

AURORA DOG MUSHERS CLUB BY-LAWS

I. POWERS

The powers of this club shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) minimum or five (5) maximum additional Board members who shall be in good standing. The Board of Directors shall have and exercise all powers, without limitations, which are by law allowed the Board of Directors of a nonprofit Corporation. A majority of members of the Board of Directors will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

II. NAME OF THE CLUB

The club shall be called the "Aurora Dog Mushers Club, Inc."

III. HEADQUARTERS

The club shall maintain its clubhouse and trail head in Big Lake, Alaska. The club may transact business at such other location(s) as the club deems necessary.

IV. ELECTIONS

Section 1: Date of Elections

The election of the Officers and the Board of Directors shall be held at the Corporation's regular elections meeting, to be held at a date and time established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Nominating

Nominations shall take place at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the election. The President shall ask for nominations from the floor. The name of any voting member in good standing, for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the election, may be nominated for and properly seconded, and shall be placed on the official ballot.

Nominations of candidates for office shall close at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set for election.

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Section 3: Voting

All voting shall be by secret ballot. Ballots shall be constructed so that the identity of the member can be determined without seeing the manner in which the member has voted and so that such identification of the member can be removed from the ballot before the ballot is counted. A ballot shall be emailed, mailed or transmitted in the most contemporary form of communication to each voting member in good standing at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set for the election. Each such member shall be entitled to vote only one ballot in the election. No proxy voting shall be allowed. Mailed ballots for the election shall be received on or before the date set for the election. Ballots not timely received, shall not be counted.

Section 4: Inspection of Election

Ballots shall be counted at a general meeting of the Corporation called for that purpose, in conformity with such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt. The specific dates and time of the election closure will be stated on the ballot.

The Secretary shall prepare a current list of all members entitled to vote and shall maintain a record of each member voting in the election. The Secretary shall ensure that any required identification of a voting member contained with the ballot is removed before delivering the ballot to the inspectors of the election.

The President shall appoint from voting members in good standing, a committee of three (3) inspectors of the election. The committee's duties shall be to conduct and supervise the election, count the ballots and report the results of the election to the Board of Directors.

V. OFFICERS

The offices of this Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Board of Directors as deemed necessary to

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conduct business of the Corporation. Officers of the Corporation shall serve one (1) year terms, or until a successors is elected or appointed. (Refer to section X).

VI. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and perform all duties incident to that office. The President will sign all contracts for the Corporation. The President may assign a Sergeant in arms for meetings as necessary.

VII. VICE-PRESIDENT

In the absences of the President, the Vice-President shall act in the President's place and shall be vested with all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the President, in that event.

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VIII. SECRETARY

The Secretary will keep detailed and permanent minutes of all meetings and maintain a complete record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors meetings and general membership meetings. The Secretary shall keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses and other pertinent information.

IX. TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to maintain proper financial records of the Corporation, to receive and hold the funds of the Corporation, and to pay them out as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall furnish and submit at each annual meeting of the membership, and at any other time as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, a full statement of the Corporation's accounts for the past year.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be qualified to sign checks.

No member may incur a debt on behalf of the club; officers may not incur debts in excess of \$50.00 without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

IIX. Club Historian

Club Historian shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall manage the business and affairs of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall be made up of (4) officers and a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) with two (2) alternates. A majority of the Board in attendance shall constitute a quorum at any Directors' meeting. The Directors shall be elected at the regular election

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meeting to serve for a one-year term, and may succeed themselves. An Alternate Board member is elected based on the number of election votes. An Alternate takes the place of a Board member that is unavailable at a meeting. Their term of office shall be effective immediately after election. Any Director may be removed if the Director fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without being excused by the Board. A Director may resign at any time upon giving notice to the Board. Upon a mid-term vacancy on the Board, the Board President, with the approval of the remaining Directors, shall appoint a new Director, who shall serve for the unexpired term remaining.

The Board of Directors shall consist of voting members in good standing for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the election, and shall be elected by the voting members of the general assembly. All transactions of the Board of Directors shall be determined by majority vote. The President shall be responsible for calling all meetings of the club and presiding at such meetings. The Vice-President shall act for the President in the event of the President's absence.

The Board of Directors does not have the authority to waive or amend the duly adopted Racing Rules.

XI. MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Board and of the Corporation shall be held in October, of each year. The President, or majority of the Board of Directors, may call a special meeting of the membership at any time.

"Roberts Rules of Order Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority for the club for all matters, not specifically covered by the By-Laws and standing race rules.

A new member will receive voting rights at their second meeting. Race sign ups will be equivalent to a meeting. Nonmembers are welcome to

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attend meetings but are not qualified to take active part in the business of the club.

Section 1: Board of Directors Meetings

The majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board. If less than a majority of the Directors is present, the meeting may be adjourned. The Board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings at such times and places as determined by the President, with the approval of the Board.

Section 2: General Membership Meetings

The voting members present in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the meeting of the Corporation. Members will be notified of meetings through emails or the most contemporary means of communication. The Board shall hold general membership meetings at such times and places as determined by the President, with the approval of the Board.

XII. CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Adult Membership

Membership is effective for the calendar year in which issued (September to August). Adult membership dues are \$35 per person. A new member will receive voting rights at their second attendance of a meeting. Race sign ups will be equivalent to a meeting. Nonmembers are welcome to attend meetings but are not qualified to take active part in the business of the club

Section 2: Family Membership

Membership is effective for the calendar year in which issued (September to August). Family membership dues are \$50 per couple or \$35 for a single parent household, with an additional \$5 per junior musher within the household. This clearly states the requirement that

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parent(s) must be members of the club. Juniors will not have voting rights.

Section 3: Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership is to be given to charter members of the club and to members 60 years of age and older who have been members of the club for the past three consecutive years.

XIII. OBJECTIVES

The club, which is a non-profit organization, is established to encourage and perpetrate the sport of sled dog racing, the breeding and training of sled dogs, good sportsmanship, and humane treatment of dogs. In addition, the club will conduct annual races in the Big Lake area and participate in furthering community activities. No debt or obligation shall be incurred by the club in the name of any of its members or officers except as provided in the By-Laws. In the event of cash prizes given at races, authorization for the amount will be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

XIV. REFUSAL AND/OR EXPULSION

The club reserves the right to refuse membership or to expel from the club any person(s) who knowingly endangers or compromises the welfare, interest or violates the character of the organization; expulsions or sanctions from other dog mushing organizations due to animal cruelty issues; or is sanctioned from any organization or club; or violates the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the club. The decision of such action shall be made final by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

XV. GENERAL

The Board of Directors does not have the authority to waive or amend the duly adopted Racing Rules without a vote of the voting membership at a regularly scheduled general meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment or waiver is sent to the entire voting membership

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via email or the most contemporary means of communication at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting.

XVI. MODIFICATIONS

Upon acceptance, renewed By-Laws shall govern the Aurora Dog Mushers Club, Inc., superseding previous By-Laws and constitutions. Amendments to these By-Laws of the Aurora Dog Mushers Club, Inc. shall be accepted after being carried by a majority vote of the voting membership present. Any changes in the By-Laws shall require two (2) readings before the general membership before they may be adopted. Any changes to the By-Laws must be final by November meeting.

The By-Laws shall be reviewed and revised as necessary at least every five (5) years.

Read at the October 25, 2012, meeting. No objections.
Approval at the November 15, 2012.