



BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER CLUB OF CANADA (BRTCC)

CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER 1

SECTION 1 - NAME The name of the club shall be the Black Russian Terrier Club of Canada

SECTION 2 - AFFILIATION The BRTCC will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club (hereinafter referred to as CKC). The BRTCC shall work in cooperation with regional clubs and organizations devoted to the objectives of the BRTCC.

SECTION 3 - PURPOSE The purpose of the BRTCC is to:

- A) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding pure breed Black Russian Terriers and, as possible, to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- B) Urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the CKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Black Russian Terrier shall be judged;
- C) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsman-like competition at dog shows, obedience trials and working trials;
- D) Conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials and working trials under the rules of the CKC for competition and public interest;
- E) Educate the public as to the nature of the Black Russian Terrier and benefits of pure-breed dogs;
- F) Encourage and advise owners, breeders and interested persons in furthering their knowledge and appreciation of the breed through education programs;
- G) To publish literature in the interest and education of the Black Russian Terrier;

SECTION 4 - NON-PROFIT The BRTCC shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainders or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual. The BRTCC shall be operated as a non-profit organization. Any monies generated through dues, donations or other means shall be used to further the BRTCC's objectives.

SECTION 5 - REVISION OF CONSTITUTION The members of the BRTCC shall adopt and may from time to time revise this Constitution as may be required to carry out these objectives. Changes will follow the same process as the revision of the BRTCC Bylaws as described in article 8.

SECTION 6 - FISCAL YEAR The BRTCC's fiscal year shall begin on the first (1st) day of January and end the thirty-first (31st) day of December of each year.



SECTION 7 - AREA OF OPERATION The area of operation of the BRTCC shall be the country of Canada.

CHAPTER 2 BY-LAWS

By-law to provide generally for the conduct of the business and affairs of the Black Russian Terrier Club of Canada (hereinafter referred to as the BRTCC).

ARTICLE 1 - POWER

In the case of any dispute or matter concerning membership or BRTCC business, the By-Laws and the official records of the BRTCC shall be final and conclusive evidence of the commencement or termination date of membership and the right to use or benefit from the BRTCC's services and privileges.

ARTICLE 2 - INTERPRETATION

As used in this By-law the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- a) "Annual meeting" means the Annual meeting of the members of the BRTCC;
- b) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the BRTCC;
- c) "Club" means the BRTCC;
- d) "Club Meeting" shall mean the annual meeting for the members or a General meeting of the Club as the case may be;
- e) "Director" means any person holding an elected position (i.e., President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Regional Director) of the Club;
- f) "Member" means any person who is a member in good standing with the BRTCC and conforms to the code of ethics and objectives.

In this By-law, and in all other policies of the BRTCC hereafter passed:

- a) words importing the singular gender shall include the plural gender and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires;
- b) words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires;
- c) persons shall include firms, corporations and incorporated associations.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - CLASSIFICATION Regular members are any persons eighteen (18) years of age, who are in good standing with the CKC or follow the rules and regulations of such governing registry body and who subscribe to purposes, objective and the code of ethics of the BRTCC.

A member shall be provided with information and receive all privileges provided by the BRTCC and, when in good standing, shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at BRTCC meetings and hold office if elected.

SECTION 2 - DUES - Dues for the fiscal year shall be set by the Board of Directors. Regular members' dues for the current year are \$50 for single and \$5 for additional family member. Dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January. No member whose dues are not paid for the current year may vote in any BRTCC matter. If a new member applies after the first day of September, the membership dues will apply for the following year.

SECTION 3 - APPLICATION Completed application form for membership shall be submitted on the application form so provided by the BRTCC. Accompanying the application must be the dues payable for the current year. With the application form he/she agrees to abide by the BRTCC's Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics and the rules of the CKC. Membership is personal and may not be transferred.



SECTION 4 - SELECTION The name(s) of the applicant(s) shall be published in the BRTCC Newsletter as soon as possible after the receipt of the application. The applicant(s) will receive a letter granting him/her all privileges of the BRTCC, except the right to vote.

Thirty (30) days following the publication of the Newsletter in which the name of the applicant(s) is listed, the applicant will then be granted the right to vote, provided no written objection has been filed. If an objection has been filed, a hold will be placed on such a person's application pending expeditious investigation and a report will be submitted within forty-five (45) days to the Board of Directors by the Membership Chairperson, for appropriate action by the Board.

SECTION 5 - NOTIFICATION

A letter will be sent to the applicant from the Secretary indicating acceptance or rejection of his/her application. In case of rejection, all monies submitted with application will be returned in full.

