are payable by January 1st of the year to which the dues apply. Members whose dues are not paid in full by February 1st are in arrears and their right to vote, together with all privileges and benefits of the Club, shall be suspended until the member no longer owes any amount to the Treasury of the Club.

(e) Persons elected to membership after June 30th shall pay one-half (1/2) the annual dues as dues for the balance of that calendar year.

(f) Members whose annual dues remain unpaid after March 1st shall be dropped from membership, except that the Board of Directors may grant one additional grace period (not to exceed May 1st) to a delinquent member in meritorious cases, provided said member, prior to the aforementioned March 1st deadline, shall personally contact, in writing, the Treasurer or the Board of Directors to explain the circumstances meriting an extension period. The decision to grant the additional grace period shall require a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

g) The annual dues of this affiliated club to the Great Dane Club of America shall be paid in advance on January 1st of each year and shall be in such amount as the parent club shall from time to time determine.

Section 2.7 Lapsing (a)

In no instance may a person whose membership has lapsed be entitled to any of the privileges and benefits of the Club.

Section 2.8 Lapsing (b)

Any person who has been dropped from membership shall be required to make application as provided in these By-Laws for new membership in the Club.

Section 2.9 Discipline process

Discipline of members is subject to the following provisions:

(a) Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club or the Great Dane Club of America automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

(b) A member shall be dropped from membership if the person is subject to permanent denial of privileges by the American Kennel Club or the Great Dane Club of America.

(c) Whenever any rescue organization certifies to the Club that a Great Dane surrendered to that rescue organization within the most recent sixty (60) days was bred by, owned by or co-owned by one or more current members of the Club, the Corresponding Secretary, within ten (10) days shall send written notification of these assertions to the member(s) in question, together with a regular reply form previously approved by the Board of Directors, and shall send a copy of the notification to each member of the Board of Directors. Within thirty (30) days thereafter, each member so notified shall reply to the Corresponding Secretary in writing to acknowledge or disprove the relationship to the animal, and in cases where the relationship is acknowledged, shall document the steps said member took personally to assist with rehoming or caring for the animal. The Board of Directors shall have the power to decide whether the reported relationship to the animal is factual. If the relationship to the animal is not deemed factual, the matter shall be closed. In cases where the relationship to the animal is deemed factual, the Corresponding Secretary shall confirm with the rescue organization that the steps documented in the member's reply were taken. If the rescue organization does not corroborate that the steps were taken, or if no steps were taken within the thirty (30) day period allotted for this purpose, or if the member fails to reply as herein required to the Corresponding Secretary, each such member shall be dropped from membership, and for the immediately subsequent period of two (2) years, shall not be eligible to apply for new membership.

(d) A Trial Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall consist of not less than three (3) members, one of whom, if practical, shall be an Attorney-at-Law, and one of whom shall be a Director or an Officer of the Club. In case one or more members of the Trial Board shall be unable to sit in any given case, the President, or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall appoint a substitute or substitutes for such a case.

(e) The Trial Board of the Great Dane Club of America shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Trial Board of the Club provided charges are filed with it and deposit made in accordance with the By-Laws of the parent club.

(f) The Board of Directors of the Great Dane Club of America or any member of the Great Dane Club of Arizona except Honorary members may prefer charges against a member, in a written filing with specifications submitted in duplicate to the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly notify the Trial Board of the Club which shall promptly meet and fix a date for the hearing not less than three (3) weeks or more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one (1) copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the accused member may appear in their own defense and bring witnesses, if desired, or that they may submit the defense, in whole or in part, by an affidavit in writing.

(g) The accused member shall have the right to legal counsel of said member's own choosing.

(h) A majority vote of the Trial Board shall determine and decide all matters before it. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence, testimony or affidavits presented by the complainant and accused member, the Trial Board may suspend the accused member from all privileges of the Club 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 a meeting of members that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the accused member's right

to appear before the next regular meeting of members or any special meeting of members called to consider the Trial Board's recommendation.

(i) Immediately after the members have reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Corresponding Secretary, who, in turn, shall notify the accused member of the decision of the meeting and the action taken.

(j) Except as provided elsewhere in these By-Laws, expulsion of a member may be accomplished only at a meeting of the members and upon the Trial Board's recommendation. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the members which must be held with sixty (60) days, but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the decision of the Trial Board.

