

Mountain & Plains Border Collie Association By-Laws

Article I: Name and Objectives

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Mountain and Plains Border collie Association.
- Section 2. The objectives of the organization shall be:
- (a) Promote the Border Collie as the working stock dog it has been bred to be for hundreds of years.
 - (b) Educate the public on the abilities, working characteristics, Variations in type and recognized registries for the breed.
 - (c) Promote maintaining purebred dogs and encourage selective breeding to eliminate and control genetic defects that may be found in the breed.
 - (d) Conduct organized workout sessions, fun days, and trials to encourage members to develop their dogs to the fullest extent of their natural abilities.
 - (e) Keep membership informed of workouts, training clinics, trials and other matters concerning the breed.
 - (f) Promote competitive activity with other field trial oriented organizations.
- Section 3. The association shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Article II: Membership

- Section 1. Active membership shall be open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who subscribe to the purposes of the Association.
- Section 2. Dues: Fees shall be \$20.00 per person per year or \$30.00 per family, payable on or before the first day of January of each year. Individual membership is entitles to one vote. Family membership in entitled to two votes.
- Section 3. Termination of membership: Memberships may be terminated,
- (a) By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Association upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Association. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Association and they become incurred on the first day of each calendar year.
 - (b) By lapsing. A member shall be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such members dues remain unpaid ninety days after the first day of the calendar year. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Association meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the dater of that meeting.
 - (c) By expulsion. To be determined by a committee of no less than three members appointed by the President in matter of conduct and deemed detrimental to the association.

Article III: Officers

- Section 1. The Association's officers, consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary and treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities in regard to the Association and its meetings. Term of office for all officers shall be 2 years.
- (a) The president shall preside at all meeting of the Association and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of the President in addition to those specified in these By-Laws.
 - (b) The Vice President shall attend all meetings of the Association and maintain working knowledge of the duties of the President. The Vice President shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity. The Vice President should assist the President in the organization of club activities and organizations.
 - (c) The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Association on all matters of which the Association shall order a record. He/She shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify officers of their election, keep a roll of the members of the Association and carry out other such duties as prescribed by these By-Laws.
 - (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Association and receipt therefore. His/Her books shall be open at all times to inspection and he/she shall report at every meeting the condition of the Associations' finances and every time item of receipt or payment not

before reported. At the annual meeting he/she shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the fiscal year. The treasurer shall also act as Membership chairman accepting all new applications and dues and shall keep a current record of members in good standing with dues paid.

Article IV: The Association Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

- Section 1. Association Year. The Association's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.
- Section 2. Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting, the date to be set by the President, at which time officers for the ensuing period shall be elected by ballot from those nominated. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion the election and each retiring officers shall turn over to this successor in office all properties and record relating to that office within thirty days after the election.
- Section 3. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in an Associating election who has not been nominated. Sixty days prior to the annual meeting a nominating committee will be appointed consisting of three member and two alternates, selected from the membership, non of which can be an officer. This committee shall meet and nominate at least one candidate for each office and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall report their nominations to the Secretary in writing thirty days before the annual meeting. Upon receipt of the Nomination Committee's report the secretary shall notify each member in writing of the candidates as nominated, at least 15 days prior to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made at the Annual Meeting by any member in attendance provided that person so nominated does not decline, or if not in attendance, provide a written statement signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate.
- Section 4. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Association at which he is present. Absentee election ballots will be accepted if received at least three days before the annual meeting.

Article V: Amendments

- Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members provided the proposed amendments have been mailed to each member at least two weeks prior the date of the voting.

Article VI: Dissolution

- Section 1. The Association may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the membership. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of Law, none of the property of the Association nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Association shall be distributed to any members of the Association. But after payment of the debts of the Association, its property and assets shall be given to an organization for the benefit of the Border Collie breed selected by the members of the Association.

Article VII: order of Business

- Section 1. Order of Business. At each meeting of the Association, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows;
- Roll Call of Officers
 - Report of Secretary and Minutes of Last Meeting
 - Report of Treasurer
 - Report of President
 - Report of Vice President
 - Report of Committees
 - Election of Officers (at Annual Meeting)
 - Unfinished Business
 - New Business
 - Vote Regarding By-Law Changes
 - Adjournment