

CONSTITUTION OF THE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF INDIANA

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this Organization shall be known as and called THE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF INDIANA.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The objects of this Club shall be to promote the owning, breeding, exhibiting and training of pure-bred Doberman Pinschers of the true type most nearly conforming to the latest accepted standard of the breed adopted by the Doberman Pinscher Club of America and approved by the American Kennel Club; to urge the adoption of the accepted type upon breeders, owners, judges and dog show committees as the only recognized and unvarying standard by which the Doberman Pinscher should be judged and the type which should be uniformly accepted as the standard of breeding and awarding prizes of merit; to provide Special Prizes for Doberman Pinschers at such shows as the Club shall designate; to promote honorable conduct both in the show ring and on the field; to hold meetings in areas most convenient to the greatest number of members, where topics of current interest to members may be discussed and where business of the Club may be transacted; to collect and disseminate among the membership information on subjects of interest to the fancier such as judging, breeding, training, conditioning, showing and similar topics.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the Club shall be limited to owners or those actively interested in pure-bred Doberman Pinschers, and their families. Application to the Club for membership shall be made in writing to the secretary upon the form provided, signed by the applicant and two members in good standing sponsoring the applicant, and accompanied by the prescribed annual dues. Applicants must attend two regular meetings prior to submitting their application. Every member in good standing must be notified by the Secretary in writing, new applications to be voted upon at the next regular meeting. The election shall be by secret ballot of the membership present. Two-thirds (2/3) affirmation vote shall be necessary for election to membership. Applicant shall not be present at said meeting. Upon election to membership, the new member shall receive a membership card and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. DUES. The amount of annual dues for ensuing year shall be decided upon at the February meeting of the Club. The annual dues shall be payable in advance on the First of May of each year. Members joining after January 1st of any year and paying dues shall be credited as having paid to May 1st of the ensuing year. A member whose dues are in arrears at the September meeting shall forfeit rights of membership and the name shall be stricken from the rolls unless satisfactory explanation has been tendered to the Board of Directors and provided that two (2) notices in writing have been forwarded to the offending member via United States mail prior to the September Meeting.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The control and general management of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall consist of seven (7) members. They shall be elected annually at the September meeting of the Club, which meeting shall be considered the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall be constituted of the officers of the Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) others. Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In accordance with the Parent club, the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, the Officers of the Doberman Pinscher Club of Indiana must be members of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America.

All vacancies occurring in the Officers, Board of Directors or Delegate, shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular meeting, notice of same having been sent to each and every member at least ten days prior to said meeting.

The Board of Directors shall from time to time make regulations in accordance with the power herein provided for.

The Board of Directors shall meet on call of the President or upon petition to the President or upon petition to the President by three (3) members of the Board of Directors. One (1) member of the Board of Directors shall serve on each important standing committee and at least three (3) members of the Board shall be members of the Bench Show Committee.

Section 2. No officer or member of the Board of Directors shall receive compensation for services and none shall use the Club as a means of private speculation or trade.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the membership of the Club shall be held at intervals of approximately thirty (30) days, at such time and place as the Club may decide, with the exception of June, July and August, during which months there will be no regular meetings.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Club membership may be called by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of October and end on the 30th day of September.

Section 4. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of September at which officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret, written ballots from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this article. They shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election

Section 5. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail, facsimile transmission, and electronic process or by telephone conference call by the President. The Recording Secretary shall attest to the results of balloting by conference call. In the event that the Recording Secretary is unavailable, the President shall appoint an acting secretary for the conference call.

a). As a condition precedent to the conduct of business through electronic process, the Board shall adopt procedures, which shall be set forth in an Administrative Procedures Manual, to ensure the following with respect to the conduct of such business:

1). That every Board member shall be enabled to participate in the electronic conduct of such business;

2). The verification of the identity of the participants in such electronic conduct of such business to determine that the participant is a Board member eligible to participate in the electronic conduct of such business;

3). The verification that the Board members eligible to participate in the electronic conduct of such business are receiving all data and information that is disseminated through the electronic process;

4). That all Board members have agreed to the conduct of such business through electronic process.