(k) Notice shall be sent at least ten (10) days in advance to all members and to the accused member of the date, time and place of the meeting at which any recommendations of the Trial Board shall be considered. The notice shall further set forth the full name of the accused member, the charges preferred and a copy of the findings of the Trial Board and state that the recommendation of the Trial Board is to be acted upon. The accused member shall have the privilege of appearing in said member's own behalf, but no evidence shall be taken at the meeting of the members. The President or Chairman of the meeting shall read the charges and the Trial Board's findings, and invite the accused member if present to speak in said member's own behalf if desired. The meeting shall then vote by written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at such meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Trial Board's suspension shall stand.

Section 2.10 Charges against other GDCA affiliate clubs

Five (5) or more members may prefer charges against another affiliated club by filing such charges together with the required deposit with the parent club in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Great Dane Club of America. The charges may be based upon:

(a) The intentional and unjustified commission or omission of any act which discredits or tends to discredit or otherwise injure the parent club or this or any other affiliated club or the members of the parent club or of this or any other affiliated club, or of the breed, or which tends or may tend to disrupt and disorganize the parent club or this or any other affiliated club or their inter-related activities;

(b) The intentional and unjustified commission or omission of any act inconsistent with the By-Laws of the parent club or of this Club;

(c) The intentional and unjustified conduct or misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the parent club or of this Club or of the breed;

(d) The intentional and unjustified violation of any prescribed rule, regulation or by-law;

(e) The intentional and unjustified violation of any agreement or contract by and between the parent club and this Club.

Article 3. Notices

Section 3.1 Annual meeting (i.e. for electing officers)

Notice of the annual meeting, stating the place, day and hour thereof shall be posted on the Club Web site at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting.

Section 3.2 Regular meetings

(a) Notice of regular meetings of the members, stating the place, day and hour thereof shall be posted on the Club Web site at least fourteen (14) days before such meetings. In addition, notice of all meetings scheduled for the upcoming Club year shall be sent together with annual dues notices, at least fifty (50) days before the dues are payable.

(b) If the date, time or place of a regular meeting of the members shall change after publication of the meeting schedule, the Corresponding Secretary shall cause notice of the updated schedule to be posted on the Club Web site a minimum of seven (7) days before the new meeting date.

Section 3.3 Special meetings

(a) The Corresponding Secretary shall call a special meeting of the members at the written request of the President, a majority of the Board of Directors or twelve (12) members in good standing.

(b) When calling a special meeting of the members, the Corresponding Secretary shall cause notice of the meeting to be sent to the e-mail address of record of all members a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. In the case of members for whom no e-mail address is on file, the Corresponding Secretary shall send notice of the meeting by U.S. Postal Service. The notice shall state the purpose of the special meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted.

Section 3.4 Notices delivered by USPS (a)

A member wishing to receive notices by U.S. Postal Service may submit a written request for such to the Corresponding Secretary one time per year. Within thirty (30) days of receiving such a request, the Corresponding Secretary will honor the request for a term of twelve months, at which time the request shall expire, but the member may again submit such a request.

Section 3.5 Notices delivered by USPS (b)

Whenever sending notices by U.S. Postal Service, the Club shall use First Class postage, prepaid, and the mailing address used shall be the address as it appears in the records of the Club.

Section 3.6 Board meetings

Three (3) days notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each member of the Board of Directors by the Corresponding Secretary or any member or officer. Notice shall be given to all members of the Board of Directors of the time and place of any such adjournment.

Article 4. Meetings

Section 4.1 Notices

The pertinent requirements of Article 3 of these By-Laws shall apply to all meetings.

Section 4.2 Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the members shall be held each year on the regular meeting date in November or any adjournment thereof, and the place shall be determined and announced by the President at the October meeting.

Section 4.3 Regular meetings

All regular meetings of the members shall be held at such place, date and hour as the Board of Directors shall designate, but in any event within the territory assigned to the Club by the Great Dane Club of America. No regular meetings shall be held in July or August.

Section 4.4 Special meetings

All special meetings of the members shall be held at such place as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 4.5 Quorum

At any meeting of the members, twenty percent (20%) of the combined General and Lifetime Partner members must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn any meeting. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of General and Lifetime Partner members present thereat may decide any question brought before such meeting, except as otherwise provided by law or by these By-Laws.

Section 4.6 Voting

At all meetings of the members, each General and Lifetime Partner member shall be entitled to one (1) vote if present, subject to the provisions of Article 2, Section 4 of these By-Laws.

Article 5. Management

Section 5.1 List of officers and directors

The Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors ("the Board"), which shall be comprised of ten (10) members, as follows:

(a) the five (5) officers of the Club (President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer);

(b) the Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America;

(c) the immediate past President of the Club;

(d) three (3) other directors elected from the members eligible to hold office as provided in these By-Laws.