SECTION 6 - MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING Members in good standing are those that:

A) are not suspended by the BRTCC or the CKC; B) have paid all current dues.

SECTION 7 - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP - Membership may be terminated by:

A) resignation - any member in good standing may resign from the BRTCC upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign while in debt to the BRTCC. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year;

B) lapsing - a membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if the member's dues remain unpaid on the first (1) day of March (90) days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, if the Secretary receives the unpaid dues plus a penalty of half (1/2) the dues not later than August 31, the member will be reinstated immediately. The Board may grant an additional 60 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting;

C) expulsion - a membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 6 of these ByLaws.

SECTION 8 - EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the BRTCC from whatever source derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objectives of the BRTCC and no part thereof may be available directly or indirectly as profit or gain to any member of the BRTCC past, present or future, or to any person claiming through any member.

CHAPTER 3: MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The annual general meeting for the BRTCC shall be held at a place, dates and hour designated by the Board of Directors. It will be held in conjunction with the BRTCC's specialty show, if possible. The Secretary shall mail written notice of the annual meeting to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. At the annual general meeting there is to be complete reports of the affairs of the BRTCC and a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, as well as the asset and liabilities of the BRTCC as that the members may be fully informed of the financial status of the BRTCC.

SECTION 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS Special meetings of the BRTCC may be called by the President, or the majority vote of the Board of Directors, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at such place; the Board of Directors may designate date and hour as. The Secretary shall mail written notice of such meeting at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and not other Club business may be transacted.



SECTION 3 - NOTICES Whenever any notice is required to be given to a member, director or officer, such notice, unless otherwise provided by the By-law, may be given orally, telephoned, delivered personally, electronically communicated or inserted in any publication circulated to such member. If such notice is mailed, the same will be given if deposited in a post office or public letter box in a postage paid envelope addressed to the member at such person's last address as recorded in the books of the Club. The accidental omission to give notice to any member, or the non-receipt of notice, or any error in a notice not affecting the substance thereof, shall not invalidate action taken at a meeting held pursuant to such notice or otherwise founded thereon.

SECTION 4 - QUORUM Ten percent (10%) of members entitled to vote at any meeting, (excluding Board Meetings) shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5 - BOARD MEETING The first meeting of the Board shall be held immediately following the election. Meetings of the Board shall be held at such dates, times and places as are designated by the Board, or may be called by the President, or any three members thereof. The Secretary shall mail written notice of each meeting to each member of the Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting. Quorum for the Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board voting in person, by mail, Fax, Electronic-mail or Telephone.

SECTION 6 - ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall govern meetings of the BRTCC and BOARD, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.

SECTION 7 - VOTING RIGHTS Each member is allowed on vote at any meeting or election provided that:

- A) he/she is member in good standing, and
- B) must be present at the meeting; no proxy voting will be allowed.

The exception is the annual election of Officers (Delegate) and Directors and amendments to the Club's Constitution and Bylaws (and the standard to the breed), which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. No proxy voting shall be allowed. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail or in a manner determined by the Board.

SECTION 8 - ORDER OF BUSINESS Each meeting will be conducted as follows:

- 1) Roll call
- 2) Reading of the last minutes of the General Meeting
- 3) Reading of the last minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
- 4) President's report
- 5) Correspondence / Secretary Report
- 6) Treasurer's report
- 7) Report of the Committee Heads
- 8) General Business (Unfinished & New) 9) Elections (if necessary)
- 10) Adjournment

SECTION 9 - VOTING At all meeting of the BRTCC and the Board, unless otherwise herein provided, a majority vote shall prevail. The chairperson of any general meeting shall not vote except in the case of a tie in which case he/she shall have the casting vote.

SECTION 10 - MINUTES As soon as possible following each meeting of the BRTCC or the Board, there shall be published the decisions reached by the members or board. The minutes will be sent to all members within a reasonable amount of time.



CHAPTER 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - OFFICIALS The Board of Directors shall be comprised of:

President

Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

Minimum of four (4) Regional Directors.

The term of office for directors is two (2) years from the date of election. All persons must be residents of Canada and be members of the BRTCC and CKC, and in good standing with those organizations throughout their term of office.

SECTION 2 - POWERS OF THE BOARD The Board shall have the general management of the BRTCC affairs and ensure that there is effective communications among the members of the Club. No member, even though an officer or director, shall be entitled to incur any expense or obligation on behalf of the BRTCC or in connection therewith. No person acting as a Board member shall receive any remuneration for his or her services. The Board shall have the power to authorize, as deemed necessary, to an officer or officers of the BRTCC the authority to hire, employ and pay salaries to employees. Such persons shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board at the time of such appointment.

