

# CONSTITUTION

Section 1     **Name.** The name of the organization (herein after called the “Club”) shall be the Great Lakes Alaskan Malamute Club.

Section 2     **Objectives.** The objectives of the Club shall be:

- (a) To protect and advance the interests of the Alaskan Malamute and the Alaskan Malamute fancy by encouraging working dog competitions as well as sportsmanlike competition at all dog functions.
- (b) To conduct sanctioned matches, conformation specialty shows, weight pulls, obedience trials and events for working dog titles under the rules of the American Kennel Club and the Alaskan Malamute Club of America.
- (c) To educate the public with regard to proper care and maintenance, training, showing, working and breeding of the Alaskan Malamute.

Section 3     **Intent and Purpose.**

- (a) It is the intent and purpose of the Club to be organized and operated exclusively for the pursuit and attainment of the objectives in Section 2 and not for any monetary gain or profit to the members. Whatever property, real and/or personal or an income the Club may accrue, shall be held and utilized only for the objects and purpose of the Club.

# BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I

### Membership

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the interested fanciers of the Alaskan Malamute in its immediate area.

#### Section 1

**Eligibility.** There shall be three types of membership as follows:

- (a) Family Membership – open to all families and their children under 18 years of age and who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose of the Club. Members under 18 will not have voting privileges.
- (b) Individual Membership – open to all persons 18 years of age or older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purpose of the Club.
- (c) Honorary Membership – can be bestowed by the Board of Directors on any deserving person if that person willingly accepts it and two Club members approve it. Honorary members may not hold any office or be a member of the Board of Directors and have no voting privileges.
- (d) A person can apply for membership by completing an Application for Membership form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club, as well as all the rules of the American Kennel Club. A copy of this Constitution and By-Laws shall be given to prospective members along with the application form. Accompanying the completed application, the prospective member shall also submit dues and initiation fee as set forth by the membership. The membership shall be informed of all new applicants in the newsletter.

#### Section 2

##### **Dues**

- (a) The membership application form, annual dues and initiation fees shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority of members present at a regular Board meeting.
- (b) A statement of dues payable and membership renewal form, for the ensuing year, will be provided in the newsletter at least one month prior to the due date. Renewal forms and dues shall be returned to the Treasurer postmarked by March 31 of the current year.
- (c) Dues and membership renewal will be due January 31 of each year. Partial year membership will be prorated.

#### Section 3

**Termination of Membership.** Memberships may be terminated by:

- (a) Resignation – Written notice is necessary to the Correspondence Secretary.

- (b) Lapsing – If dues are not paid within 60 days after January 31 of each year.
- (c) Expulsion – A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided by Article VI of these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE II

### Meetings and Voting

- Section 1      **Club Meetings.** There will be at least 2 annual Club meetings held in a centralized location to the majority of the membership, or in conjunction with an AKC show where many members are able to meet. Membership will be notified of when and where the meetings will be held at least 2 months prior to the meeting. Interim meetings will be conducted by other means such as using the internet, when possible.
  
- Section 2      **Board Meetings.** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in a centralized location to the Board members or by Internet, once per quarter at such an hour and place or way as may be designated by the Board. The quorum for Board meetings shall be a majority vote of the Board members.
  
- Section 3      **Voting.** Each adult member in good standing, whose dues and obligations are paid for the current year, will be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he or she is present or participates in. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election.

## ARTICLE III

### Directors and Officers

- Section 1      **Board of Directors.** The management of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which will consist of the office of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and Treasurer. Initially, the Board of Directors will serve two-year term. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. The President shall be Chairman of the Board and ex-officio member of all committees. Elections will be held in the fourth quarter for all offices for the following year.
  - (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of the President in addition to these particularly specified in these By-Laws.

- (b) The Vice President shall oversee and organize all working committees and shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the event of the President's death, incapacity or absence.
- (c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and Board and all matters of which the Club shall order a record.
- (d) The Correspondence Secretary shall keep a roll of the members of the Club and current demographics of each member, and carry out such duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws as well as conduct the general correspondence of the Club.
- (e) Treasurer shall collect, receive and dispense all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall have the books open to inspection by the Board at all times and shall report to the Board at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not previously reported. The Club's monies shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board in the name of the Club. At the Annual Meeting in the first quarter of each year, an account of all assets and expenses from the previous fiscal year shall be given. The President will also be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer. All bills shall be paid by check except bills small enough to be paid out of petty cash.