Section 5.2 Board powers

The entire management and control of the property and affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board shall exercise all powers possessed by the Club itself so far as this delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Arizona, with the charter of the Club, or with these By-Laws and its agreements with the Great Dane Club of America, and provided the Board shall at all times coordinate all the affairs of the Club with the program of the Great Dane Club of America and in accordance with all agreements and understandings between the Club and the Great Dane Club of America.

Section 5.3 Board election

Directors and officers shall be elected annually by the General and Lifetime Partner members by written ballot at the annual meeting of the Club and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year, except that the Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, and the immediate past President of the Club shall be a director by virtue of the office previously held, and shall not require election.

Section 5.4 Automatic resignation for non-attendance

Prior to taking office as a Director or Officer, the member shall agree, as a condition of accepting the position, that in the event such Director or Officer fails to attend four (4) or more meetings in any one calendar year, such Director or Officer's resignation from said position shall be automatically submitted to the Board of Directors and the Board shall accept said resignation unless the absences are deemed excused by a majority vote of the Board. The Director or Officer whose resignation is under consideration by the Board shall not have a vote on the matter. Any vacancy arising from such resignation shall be filled pursuant to the provisions of these By-Laws.

Section 5.5 Officer and director votes

On all matters subject to a vote of the Board of Directors, each director and each officer shall be entitled to one (1) vote if present, provided no director or officer shall have a vote on matters concerning discipline or resignation of said director or officer.

Section 5.6 Regular board meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in such place and at such time as the Board may vote to determine.

Section 5.7 Special board meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time or place whenever called by the President or any three (3) members of the Board of Directors. The pertinent requirements of Article 3 of these By-Laws shall apply.

Section 5.8 Notice of board meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time without formal notice, provided all the Directors and Officers both present and not present have waived notice thereof. Such meetings shall be held at such place as the Board of Directors shall designate and at such time and place as the notice thereof or waiver may specify.

Section 5.9 Quorum of board meetings

Six (6) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, but a less number may adjourn any meeting from time to time. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of Directors and Officers present thereat may decide any question brought before such meeting, except as otherwise provided by law or by these By-Laws.

Section 5.10 President

(a) The President when present shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors.

(b) All Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President on or before February 1st of each year. Any such appointment can be overruled by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board of Directors, and the Board's decision shall be final. All Committees not appointed by the President and approved on or before February 1st, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

(c) The President shall be a member of all committees, by virtue of the office.

(d) The President shall perform all duties commonly incident to the office and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate.

(e) No President shall serve three (3) successive years.

Section 5.11 Vice-President

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as are commonly incident to the office and have such other powers and duties as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 5.12 Recording secretary

The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the members, and of the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose, which books shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of any member. In the absence of the Recording Secretary from any such meeting, a Recording Secretary pro tempore shall be chosen who shall record the proceedings of such meetings in the aforesaid books.

Section 5.13 Corresponding secretary

The Corresponding Secretary shall perform the duties assigned to the office in these By-Laws, and shall have such other powers as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 5.14 Treasurer

(a) The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the funds of the Club and shall have and exercise under the supervision of the Board of Directors all the powers and duties commonly incident to the office.

(b) The Treasurer shall pay all bills in a timely manner provided all the following:

1. A document describing what is being paid;
2. Proof of performance;
3. Authorization or pre-authorization from the officer, director or committee chairperson responsible for approving the bill, according to such policies as the Board of Directors shall establish and maintain.

(c) The Treasurer shall collect dues, pledges, and all outstanding fees and debts owed to the Club.

(d) The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all of the Club's financial records. All records shall be retained for the period of time required by the Internal Revenue Service.

(e) The Treasurer shall perform such other duties and have such powers as the Board of Directors shall designate.

Section 5.15 GDCA delegate

(a) The Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America shall represent the Club at all meetings of the Delegates of the Great Dane Club of America and shall act as the correspondent between this Club and the parent club.

(b) The Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years or until a successor is approved by the Great Dane Club of America.

(c) The Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America shall be the Club's sole attorney and agent to act for and in behalf of the Club in applying to the American Kennel Club for a license to hold a show, which appointment shall be irrevocable.

Section 5.16 Standing committees

(a) The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees as prescribed in Section 10 of the present article:

1. Judges Committee
2. Fundraising Committee
3. Membership Committee
4. Trophy Committee
5. Show Committee
6. Media and Publications Committee
7. Budget and Auditing Committee
8. Match Show Committee
9. Education Committee
10. Performance Events Committee

(b) The President shall, by virtue of the office, be a member of all Committees.

