

Golden Retriever Club of Scotland

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME AND OBJECTS.

The name of the club shall be the GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF SCOTLAND, and its objects shall be

- a. to encourage the breeding and type of Golden Retriever as laid down in the Breed Standard,
- b. to encourage the training and working of the breed,
- c. to run Shows and Field Trials

2. CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The club shall consist of an unlimited number of members. The Society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so required by members of the Society or by the Kennel Club at reasonable times. Any person interested in the objects of the Club shall be eligible to apply for admission.

Applications for membership should be made on the membership forms (obtainable from the Secretary) duly proposed by a member of the Club. Applications are submitted to the Executive Committee at the quarterly meetings and no applicant is deemed a member until the Executive Committee has approved the application for membership. Each new member shall be sent a copy of the Rules of the Club.

Membership of one day's duration may be granted with the approval of a committee member, such member to carry no voting rights. The subscription for such a single day membership shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting. Junior membership of the Club shall be offered to anyone up to and including the age of sixteen, such membership shall carry no voting rights. The subscription for such junior membership shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

3. SUBSCRIPTION.

- a. The annual subscription shall be payable on 1st January each year at a rate to be determined by the Annual General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. Membership shall consist of a single membership and joint membership (husband and wife or two members of the family).
- b. Any person whose subscription is twelve months in arrears must apply to the Secretary for reinstatement. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be entitled to vote at any meeting or win any prize offered by the Club
- c. Subscriptions of members elected after 31st October shall be deemed to cover the following year.

4. MANAGEMENT.

- a. The management of the Club shall be conducted by an Executive Committee of not more than fifteen members (or 17 should it be necessary to hold elections/co-options for Show Secretary and / or Field Trial Secretary as envisaged in Para 4(e). The President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (the last two of which may be held by one or two persons) shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.
- b. The President and both Chairman and Vice Chairman shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election or election to the Executive Committee by secret postal ballot. It would be preferable to hold such an appointment the candidate should have served a minimum of three years on the Executive committee.
- c. Elected Committee Members shall serve for a period of 3 years and at the end of their term shall offer themselves for re-election.
- d. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- e. A maximum of two additional members may be appointed by the Executive Committee specifically to fill the position (s) of Show Secretary and / or Field Trial Secretary if these positions fail to be filled from elected members. The appointed person (s) shall offer themselves for election to the Executive Committee by secret ballot prior to the next AGM following on the appointment.

- f. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year the Maintenance of Title fee shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for the continuance of registration and that by 31st July other returns as stipulated in the Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary which may occur during the course of the year.
- g. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment.

5. SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- a. The election of members of the Executive Committee shall be by secret postal Ballot. Voting papers shall be sent to each member of the Club by the Secretary at least ten days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be opened by the Chairman and counted at the Executive Meeting held prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- b. Any member of the Executive Committee failing to attend any two meetings of the Committee during any year of his holding of office shall, unless reasonable excuse is offered, retire forthwith from the Executive Committee and be ineligible for re-election the following year.

6. THE POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- a. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee jointly. The Committee shall have the power at any time to call a General Meeting of the club, to arbitrate on any matters of dispute, to elect members as aforesaid, to vote prizes, subscriptions or guarantees to any Show or Field Trial, and to appoint sub committees and co-opt on such sub committees anyone whom the Executive Committee may think desirable, and to carry on the general business of the Club.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any questions which arise not provided for in the rules, and to fill any vacancies occurring in their numbers between General Meetings, the year of retirement to be the same as that where the vacancy occurs. The Executive Committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting whenever they think it desirable and if five members of the Executive Committee desire to call an Extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting they shall have the power to do so and the Secretary shall be bound to call such a meeting, and they shall if the Chairman and Vice Chairman be absent, elect their own Chairman.

- b. At their first meeting after the Annual General Meeting the Executive Committee shall appoint Sub Committees and they in turn shall appoint their own Chairman Every effort shall be made by the Executive Committee to ensure that members elected to Show & Field Trial Committees shall be proficient in these activities.
- c. The Field Trial and Show Secretaries shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee at their first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS.

- a. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee preliminary notice of which shall be sent out at least thirty five days beforehand, and any matter for the Agenda must be sent to the Secretary twenty eight days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. At the said meeting members of the Executive Committee who have served a term of 3 years shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. Any member of the Club may propose any member as a candidate for the Executive Committee, provided that the name of the new candidate be proposed and seconded and notified in writing to the Secretary together with the names of the proposer and the seconder twenty eight days before the General Meeting, and the proposer shall be responsible for the consent of the nominee to serve. This procedure also applies to the election of Office Bearers other than the Secretary and the Treasurer. The secretary shall be bound to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time, should he be required to do so, in writing, by not less than twelve members of the Club. Any resolution passed at either the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting can be altered or rescinded only at subsequent General Meeting. No resolution other than the adoption of the Report shall be moved at an Annual general Meeting unless notice signed by the person who proposes to move it, stating its terms, has been delivered or posted to the Secretary at least twenty eight days before the Annual General Meeting. The quorum for General Meetings shall be twelve. No business other than detailed on the Agenda may be discussed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

- b. The existing rules and regulations of the Club may not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and no alteration may be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of any such alteration.

8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

At least four meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held each year, one of such meetings to be held on the day of the Annual General Meeting and previous to it. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be five. The Secretary, in conjunction with the Chairman or the Vice Chairman, shall have the power on addition, to summon an Extraordinary Committee or Sub Committee meeting. Further Extraordinary Committee Meetings may be summoned as stated in paragraph 6.

If possible at least seven days' notice shall be sent by the Secretary of every Meeting together with the Agenda of the business to be transacted. The Chairman or Vice Chairman shall preside at every meeting. In their absence the members shall elect a Chairman. The Chairman shall have a vote only in the event of a tie taking place.

9. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

Any member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.j. (5) And/or under Kennel Club Rule A11.j. (9) Shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the club for the duration of the suspension and / or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club impose.

10. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.

Any member may withdraw from the Club at any time, on giving notice to the Secretary, provided always that such a member be liable for his subscription for the current year in which he gives notice, and shall have no further claims upon any property or funds belonging to the Club.

11. PRIZES CUPS ETC.

- a. No prizes, cups or subscriptions or guarantees shall be granted to any Show or Field Trial which is not held either under rules or licence of the Kennel Club or International Gundog League. All Challenge and other cups or trophies are the property of the Club.
- b. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a final General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the Meeting notified to the Kennel Club.
- c. Any member winning a Club trophy shall be responsible for the return of such trophy to the Secretary not less than ONE MONTH before the date of the Show or Field Trial at which the trophy is to be competed for, and it shall be returned in as good condition as it was received.

12. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

- a. An Annual Report shall be drawn up by the Secretary in collaboration of the Sub Committees and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

This together with the names and addresses of the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Executive Committee and other officers shall be sent by the Secretary to every member of the Club.

- b. All accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 December and presented at the Annual General Meeting shall be certified by a Chartered Accountant or two unqualified people with Accountancy experience, unconnected to the committee to be appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting. A copy of the Accounts to be presented at the Annual General Meeting shall be in the hands of all members upon request at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

- c. The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with all expenses incurred on behalf of the Club. A separate banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club to be operated jointly by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer if holding separate offices. Otherwise, by the Secretary and Chairman.

13. DISPUTES.

- a. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the society in all cases relative to the canine or society matters court of appeal in all matters of dispute,
- b. The Golden Retriever Club of Scotland shall not be wound up as long as eight members are willing to carry on under its present title.
- c. The Club shall at no time join any federation of Clubs and Societies.

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