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**ARTICLE I
NAME AND OBJECTS**

1. The name of this Club shall be the Bulldog Club of greater San Diego, Inc.
2. The objects of this club shall be:
 - a. To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Bulldogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
 - b. To urge members and breeders the accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Bulldogs shall be judged.
 - c. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
 - d. To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and obedience trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.
4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION I

There shall be three classes of membership: active, junior, and honorary. An active member shall be at least eighteen years of age. Junior members shall be children of active members under eighteen years of age. A junior or honorary member shall pay no dues, shall not be eligible to vote or hold elective office, but shall be entitled to all other benefits of the Club.

SECTION II

Application for membership shall be made upon an application form provided for that purpose. The applicant shall be sponsored by a member in good standing. Dues for one year shall accompany the application, such payment to be returned if, for any reason, the application is rejected by the Board. There shall be no initiation fee.

SECTION III

Application for membership shall be read in regular meeting and submitted to the Board of Directors for investigation and approval: each application shall be held until the applicant attends at least one general meeting and shall then be acted upon at the following meeting of said Board. This requirement may be waived upon written request to the Board. The applicant shall be notified by the Secretary of the action taken prior to the next general Club meeting.

SECTION IV

Renewal of membership shall require attendance at one Club function during the dues year. This requirement may be waived upon written application to the Board.

SECTION V

Resignation from the Club must be by written notice to the Secretary. No member who shall have obligation to the Club, financial or otherwise, may resign.

SECTION VI

In case of death, resignation, or expulsion of any member, all rights and privileges of membership shall cease. There shall be no refund of unexpired dues.

ARTICLE III **ORGANIZATION**

SECTION I.

The Club should be governed under its Constitution and By-Laws by a Board of Directors consisting of the Executive Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), the immediate past President, and two other members of the Club. Should the Club membership exceed 75 at the time of the nomination for office, an additional two members will be elected to the Board of Directors.

SECTION II.

Elections shall be held annually. Election of the Executive Officers and Board Members shall be held in December. Newly elected officers and Members of the Board shall take office upon adjournment of the meeting in which they are elected.

SECTION III.

The Board of Directors shall have general administrative charge of the affairs of the Club, but it shall not have the power to overrule the wishes of the Club as expressed by a majority vote. The Board of Directors may not elect to spend more than \$400 without approval of the general membership.

SECTION IV.

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at least quarterly and make such plans as necessary for the welfare of the Club. The quorum of the Board shall be a majority. The President shall have the power of appointing such committees as, at his or her discretion may be necessary for the best interests of the Club.

SECTION V.

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club. He or she shall be the general administrative officer of the Club and shall have the power to supervise all activities of the Club as a member ex-officio of all committees. He or she shall have such further powers and duties as may be provided for within these By-Laws.

- b. The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the absence or disability of the President or at his or her request.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and shall be the custodian of all files pertaining to the Club business. All Club records shall be made available for inspection to any Club member upon request. He or she shall conduct the correspondence of the Club, maintain a membership roster together with addresses and telephone numbers, furnish each member with a copy of the Club By-Laws and the Bulldog Club of America standard of Excellence, shall notify members of meetings and shall have such other and similar duties as may be requested by the President or contained in these By-Laws.
- d. The Treasurer shall collect all revenues and have custody of all funds of the Club and shall deposit the same in the name of the Club in a bank approved by the members. Checks shall be signed by any two of the following three officers: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for payment of all Club funds, of all expenses incurred in carrying out routine business of the Club and any other bills specifically authorized by vote of the membership. He or she shall maintain adequate records of account and report the financial condition of the Club upon request. He or she shall render an annual account at the end of each fiscal year and shall submit such records to any auditing committee appointed by the President.

SECTION VI.

Officers and Board Members shall attend all meetings of the Club and Board. Absence from three consecutive meetings shall be cause for forfeiture of office.

SECTION VII.

When a vacancy in any of the Executive Officers or the Board of Directors occurs, election to fill said vacancy shall be held at the next regular meeting of the Club. A vacancy occurring in the last three months of the year shall be filled by Board appointment.

SECTION VIII.

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed in writing by,

- a. The Board upon majority vote, or
- b. Members of the Club upon presentation of a petition bearing the signatures of ten percent of the current membership.

Amendments to these By-Laws must first be presented at a general meeting, printed and distributed to the general membership, and voted on at the following general meeting. Ratification of amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of such members in good standing in attendance at the meeting.

SECTION IX.

