

LONG ISLAND RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL CLUB, INC.
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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Article I

The name of the Club shall be Long Island Retriever Field Trial Club, Inc. Its primary purpose to promote the running of Field Trials, encourage the breeding of Retrievers possessing the natural abilities met in an ordinary day's shoot. As a vehicle to meet these goals, the club shall not only hold Field Trials, but support the running of Hunting Test and Club Trials.

Article II

Section 1: Members of the Club shall be 18 years of age and over. The number of members shall be unlimited. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, and be liable for annual dues to remain a member in good standing.

Section 2: Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote and shall have proportionate interest in all the benefits of the Club.

Section 3: In addition to the members provided for in the Constitution, honorary members may be elected from among those who have rendered valuable aid to the Club. They shall be exempt from dues and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club except that they cannot vote or hold office. All honorary members shall be selected by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of the Club or by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: In addition, individuals under the age of 18 may be accepted for membership and given the title of Junior Members. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club except that they cannot vote or hold office.

Article III

Section 1: Every candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club who may be Directors, and who must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club. The name and address of the candidate shall be sent by the proposer to the Club Secretary.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall have direct and full power to elect as member of the Club any candidate so proposed and seconded. Voting may be done by mail. Four votes must to cast to elect a member and two blackballs shall exclude him or her.

Section 3 A: New members shall be notified by the Secretary of their election and upon payment of dues shall become members of the Club. A copy of the Constitution will be sent by the Secretary at the same time.

B: Any applicant found to be unacceptable for membership shall be notified by the Secretary.

Section 4: The annual dues of members shall be set by a two thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors prior to the January annual meeting notice and will be payable January first of each year. Annual dues for Junior members will be 50% of the current annual dues.

Section 5: When the annual dues of any member is unpaid for a period of two months after notice that they are due has been given, he or she shall be considered delinquent and may be dropped from membership at any time thereafter by majority vote of the Directors.

Section 6: Any member in good standing and not indebted to the Club may resign at any time upon written notice to the Secretary, such resignation taking place immediately.

Article IV

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall have power by a two-thirds vote to expel any member of the Club for conduct on his part which is likely, in the opinion of the Board, to endanger the welfare or character of the Club. No member shall be expelled, however, without having full opportunity of a hearing.

Section 2: In case of the death, resignation or expulsion of any member, all benefits of membership shall be forfeited.

Section 3: A member, having been expelled, can only be re-elected by the unanimous vote of all the Directors or by a two-thirds vote of the Club at any meeting.

Article V

Section 1: The control and general management of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of eight and not more than ten members of the Club and the four or five elected officers. All members of the Board shall serve a term of one year and shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Club.

Section 2: The officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary/or a Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. An officer must be a member in good standing.

Section 3: The officers and Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year, or until the election and qualification of their successors.

Section 4: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. He shall act as the head of the Club, enforcing the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. He shall appoint committees. He may vote on all questions submitted to the Club and to the Board. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform all duties incident, customary, and required of his position and office.

He shall serve on the Board of Directors for a period of one year upon leaving the office of President.

Section 5: The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to do so.

Section 6: The Secretary/or Recording Secretary shall keep the records of all meetings of the Club, Board of Directors, and any committee of which he or she shall be a member. He or she shall be custodian of the seal of the Club. The Secretary/or Corresponding Secretary shall keep copies on file of all such correspondence. He or she shall correspond on all matters pertaining to the Club. He or she shall perform all other duties customary to his or her office.

Section 7: The Treasurer shall keep books of account of the business of the Club and shall be charged with the collection, custody and control of the funds of the Club, subject to the supervision and instruction of the Board of Directors and be subject to audit by the Audit Committee. He shall have the power to employ, under supervision of the Board, such clerical aid as may be necessary.

Article VI

Section 1: There shall be at least one annual meeting of the Club, that shall be held in January of each year or as soon thereafter as applicable, at a place and date to be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of the time and place shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Club ten days before the date fixed for the meeting. Seven members at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum, but a vote may be given by proxy.

Section 2: Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a Quorum at any meeting for the transaction of business, and the business of the Board may be conducted by mail. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at the discretion of the President as well as at the written request of three of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President on ten days notice and must be called on the written request of at least ten members in good standing.

Article VII

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been filed with the Secretary ten days prior thereto and a copy sent to each member of the Board.

Article VIII

Dissolution: The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor an 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 IX

Any action or inaction of the Board of Directors shall not serve to invalidate or constitute a waiver of this Constitution and By-Laws.

Article X

Section 1: All HRC and UKC rules and policies will be followed at all UKC licensed Hunts sponsored by this Club.

Section 2: It is understood and agreed, that this Hunting Retriever Club will not hold any events of any other Association or group on consecutive dates with an HRC/UKC event.

Section 3: Officers shall also be members in good standing of the HRC.