Section 6. Seven (7) members of the Club shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

Section 7. Except for the Annual Meeting, where official ballots are in order, a member must be present at regular or special meetings in order to be entitled to vote. No votes or nominations will be accepted by letter at said meetings.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers and Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Club.

Section 2. On or sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the President Shall appoint a Nominating Committee of the three (3) to present names for officers and Board of Directors for the following year. The Nominating Committee must present their slate at the May meeting of the membership. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the May meeting.

Section 3. No member shall be eligible to be elected to an office, to the Board or as a delegate, who shall not have been a member for at least one year preceding such election. No officer, board member or delegate shall be allowed to hold the same office for more than two consecutive years, however, they may be permitted to be elected to other offices following their term in office.

Section 4. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot bearing all the names in nomination. This ballot shall be forwarded on, or before, fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting to every member in good standing. The ballots shall be opened at the Annual Meeting and a plurality shall elect. In case of a tie vote, the members present shall be vote decide between those tied.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be altered at any regular, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, however, that the intent to amend or alter will have been communicated to each and every member in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, such communication to be signed by the Secretary.

BY – LAWS

ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the Constitution, by these By – Laws and by the Parliamentary authority adopted by the Club.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected by ballot from the membership of the Club. They shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.

Section 3. No member shall hold more than one office at any one time.

Section 4. (a) The president shall be the administrative and the executive head of the Club. He shall preside at all meetings of the Club and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall exercise general supervision over the business and affairs of the Club, and call such meetings as provided in the Constitution. He shall appoint members to serve on all standing and special committees, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and vacancies in said committees shall be filled in the same manner. The President shall be exofficio a member of all committees.

- (b) The President shall perform all duties which the Board of Directors or the Club, at any regular or called meeting, may require of him; and he shall perform all other duties usually attached to the office of President.

Section 5. (a) The Vice-President is required keep fully informed of the condition of the Club, of its activities and of its undertakings, so that in the absence of or the incapacitation of the President, he will be in a position to undertake and properly perform the duties of the President for so long a time as the absence or incapacitation of the President shall endure.

- (b) He shall further be required to perform any and all duties that may be assigned to him by the President, the Board of Directors or by the Club.

Section 6. (a) The Secretary shall be required to keep a true and correct record of each and every meeting of both the Club and the Board of Directors in a permanent and bound book which he shall secure for this purpose. Said record of minutes of the meetings shall be read at the next meeting and presiding officer shall approve same in writing. Minutes of all meetings shall be signed by the Secretary.

- (b) The Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence of the Club, keeping on file all letters received and copies of letters written. Upon election of a member he shall send him a written notice of this election and furnish him with a membership card and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club. He shall notify officers and members of election and appointment, and shall issue notices to members of all meetings. He shall keep a roll of members of the Club with their addresses. He shall prepare and submit at each annual meeting a report showing the active membership roll of the Club.
- (c) The Secretary shall perform any and all other duties assigned to him by the President, Board of Directors and by the Club in regular or special meetings as assembled; and shall perform all duties usually attaching of the office of Secretary.

Section 7. (a) The Treasure shall keep a true record of all monies received and disbursed in a permanently bound book. He shall be required to make a report thereon at all regular meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors.

- (b) The Treasure shall receive all monies due and payable to the Club and shall deposit in any bank or banks which shall be selected by the Board of Directors, all funds belonging to the Club, and he shall keep a true and correct record in a permanently bound book of all monies deposited.
- (c) The Treasure shall issue and sign all checks in payment of bills and other items which the Board of Directors have approved for payment. He shall pay out no money whatever excepting in payment of items which have been authorized by the Board of Directors or by vote of the Club.
- (d) The Treasure shall perform any and all other duties assigned to him by President, the Board of Directors or by the Club in regular or special meetings assembled; and he shall perform all other duties usually attaching to the office of Treasure

Section 8. Any officers, directors or Club members handling Club funds, shall, if required by the Board of Directors, furnish surety bond, with approved sureties, in such amount as may be determined by the Board of Directors. The expense of the bond shall be borne by the Club.