The deliberations of this organization not specifically covered by these By-Laws shall be governed by standard parliamentary procedure as set forth by Robert's Rule of Order.

ARTICLE IV
ELECTION PROCEDURE

SECTION I.

To be eligible for office, a nominee shall have been a member in good standing of this Club for at least three months prior to the date of election.

SECTION II.

To be eligible to vote in an election of officers, a person shall have been a member in good standing of this Club for three months preceding election date.

SECTION III.

Nominations for the Executive Officers and the Board of Directors shall be made from the floor at the regular November meeting. Election to office shall be by ballot at the regular December meeting.

SECTION IV.

The Secretary shall, fifteen days or more prior to the December meeting, mail to each member eligible to vote a list of all candidates nominated for office. Such members may each cast one vote for one candidate for each elective office. The Secretary shall also prepare blank ballots for the election tellers and a list of all members eligible to vote.

SECTION V.

The election shall be conducted by tellers appointed by the President, none of whom shall be candidates for office. Tellers shall furnish ballots to all eligible members, collect marked ballots from members, determine that the number of ballots cast does not exceed the number of members eligible to vote, count all ballots cast, and report election results to the President. The President shall announce the election results, and declare those candidates elected who have received a plurality of the votes cast.

ARTICLE V
DUES

SECTION I.

The annual dues of individual active members are payable for the fiscal year on January 1. Fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.

SECTION II.

The Treasurer shall notify in writing such members as are delinquent in dues by March 15. Any member, who shall fail to pay his dues by March 30, shall forfeit his rights of membership. Reinstatement can be made by payment of delinquent dues and upon approval by the Board of Directors or upon reapplication for membership.

ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE

SECTION I.

American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION II.

Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10, which shall be forfeited if, such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it will fix a date of a Board hearing not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his or her own defense and bring witnesses, if he or she wishes.

SECTION III.

Board Hearing. The Board 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 those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. 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 Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board 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 Board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION IV.

Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section III of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his or her own behalf, though no evidence will be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his or her own behalf if he or she wishes. Those in the meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

SECTION I

- a. Regular meetings shall be held at least quarterly and at a time and place determined by the Club officers and the Board. Notice shall be given by the Secretary or through the Bulletin to all members in good standing at least three days in advance of meeting date. The quorum for such meetings shall be three.
- b. Special meetings may be called by the President, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or upon the written request of any five members for any purpose of general interest to the membership at large. The Secretary shall give written notice of special meetings to all members at least five days prior to meeting date and such notice shall specify the purpose of the meetings: no other business may be transacted at such special meetings. The quorum shall be the members present.

SECTION II.

Guidelines for the order of business shall be as follows:

- 1. Roll call or Registration
- 2. Introduction of guests and new members
- 3. Reading of Minutes
- 4. General Business:
 - a. Treasurer's Report (Annual Report in December)
 - b. Applications, Correspondence, Bills
 - c. Reports: President, Committee Chairpersons
- 5. Unfinished Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Nominations (November) & Elections (December)
- 8. Program
- 9. Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII
RATIFICATION AND DISSOLUTION

SECTION I.

This Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective December 31, 2003 upon approval by a majority vote of the members.

SECTION II

This Club may be dissolved at any time upon the written consent of two-thirds of the active members. After the payment of all debts and obligations of the Club, any remaining assets shall be given, by the Board of Directors, to some worthy organization designated at that time by a vote of the Club.

**STANDING RULES
OF THE
BULLDOG CLUB OF GREATER SAN DIEGO, INC.**
(amended and approved December 2003)



**STANDING RULES
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I. AMENDMENT OF RULES

To amend these rules, motions must be presented in writing at a regular meeting, published in the next Bulletin, then opened to discussion and vote at the following regular meeting. Simple majority, provided a quorum is present, shall carry the vote, with no write-in or proxy votes allowed.

II. DUES

1. Dues shall be \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 for an additional significant other. If the officers and board determine that there is a need for an increase in dues, they will present the need to the membership of the Club at the next available Club meeting where it will be opened to discussion and a vote. A simple majority, provided a quorum is present, shall carry the vote, with no write-ins or proxy votes allowed. A quorum shall be at least 11 members in good standing.
2. Individual members elected during the period of June 1 to September 30 shall pay \$10.00 for the remainder of the year.
3. Members elected after October 1 shall pay full dues and be carried in full membership for the entire following fiscal year January 1 to December 31.

III. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND THEIR DUTIES

- A. Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President with the help of the Board
 1. His or her term of office shall be January 1 to December 31 unless otherwise defined.
 2. Each chairperson, shall select his or her co-chairperson and committee to carry out his or her responsibilities.
- B. MEMBERSHIP
 1. Contact prospective members and send application form and “Objectives of the Club” from the Constitution and By-Laws.
 2. Write letters confirming membership and welcome new members to the Club.
 3. Provide new members upon acceptance, with a membership packet to include: Copy of our Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules.
 4. Provide up to date list of members eligible to vote, or run for a position on the Board.
- C. MEETING SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON
 1. Assign various members to be responsible for refreshments at various meetings.
 2. Supervise planning of Holiday party.
 3. Keep the donations from the refreshment table (Kitty) using them to pay for supplies.
 4. Be responsible for maintaining adequate supplies in the Club kitchen.

D. PUBLICITY

1. Secure adequate coverage from all possible media, including special issues of dog publications for regular and special events of the Club.
2. Be sure that BCA has complete report of the club activities in time for the BCA bulletin.
3. Term of office shall begin January 1 and go through the following year's specialty show.

E. WAYS AND MEANS

1. Promotes money-making endeavors.

F. PROPERTY MANAGER

1. The Vice-President shall automatically be the Property Manager and shall have charge of all Club equipment, magazines, films, and buying and distribution of same.
2. Make available an up to date list of materials listed in # 1 for the Membership Chairperson, Bulletin Editor and any member request.
3. Keep scrapbooks.

G. SHOW CHAIRPERSON

1. Secure in writing, permission to hold match or show in the desired place, and at the time voted upon by the membership. Notice of voting to be in bulletin prior to voting.
2. Secure in writing, the services of the Judge or Judges in order of Club preference and acquaint him or her with the rules applying to match or show.
3. Recruit Ring Steward, Clerk, and Registration Officials as required.
4. Check equipment necessary to set up the ring and registration tables as see that all is in readiness in time as needed.
5. Work with the Publicity Committee in securing advance notice and adequate coverage of match or show.
6. Coordinate all Committees, which will aid in the success of the event.
7. Supervise set-up of all equipment and personnel necessary for the event.

H. BULLETIN

1. The Bulletin shall be published and mailed at least quarterly and no more than one month and at least three weeks prior to the regular club meeting
2. All members wishing to contribute information to the Editor should do so in writing no later than the 25th of the month.
3. The purpose of the Bulletin shall be to promote the Bulldog Club and inform members of current Club business.

I. PROGRAM

1. Shall arrange for informative programs to meet the Club's needs.

IV. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- A. The last year's winner shall act as Chairperson. Co-Chairperson, chosen should be someone ineligible to win. In the absence of last year's winner, the Board shall select a Chairperson.
- B. To be eligible a person must have been a member in good standing for at least one year. A list of eligible members provided by the Membership Chairperson, shall accompany the ballot.
- C. Ballots shall be provided in the Bulletin and at the meeting immediately prior to the Annual Specialty Show.
- D. One ballot per member may be presented by mail or in person to the Chairperson as follows:
 - 1. Recipient need not be an exhibitor or breeder, but rather a supporter of our breed and our Club.
 - 2. Never showing disappointment in losing, less in so doing, the happiness of the winner be impaired.
 - 3. Actively supporting one's Club in its objectives toward the betterment of the breed.
 - 4. Conduct that promotes friendship and respect and brings credit to our breed, the Bulldog, and the Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego, Inc.

V. SERVICE AWARD

- A. The last year's winner shall act as Chairperson. Co-Chairperson chosen should be someone ineligible to win. In the absence of last year's winner, the Board shall select a chairperson.
- B. To be eligible, a person must have been a member in good standing for at least one year. A list of eligible members provided by the Membership Chairperson, shall accompany the ballot.
- C. Ballots shall be provided in the Bulletin and at the meeting immediately prior to the Annual Specialty Dinner.
- D. One ballot per member may be presented by mail or in person to the Chairperson as follows:
 - 1. Marked ballot shall be sealed in a plain envelope and marked **BALLOT**.
 - 2. That envelope should then be placed in another envelope bearing the member's name.
 - 3. All outer envelopes shall be destroyed before BALLOT envelopes are opened and counted by the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson.
- E. A properly engraved plaque:
 - Service Award
 - "For Outstanding Service"
 - Winner's Name
 - BCGSD, Inc.
 - 200_shall be purchased and presented by the Chairperson at the Annual Specialty Dinner.
- F. Outstanding service to the Club to be the sole basis for selecting the recipient of this award.