The Board shall also approve the rights and services of membership and approve the annual membership fee.

SECTION 3 - RESPONSIBILITY No director of the BRTCC shall be held liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other director, nor for joining in any receipt or other act for conformity, not for any loss or expense happening to the Club through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired for or on behalf of the Club, nor for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of the Club may be invested, nor for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or in an act or omission of any person with whom any of the monies, securities or effects of the Club may be deposited, nor for any loss occasioned by any error of judgment or oversight on such director's part, nor for any other loss, damage, or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of duties of such director's office, or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen through such director's own dishonesty.

SECTION 4 - VACANCIES Any vacancy occurring on the Board or among the officers shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining Board members except for the vacancy President shall be automatically filled by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of the Vice-President shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board. Any officer who is suspended, deprived, debarred, expelled or terminated from the privileges of membership of the BRTCC or CKC is required to resign the office held forthwith and, failing such resignation, the Board may vote the office vacant by majority vote.

SECTION 5 - DUTIES The individual Officers and Directors of the BRTCC shall have such further duties and powers as may be delegated to them by the Board providing the said duties and powers are not contrary to the provision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the BRTCC. The general duties include:

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside as Chairperson at all meeting of the BRTCC and the Board. He/she shall ensure that all meetings run smoothly and are conducted in mannerly fashion. He/she has the power to call special meetings of the Board. No member may call a meeting of the BRTCC without the consent of the President or his/her designate. The President shall be a member of all committees designated by the Board. Subject to the direction of the Board, the President shall manage the operations of the Club, sign such documents as may require his/her signature in accordance with the Bylaws of the BRTCC or otherwise perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board, and regularly report to the Board on all phases of the management and operations of the Club.



VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the event of the President's absence, incapacity or death. He/she shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

SECRETARY: He/she shall keep a record of all meeting, a record of attendance at every meeting of the BRTCC and the Board of Directors. Also a record of all votes taken by mail and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club; notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, and notify officers and Directors of their election to office. He/she shall be in charge of all correspondence of the Directors of their election to office. He/she shall be in charge of all correspondence of the BRTCC, keep a complete membership list, with addresses, and any other duties assigned by the Board and these Bylaws. No petty cash will be kept but will submit receipts fore expense to the Treasurer for reimbursement. He/she shall be custodian of the seal of the BRTCC.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the BRTCC and shall deposit the same in the bank account designated by the Board in the name of the BRTCC. He/she shall payout of the funds on hand all debts of the BRTCC by means of cheques counter-signed by the and expenditures for that month. These shall be in legal binding and shall be open at times to the inspection to the Board. He/she shall prepare a year-end financial statement for the annual meeting and shall surrender the books for audit every year.

DIRECTORS: Regional Directors from the four (5) regions including: British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. Each person must live in the area in which they represent. The Board of Directors prior to the election will decide upon the number of directors from each area. The number decided is in relation to the percentage of members from each zone in proportion to the BRTCC's national membership. No more than three (3) directors will be drawn from each zone. If a Regional Director position is not filled by nomination and election, the Board will appoint person(s) for that position. The Directors will oversee the proceedings of the BRTCC and that the entire club is functioning in a productive manner.

Should any director take up residence in any province other than the province or aggregation of provinces he/she was elected to represent, the Board may declare vacant the office held by such director and may appoint a member entitled to vote to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 6 - REGIONAL CLUB LIAISONS One person shall be appointed from each regional Black Russian Terrier Club to keep all clubs updated on activities of each club. Each will serve on the Board as a voting member of the Board.

SECTION 7 - VIOLATIONS OF DUTY The Board shall have full power to remove any Board appointment for violation of duty by a majority vote of the Board upon written notice to the appointee. The Board may then appoint successors to such vacancies.

SECTION 8 - CONDUCTING BUSINESS The Board of directors may conduct its business by mail, Fax, E-mail or telephone conference call through the Secretary. Items voted upon by telephone conference call must be confirmed in writing within 7 days.

SECTION 9 - OFFICIAL YEAR The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election and shall continue through the next election. The election officers and directors shall take office on the first day of the month following the election and each returning officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 10 - CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the BRTCC shall be signed by two of the executive members including the President, vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer. The Board shall have the power, from time to time, to appoint an officer or officers of the BRTCC either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing generally or to sing specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing as aforesaid or by any officer or officers appointed by resolution of the Board of the BRTCC.