ARTICLE II. DELEGATE TO THE DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA

Section 1. A delegate to the Doberman Pinscher Club of America shall be elected at a regular meeting according to the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. He shall report to the Board of Directors when occasion requires. He shall give a complete report on all matters coming before him pertaining to the Parent Club activities at each regular meeting of the Club and shall discharge all other duties as pertain to the office or as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III. SHOWS

Section 1. (a) The Club shall hold or sponsor at least one show each year held under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

(b) Sanctioned shows or Matches may be held under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE IV. JUDGES

Section 1. At least three (3) months prior to any show, the Club at a regular meeting may select first and second choice of judges, and the Board of Directors shall secure one in the order so selected.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall designate the date of the meeting at which judges are to be selected, and notice of same shall be sent by the Secretary to each active member at least seven (7) days prior to the said meeting.

ARTICLE V. DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Disciplinary action may be taken by the Board of Directors against any officer, director or member of the Club, providing complaint is filed with the Secretary in writing, signed by three or more active members of the Club. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present shall be required to insure affirmative and disciplinary action on any complaint. The Board of Directors shall then file charges and set the date for hearing at its next regular meeting and send to such suspended member by registered mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date so fixed, notice of the time when and place where the suspended member may be heard in his defense. Said notice shall also set forth a copy of the charges.

The Board of Directors, after hearing the evidence, shall take action thereon, and make their recommendations to the Club at its next regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present shall be necessary to enforce the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. 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

ARTICLE VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The following order of business shall be observed in all regular business meetings:

Roll Call of Members
Reading of the Minutes of Previous Meetings
Treasurer's Report
Report of Officers
Unfinished Business
Reports of Committees
Reading of the Minutes of the Board of Directors
Communications and Bills
New Business
Entertainment or Address, if any
Adjournment

ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, however, that the intent to amend or alter will have been communicated to each and every member in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, such communication to be signed by the Secretary.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISHMENT/CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS

We amend our Establishment/Constitution/Bylaws to include the following provisions:

Section 1. The objects of the Club shall be:

- a. To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Doberman Pinschers in particular;
- b. To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Doberman Pinschers;
- c. To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of the Doberman Pinscher;
- d. To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and the Doberman Pinscher in particular;
- e. To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an AKC recognized chapter club in providing education, health research and support of rescue and reduction of overpopulation for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs and Doberman Pinschers in particular;
- f. To conduct activities including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience and tracking trials, Working Aptitude Tests, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the American Kennel Club and the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, in furtherance of the above purposes;
- g. To otherwise preserve and protect the Doberman Pinscher and to do all things possible to bring its natural qualities to perfection;
- h. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Doberman Pinscher shall be judged.

Section 2. The club is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

a. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3. The members of this Club are also subject to and regulated by the provisions of the Constitution and bylaws of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. Anything to the contrary in this Constitution and bylaws notwithstanding

In as much as our parent organization, Doberman Pinscher Club of America, has included us in a 501(c) 3 group exemption recognition before the IRS, we acknowledge our responsibility to make annual information reports pertaining to our continued good standing. We further agree to adhere to their specific policies related to the 501(c)(3) status that in their judgment keeps this status well maintained. While we reserve the right to challenge any such policy that may be established, we will inform them of such action in writing 30 days prior to any implementation on our part.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF INDIANA

Date _____

Adopted: April 17, 2006

Signature of Officer _____

Linda McCammack, Club President

Signature of Officer _____

Evie Sullivan, Club Secretary