VI. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD

- A. The Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego shall present a trophy to the owner or owners of a dog achieving its Championship or an Obedience Degree, providing the following requirements are fulfilled:
1. The registered owner(s) must continuously be a member(s) in good standing in the BCGSD, Inc., while accumulating points or degree legs and until such time the application for award is made.
 2. The dog cannot have accumulated more than five points towards its Championship or more than one leg toward its AKC Title at the time the owner(s) are accepted as members.
 3. The Championship or Obedience Degree has been AKC certified.
 4. Nomination of eligibility for a BCGSD, Inc. Championship trophy must be made by the member(s) in writing to the Club Secretary on the appropriate form. The dog receiving the award must reside with a member in good standing. Awards shall be made at the next Specialty Dinner for those so qualified; unless notification to Club Secretary is less than (30) days prior to the next annual Specialty Dinner in which case the Award shall be presented at the following year's Specialty Dinner providing the owner(s) remain a member(s) in good standing.

VII. CHOOSING A JUDGE

- A. The membership shall select all judges including Specialty, Sweepstakes, and Puppy Match.
- B. The membership shall determine by vote the remuneration for a Judge.
- C. Names for prospective Judges shall be submitted by the Board for consideration of the membership at the regular meeting.
- D. Nominations may be made from the floor. Notice of the election of the Judges shall appear in the Bulletin prior to the meeting at which the election is held.
- E. The entire slate shall be presented and the person receiving the most votes shall be our first choice. That name shall be eliminated from the list and the remainder shall be voted on. The one receiving the most to be the second choice, etc.
- F. The Judges are to be contacted one at a time, beginning with the first choice until one accepts the assignment for the time and remuneration which has been voted on at a regular meeting.
- G. Verification of judging assignment shall be made in writing.

VIII. RULES FOR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS AND POINT SYSTEM

- A. SHOWMANSHIP
1. Junior Handler must comply as Junior Member with Rules set forth in the By-Laws of BCGSD, Inc.
 2. Junior Handler must be a Junior Member in good standing at the time of the wins.
 3. Junior Handler must show Bulldogs, no other breeds may be applied to wins.
 4. Junior Handler wins shall be counted from June 1 through May 31 in any given year.
 5. Junior Handler shall be responsible for keeping record of wins. Parents shall validate these records.
 6. There is no limited area, wins may be made anywhere in the USA.

7. Wins must be made at AKC approved shows or matches only.
8. Record of wins shall be submitted to the Trophy Chairperson by May 31, in any given year.

B. TROPHIES

1. Trophies shall be presented at BCGSD, Inc., Puppy Match annually, prior to judging.
2. Trophies shall be presented to four (4) top point winners of the year.
3. Scrolls shall be presented to all participants.
4. Trophy cost shall be within club budget.
5. The Perpetual Trophy shall be presented annually to the High Point Winner of the Year.

C. POINT SYSTEM

<u>CONFORMATION</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Enter and Participate	1	Enter and Participate	1
First Place	4	First Place	10
Second Place	3	Second Place	8
Third Place	2	Third Place	6
Fourth Place	1	Fourth Place	4
Winners	5	<u>OBEDIENCE TRIALS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Reserve Winners	4	Enter and Participate	1
Best of Winners	6	Qualify (+170)	10
Best of Breed	10	<u>TROPHY PLACING</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Best of Opposite Sex	10	First Place	10
Group First	40	Second Place	8
Group Second	30	Third Place	6
Group Third	20	Fourth Place	4
Group Fourth	10	Fifth Place – Twelfth Place	2
Best in Show	50		

IX. BREEDER'S NIGHT

1. Any puppy between the ages of 6 weeks and one year plus 6 weeks is eligible if the breeder or breeders are members, and were members in good standing of BCGSD, Inc. at the time of the breeding.
2. If the dam is registered to more than one owner, or to a kennel, the bitch must reside in the home of a member in good standing.
3. If the dam is on lease to a member, or members, the AKC lease must be presented. No other form of lease shall be acceptable.
4. Each litter shall be judged as an individual class. From the class winners, the Best Puppy in Match shall be selected.
5. The Breeder of the Best of Breed winner will be awarded custody of the Earl McFarland Memorial Trophy for the period of one year or until the Next Breeder's Night at which time the trophy must be returned to the Club in good condition. The breeder will be awarded a keepsake trophy at the following year's Breeder's Night.
6. There shall be no entry fee.