

# Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Changes

## ***Article II, Membership***

### **SECTION 2**

#### *Currently reads:*

Dues. Membership dues shall be \$15.00 per year for an individual, and \$25.00 per year for a family membership, payable on or before the first day of May of each year. No members may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of April, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year.

#### *Proposed:*

Dues. Membership dues shall be \$15.00 per year for an individual, and \$25.00 per year for a family membership (a maximum of two adults, over 18, residing at the same address, and minors under their guardianship), payable on or before the first day of May of each year. Dues shall be pro-rated at the rate of \$1.50 per each month or partial month for an individual or \$2.00 per month for a family membership if a member joins after November 1 of the business year. No members may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. The Secretary shall ensure that members are given sufficient reminders that dues are due, and maintain the official list of paid and current members.

### **SECTION 3**

#### *Currently Reads:*

Election of Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members. Accompanying the application, the prospective members shall submit dues payment for the current year.

#### *Proposed:*

Election of Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant, and it shall carry the endorsement of one member. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year to the club Secretary. Also accompanying the application will be the rules regulating use of the Club's Leased Training Grounds. This also must be signed and returned.

Proposed New Section 4.

Section 4. Qualifying Members. Members in good standing (dues current) may become Qualifying Members. Qualifying Member shall be defined by Amendment 1. The Board of Directors shall, on an annual basis, determine what, if any, special activities that may be available to Qualifying Members. Qualification status for each member shall be reviewed on an annual basis as outlined in Amendment 1, in coordination with the Club year as defined in Article V, Section 1.

Current Section 4 (Termination of Membership) would become Section 5.

**Article III, Meetings and Voting**

**SECTION 2**

Currently reads:

Special Club Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board' and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meetings shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the cities of Bryan-College Station, TX at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted therein. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

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**SECTION 3**

Currently Reads:

Special Board Meetings. Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request

signed by at least three members of the Board. Such special meeting shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the cities of Bryan-College Station, Texas, at such a place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least 3 days and not more than 5 days prior to the dates of the meeting. Any such notice shall give the purpose of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Proposed:

Special Board Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, or shall be called by the Secretary upon request by a member of the Board. Such meeting shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the cities of Bryan-College Station, Texas, at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such meeting shall be given (by U.S. Mail, e-mail, fax, telephone, or other available means) by the secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

## **Article IV, Directors and Officers**

### **SECTION 2**

Currently Reads:

Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

Proposed:

Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings. Only Qualified Members shall be eligible to be Officers in the Club. However, two members of the same "Family Membership" cannot both serve simultaneously as Officers.

## **Article V, The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections**

### **SECTION 1**

Currently Reads:

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December. The Club's official year shall begin immediately following the

conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

Proposed:

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of May and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of April. The Club's official year shall begin immediately following the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

**SECTION 2**

Currently Reads:

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December, at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected, by secret, written ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 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 properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

Proposed:

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of May, at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. Election shall be by secret, written ballot, if there is more than one nominee for any Officer position, or more than 5 nominees for Directors' positions. Election may be by show of hands or acclamation if there is only one nominee for each position.

**SECTION 4**

Currently Reads:

Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of August, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of who shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting on or before November 1.

Proposed:

Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of March, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, and not more than one

of each category shall be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a committee meeting on or before April 1.

**Section 4, paragraph a**

Currently Reads:

The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and five (5) candidates for the five (5) other positions on the Board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

Proposed:

The committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office and at least five (5) candidates for the five (5) other positions on the Board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

## ***Proposed Amendment***

### Qualifying Members

Qualifying Members of the Bryan-College Station Retriever Club will be eligible to serve as an Officer of the Club. They may also be entitled to certain privileges, both the availability and the nature of which will be determined on an annual basis by the Board of Directors.

Qualification status of members will be verified by the Board of Directors, and looked at on an annual basis, coinciding with the Club year as defined in Section V, Article 1.

Factors used to determine qualification will be as follows:

1. Member in Good standing (dues current)
2. Work at 60% of the days of BCSRC Sponsored Hunting Tests. "Work" shall be defined as:
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Marshall
  - d. Head Marshall
  - e. Game Steward
  - f. Lunch duty
  - g. Judge
  - h. Cook
  - i. Gunner
  - j. Blind planter
  - k. Bird thrower
  - l. Gopher
  - m. Headquarters Duty

"Day" shall be defined as more than 5 hours (assuming a 12-hour day) at the actual test site, executing actual responsibilities. While running a dog in the event is encouraged, one may not maintain "qualifying" status if one does not also participate in the above activities.

It will be the responsibility of the Hunting Test Chairman to maintain or delegate maintenance of a list of club members and their actual responsibilities on each day of the test.

The Hunting Test Committee, at the request of the concerned member, may address extenuating circumstances or disputes, regarding time worked at a test.

## Training Grounds Rules

The Bryan-College Station Retriever Club has the great privilege of leasing land on an annual basis to provide training grounds for our members. We expect our club members to treat this land with the greatest amount of respect and responsibility. Any actions contrary to that may cause the club to lose this privilege.

Members will sign a contract stating they will abide by these rules. If a club member is found by the Board to be in violation of the rules, then their privileges, use of the training ground, and/or membership will be forfeited. The Sheriff's department in jurisdiction will be sent the names, vehicle type and license plates of members whose privileges have been revoked. They will be considered trespassers.

1. Only Qualifying Members may use the Club Training Grounds. See Amendment 1 to the By-Laws and Constitution.
2. Leave the property cleaner than you found it. Pick up all shotgun hulls and other trash – even if they are not yours.
3. Do not harass livestock, and under no circumstances let your dog chase cattle. If your dog is a cow chaser, do not bring it to the training grounds until you have corrected the problem.
4. Do not cross any boundary fences into other property. DO NOT trespass.
5. The individual member is responsible for any damage done to fences gates or other property by him, his dog, or his invited guest
6. Helpers who are non-members may be invited to assist in training, but no more than two at a time. If an immediate family member (of an individual member) is not a member, then they will not be counted as a non-member guest.
7. Migratory bird hunting, if permitted by the landowner, is allowed, only during the state and federal seasons. No other hunting will be allowed.
8. Stay on roads during wet weather and try to keep from driving off roads as much as possible during other times.
9. If you see anything unusual, such as a sick cow, down fence or gate, unauthorized people on the land, immediately contact a Board member.

New members will be allowed to use the training grounds until such a time as they can become qualified. This should help encourage new members to reach a qualified status.