Section 2 **Vacancies.** Any vacancies occurring on the Board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy. Missing three consecutive meetings or seven meetings in a year, will be considered an automatic vacancy for the Board position unless the Board members deem the missed meetings were beyond the persons control (i.e. illness, family emergency, accident, etc.). The Board will make the final decision as to whether it would benefit the Club to retain this member as a Board member.

## ARTICLE IV

### Club year, election meeting, nomination, elections, AKC Delegate

Section 1 **Club Year.** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of February and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January.

Section 2 **Election Meeting.** The election meeting shall be held in the fourth quarter of the calendar year, at which time the directors for the ensuing term shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 3 of this article. The elected candidates will take office beginning immediately following the election meeting. The retiring officers shall turn over all properties, works in progress, and records relating to that office to the newly elected officer at that time.

Section 3

**Elections.**

- (a) No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated.
- (b) Election voting will be held at the annual election meeting. Votes will consist of those members present and any requested and received absentee ballots.
- (c) One vote per member.
- (d) The recording secretary shall call roll of all members in good standing and from this roll plus the number of absentee ballots received by the corresponding secretary at least 24 hours prior to the election the number of legal ballots will be determined.
- (e) Voting will be done by secret ballots.
- (f) Ballots shall be counted and collected by one Board member and two regular members.
- (g) If there is only one name for any vacancy, the nominee shall be declared elected by the presiding officer.
- (h) In the case of a tie, another ballot shall be taken to determine which of the tied members shall be elected.
- (i) Acceptance of nomination must be presented to the Board in person or in writing prior to the actual vote.
- (j) Nominations will be accepted up to the time of the vote.
- (k) If one desires Absentee Ballots for officer elections a written request (either hard copy or email) shall be submitted to the correspondence secretary no later than 60 calendar days prior to the election meeting. The correspondence secretary must receive completed absentee ballots at least 48 hours prior to the election meeting. Note: Absentee voters will not be aware of any accepted nominations from the floor the day of the election meeting.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1

The President, with the approval of the Board, may appoint Standing Committees each year that will advance the work of the Club's objectives, intent and purpose.

## ARTICLE VI

### Discipline

- Section 1 Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club will automatically be suspended from the privileges of the Club for a like period.
- Section 2 Three (3) misconducts, not in the best interest of the Club, will result in expulsion from the Club.
- (a) Misconducts will be considered by a majority vote of members.
  - (b) Expulsion is lifetime expulsion.

## ARTICLE VII

### Amendments

- Section 1 Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by any member in good standing with the following conditions:
- (a) The motion must be presented to the BOD along with a petition of 25% of the membership showing that they believe the motion has enough merit to be presented to the club members for a vote.
  - (b) After approval from the BOD the motion will be presented to the membership for a vote.
  - (c) The vote may take place at a membership meeting or by e-mail/facsimile vote.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Dissolution

- Section 1 The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than 75% of the members in good standing. All voting members will be provided 30 days notice of intent to disband.

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club, nor any proceeds or assets shall be distributed to any members of the Club. After payment of any indebtedness the Club may have, any property and assets left shall be given to an Alaskan Malamute Rescue organization, selected by the current Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IX

### Order of Business

Section 1 Regular meetings of the Club shall be conducted so far as the nature and character of the meeting may permit as follows:

Attendance  
Briefing of the last meeting minutes  
Minutes of the Board  
Report from the President  
Report from the Treasurer  
Report from the Correspondence Secretary  
Introduction of guests, new members and/or member applicants  
Report of Committees  
Elections  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Adjournment

Section 2 At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, will be the same as that of a regular Club meeting.

Section 3 Unless specifically provided for in these By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order will govern all meetings.

### **GLAMC Code of Ethics**

The members of the Great Lakes Alaskan Malamute Club (GLAMC) shall accept the Code of Ethics adopted by the Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc. In addition, the following is also adopted by the GLAMC:

1. Members shall work toward the improvement of the Alaskan Malamute and that which is good for the welfare of the GLAMC. Conduct that is detrimental to these goals could result in suspension or expulsion from the GLAMC.
2. All members with full membership shall be accorded equal status in expressing opinions, making motions, noting issues and receiving the benefits of the Club membership.
3. Members shall work to educate others about responsible ownership and improvement of the Alaskan Malamute.

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