SECTION II - FIDELITY The Board may require any director, officer or associate of the Club to give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such form and with such surety or sureties as the Board may from time to time prescribe and unless otherwise provided, the person holding the office of Treasurer shall furnish a surety bond or equivalent acceptable to the Board all at the expense of the Club.

CHAPTER 5:



PROCEDURES

The names and office held by each member must be reported annually to the CKC when renewing together with a copy of any changes to the current constitution and/or bylaws of the BRTCC. Also, the BRTCC is to report any educational projects that have been undertaken in the previous year.

CHAPTER 6: COMMITTEES

SECTION I - APPOINTMENT The Board may appoint standing or special committees, as it may be deemed desirable, to advance the work of the BRTCC. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board and the chairperson shall be appointed annually. Special committees may be also appointed by the Board to aid it in particular projects. Such committees include:

A) The Show committee will be directly in charge of and responsible for all phases of the BRTCC's specialty show. He/she may appoint committee person(s) as chairperson (conformation & obedience), publicity, properties, hospitality, etc.

B) Newsletter shall be responsible for collecting information and advertising, publishing and distributing info to all BRTCC members. The newsletter will endeavour to cover activities within the club, member's news, interesting articles pertaining to dogs (Black Russian Terriers in general) and any other items he/she deems worthy. A newsletter, and updated current club events will be emailed to all members at least 2 times a year, as well as supplying the website manager with all update information for the BRTCC site.

ALL committee members must submit all activity info for site posting on a quarterly basis

C) Public Education is responsible to inform the public and interested persons of information relating to the breed and reputable breeders.

D) Breed Research and development is responsible to inform judges and upcoming judges about the breed. Projects may include studies about the breed and an illustrated standard. He/she will also be responsible for answering questions in regard to the standard., keep up-to-date

With information in breeding trends ,and breed-lines Nationally and internationally, as well as submit a "breed lines" column once yearly

To the Newsletter committee .

E) Membership shall be responsible for upkeep and distribution of application forms.

He/she shall bring completed applications to the attention of the Board and general membership for approval.

He/she shall keep a complete membership list and updated whenever necessary. He/she will send out membership cards and renewal notifications.

F) Health- Is responsible for keeping up-to date and educating owners/breeders on all health related issues with the BRT .

He/she shall be responsible for organizing and holding health clinics (health, thyroid, dysplasia), and health seminars

G) Web Site Manager is responsible for setting up and the upkeep of the BRTCC official website.

H) Fund Raising Committee is charged with developing additional ideas and strategies for raising money for the club. Raffle and auctions can be coordinated with additional club events—Picnic, Shows etc... The fund raising committee works closely with the Club treasurer to

Easily coordinate additional monies amongst club activities.

I) Training/Handling is responsible to encourage members and to help coordinate events such as grooming seminars, fun day matches, handling clinics, tracking tests & clinics, temperament tests, agility, sledding, carting, , etc. Also, to encourage members and regional directors to hold boosters for the BRT at shows.

J) Awards are responsible to establish membership benefits and to oversee any award programs established by the BRTCC. He/she will collect information, print and distribute "Club Champion" certificates to qualifying dogs, as well as work closely with the Show committee to order and develop awards for all shows.

K) Advertising/Catalogue is responsible for organizing/marketing of any retail goods related to the BRTCC ie—T-shirts, Mugs, hats etc..

L) Audio/Photography/Video shall be responsible for any – Media related content acquired from shows, Seminars, which will assist in breed awareness, advertising, and the BRTCC club website.

M) Picnic-Is responsible for a once yearly BRTCC fund-raising breed awareness event geared towards the general public .

This event would involve fun outdoor activities i.e.: carnival games, Picnic/BBQ's, Breed Information etc..



SECTION 2 - TERMINATION Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

CHAPTER 7: ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 - CANDIDATES Any regular member in good standing may be eligible for nomination for any office, subject to the provisions contained in these By-Laws. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these bylaws, or in any manner other than as provided below. Any candidate for re-election, whether to the same or any other position on the Board, during the previous calendar year must have attended at least half of the meetings of the Board.

SECTION 2 - the secretary will mail NOMINATION BALLOTS Nomination ballots to every member in good standing by the (1st) day of August on odd years. All nominees will be contacted and the acceptance to stand for election will be returned in writing. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position. Nomination ballots will be due back the first (1st) day of October and a list of nominated persons is to be printed the Fall newsletter.