(c) The Membership Committee shall have at least three members.

Section 5.17 Board vacancies

Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors or among the officers shall be filled until the next election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board of Directors, except that a vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of the Vice-President shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.18 Board nominations

(a) The Board of Directors shall each year on or before September 1st designate a Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) members, at least two (2) of whom shall not be an officer or a director standing for re-election.

(b) Immediately following the Board's appointment of a new Nominating Committee, the Corresponding Secretary shall forthwith notify in writing the members of the Nominating Committee of their appointment.

(c) Following notification of appointment, the Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for Directors and Officers for election at the next annual meeting of the Club.

(d) Every two (2) years the Nominating Committee shall nominate a Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America for election for a term of two (2) years.

(e) The Nominating Committee shall meet before the September meeting of the year in which they are appointed, make their selection of candidates from among those General and Lifetime Partner members who have attended or will by the annual meeting have attended at least four (4) regular meetings as a member during the year, and report their nominations in writing to the Corresponding Secretary at the September meeting.

(f) The Corresponding Secretary shall read the list of nominees at the September meeting and shall, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the October meeting, cause the list of nominees to be published on the Club Web site. At least seven (7) days prior to the October meeting, the Corresponding Secretary shall also cause the same list to be sent via e-mail to all members who have an e-mail address in the records of the Club.

(g) Any General or Lifetime Partner member in good standing whose name does not appear upon the list so selected by said Committee and who has attended or will by the annual meeting have attended at least four (4) regular meetings as a member during the year, shall be eligible for election if and only if said member's name is endorsed in writing by at least five (5) other members in good standing in the Club and sent by registered mail or delivered to the Corresponding Secretary on or before the October meeting, in which event it shall be the duty of said Secretary, and said Secretary shall on or before November 10th of the same year, notify each member of the name or names of the candidate or candidates so nominated or proposed.

(h) No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the Club unless there shall appear to be an insufficient number of candidates to fill all vacancies.

Section 5.19 Records

The club at all times shall have its books and records available and open to the inspection of any Officer or duly appointed representative of the Great Dane Club of America and shall annually on February 1st forward to the Secretary of the parent club:

(a) A complete list of the Officers, Directors, Committees and Trial Board;

(b) A complete list of members together with their home addresses;

(c) Upon request, a complete certified copy of the minutes of any meeting or meetings.

Article 6. Territory and affiliation

Section 6.1 Submission to authority of GDCA on territory

The club shall adopt the territorial boundaries granted or assigned to it by the Great Dane Club of America and will accept realignment or re-assignment of territorial boundaries as may be established by the parent club.

Section 6.2 Submission to authority of GDCA on rules

During affiliation the Club, its officers and members, shall abide by such restrictions, rules or regulations as the parent club may prescribe from time to time as a condition precedent to continued affiliation, provided such restrictions, rules or regulations shall wherever required be approved by the American Kennel Club.

Section 6.3 Binding agreements

During affiliation the Club, its officers and members, shall be bound by such agreements or contracts (including its application for membership) as may be entered into by and between the Club and the Great Dane Club of America as a condition to affiliation or as a basis of continued affiliation.

Section 6.4 Loss of affiliation

In event affiliation with the Great Dane Club of America ceases and/or is terminated for any reason the Club shall delete the words "Great Dane" from its name and shall thereafter discontinue holding Great Dane specialty shows.

Article 7. Specialty show

The club shall, whenever possible, hold a Great Dane Specialty Championship Show, provided it shall first obtain from the Great Dane Club of America consent in writing to apply for and to hold such a show. No such show shall be held either during or after affiliation with the Great Dane Club of America except by and with such consent in writing.

Article 8. Dissolution

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor 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 9. Construction

The Constitution and By-Laws shall be construed by the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final and binding on all members of the Club.

Article 10. Amendments

These By-Laws may be repealed, altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing present, provided that detailed notice of such proposed repeal, alteration or amendment shall have been given to all members, in person, by e-mail or by U.S. Postal Service (First Class postage prepaid) and sent at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. The pertinent requirements of Article 3 of these By-Laws shall apply. Only such amendments as detailed in the "Notice of Intent to Amend" may be discussed and/or voted upon at such meeting; provided, however, additional amendments or changes may be proposed by motion from the floor if related to the substance of an amendment or alteration described in the "Notice of Intent to Amend."