SECTION 3 - ELECTIONS Election ballots of standing parties will be mailed by the Secretary to every member in good standing the fifteenth (15th) day of November. The listing of all nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the provinces in which they reside. Biographical information on each candidate shall accompany the ballot and include such information as residence background as submitted by the nominees with each ballot there will a blank envelope and return addressed envelope to the Secretary marked "BALLOT" bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter after marking his/her ballot shall seal it in the blank envelope which he/she in turn, shall place in the second (2nd) envelope addressed to the Secretary. At the annual meeting three (3) members in good standing who are neither of the current board nor candidates on the ballot shall be chosen by the members present at the meeting to act as inspectors of election. The inspectors of election shall first check the returned envelopes against a list of members in good standing. After this has been done, all outer envelopes shall be opened and discarded prior to opening the blank envelopes containing the ballots, which they should then proceed to count.

Default in supplying or receiving a ballot and/or a return envelope to any member or the non-receipt of whether such papers by any member within the prescribed time shall not invalidate any election held in the manner herein provided.

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Art III, Sec. 4, shall fill the vacancy so created.

The Board may designate an independent professional firm to send, receive and count the ballots apart from the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4 - VACANCIES In the event no nominations have been received for any office, it shall be declared vacant as of December 31st. The newly elected Board may then appoint a member entitled to vote to fill the vacancy(s).

SECTION 5 - ACCLAMATION If only one person is nominated for a position, he/she shall be elected by acclamation. If no one is nominated or runs for a position, the former member in that position shall hold the position.

SECTION 6 - SUCCESSION The members of the Board shall hold office from the first day of the year for which they were elected and shall continue to hold office until his/her successors are elected; provided however that an officer shall hold only so long as he/she shall act in the best interest of the BRTCC and its members.

CHAPTER 8:

DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1 - CKC SUSPENSION Any member who is suspended, deprived, debarred, expelled or terminated from the privileges of the CKC automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of the BRTCC for the same period.

SECTION 2 - CHARGES - Charges may be preferred by any member against another member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the BRTCC or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100), which shall be forfeited if said the Board following a hearing does not sustain charges.

The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present it at a Board meeting. The Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the BRTCC or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct, which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction.



If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for the hearing by the Board or a committee of not less than three (3) members of the Board, not less than three (3) weeks and not more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send on copy of the charges to the accused member by registered/certified mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witness(s) if he/she wishes.

SECTION 3 - BOARD HEARING The Board or committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard.

Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of the present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the BRTCC for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing, or until the next Annual Meeting if that will occur after six months. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing BRTCC meeting which considers the recommendations of the Board or committee. Immediately after the Board or committee has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary.

The Secretary in turn shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4 - EXPULSION - Expulsion of a member from the BRTCC may be accomplished only at the Annual General Meeting of the BRTCC following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board or Committee as provided in Section 3 of this Chapter.

The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her behalf, personally or through a representative, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant or his/her representative, if present, to speak on his/her behalf. A representative of the Board will have rebuttal privileges, the meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the annual general meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

CHAPTER 9:

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1- PROPOSAL A proposed amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws, or the standard of the breed, may be proposed by the Board or by written petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing. The Secretary shall publish any proposed amendment in the next issue of the BRTCC's newsletter following receipt of such proposal. Comments from the members shall be invited. No earlier than sixty (60) days or later than one hundred and twenty (120) days following such publication, the Board shall direct the Secretary to submit the proposal, with its recommendations for vote by the membership on an official ballot in which the voter may indicate his/her choice for or against the proposed action.

SECTION 2 - ACCEPTANCE The Constitution and Bylaws or the standard for the breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated.

Dual-envelope procedures described in Chapter 5, Section 3 shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. The notice shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing (postmark) by which date the ballots must be received by the Secretary in order to be counted. A favourable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing who return valid ballots with the time limit shall be required in order to effect any such amendment. Once amended the changes are effective immediately and the revised constitution will be sent to all members.

SECTION 3 - CKC APPROVAL No amendment to the constitution and bylaws or the standard of the breed that adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of directors of the Canadian Kennel Club.

CHAPTER 10:

DISSOLUTION

The BRTCC may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members. After payment of debts the BRTCC's property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs as selected by the Board of Directors.

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- c) persons shall include firms, corporations and incorporated associations.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - CLASSIFICATION Regular members are any persons eighteen (18) years of age, who are in good standing with the CKC or follow the rules and regulations of such governing registry body and who subscribe to purposes, objective and the code of ethics of the BRTCC.

A member shall be provided with information and receive all privileges provided by the BRTCC and, when in good standing, shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at BRTCC meetings and hold office if elected.

SECTION 2 - DUES - Dues for the fiscal year shall be set by the Board of Directors.