

BY-LAWS
OF
IDAHO RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is: IDAHO RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE II

The corporation is incorporated under the laws of the State of Idaho and is organized as a non-profit cooperative association.

ARTICLE III

The objects of the club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred retriever dogs, particularly but not limited to, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers; and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) To promote and educate the general public in the conservation of game through the increased use of retrievers in waterfowl and upland game shooting;
- (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of retriever breeds by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at field trials and hunt tests;
- (d) To conduct local and licensed field trials and hunt tests under the rules of the American Kennel Club;
- (e) To promote the cause of prevention of cruelty to animals.

ARTICLE IV

The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remained or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Every candidate for membership shall apply for membership in writing. The rights of all members shall be equal (except for voting rights of junior members), and no member can have or acquire a greater interest therein than any other member. The annual dues must accompany the application for membership. The name, residence, and telephone number of the candidate shall be sent by the proposed to the Treasurer.

A junior non-voting membership is available to persons under the age of 18.

Dues

Every member shall pay the sum of \$20.00 as annual dues (or \$10.00 for junior members), not to exceed a family membership of \$40.00, at or before the annual meeting of the club which shall be held in January of each year, and becoming delinquent at the time the annual meeting is called to order. Members joining the club at any date during a calendar year pay for the entire calendar year. Notice shall be mailed with the notice of annual meeting of each year to each member that his annual dues are payable. If dues are not paid for a period of sixty days after the annual meeting, he shall cease to be a member of the club.

ARTICLE VI

Board of Governors

The government of the club shall be vested in a board of six directors to be known as the Board of Governors. The annual meeting will be held in January each year at a date set by the Board of Governors. Each member will be notified by the Secretary of the time and place of the annual meeting, at least two weeks in advance of the date thereof.

At the annual meeting, two members shall be elected to the Board of Governors for a

term of three years. Votes by proxy in writing shall be allowed only at annual meetings. At annual meetings of the members, a majority of the members in good standing at the time of the meeting who are present in person or by written proxy, and who have paid their dues, shall constitute a quorum. (A majority must be present in person at special meetings.)

Powers and Duties

- (a) The Board of Governors shall from time to time make regulations in accordance with the powers herein given, or on matters not herein provided. All Board meetings are open to the membership.
- (b) The Board shall cause to be prepared annually through their Secretary and/or Treasurer, a detailed statement of the financial status of the club, the number of members and other matters of interest to the membership. The fiscal year shall terminate on December 31st of each year.
- (c) Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the Governors by a majority vote of those present at any meeting. Such office shall be held as though elected by the membership for the duration of the original period.
- (d) The Board of Governors shall hold a meeting at the direction of the President or two officers, or at the request of two (2) members of the board. Voting at meetings of the Board of Governors may be by mail or email on specific resolutions but may not be by proxy on any subject.
- (e) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided, however, that five (5) members of the Board must vote in the case of any vote taken by mail or email.
- (f) The Board of Governors shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board to change the Secretary and/or Treasurer at any time.
- (g) The Board of Governors at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting shall designate three members of the club to be a nominating committee whose duty it shall be to nominate candidates for the Board of Governors and officers to be voted upon at the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall report its nominations in writing to the Secretary of the club at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting and such Secretary forthwith shall notify in writing each member of the club of the name of the candidates so selected.

Any member whose name does not appear on the list selected by the nominating committee may be nominated for the Board Of Governors if his name is endorsed by at least three other members in writing and filed with the Secretary of the club

at least one week prior to the annual meeting. Any nominee for an officer may come from the floor at the annual meeting.

Officers

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and one and the same person may hold the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected annually by the membership at the annual meeting from among the members of the corporation. The powers, duties and authorities of the officers shall be those generally pertaining to such offices and specifically:

- (a) The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meeting of the club and the Board of Governors, and other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club. He shall have charge of all the correspondence of the club. The Secretary will furnish new members with a copy of the Articles and By-Laws upon entry and existing members upon request. The Secretary shall keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses.
- (b) Two of the officers and/or Board of Governors shall approve of any and all purchases.
- (c) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the club and receipt/s therefore. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in the name of the club in such bank as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.
- (d) The books of the Treasurer shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board of Governors, and at the annual meetings of the club each shall render a written account of all monies received and expended during the previous year.
- (e) Such officers, or any of them, and the committees and members thereof, may at any time, for violation of duty, be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors.
- (f) The President shall have a vote at meetings of the Board of Governors as fully as a member of the Board. The Vice-President may vote to break a tie only.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, hunting tests, field trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

Any committee appointed may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VIII

Discipline

1. 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.
2. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club or the breed. Written charges with specification must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00, 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 for the alleged conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member/s by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in their own defense and bring witnesses if desired.

3. 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. In addition, 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 their fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its finding 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.

4. 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 paragraph 3 of this Article. Such proceeding may

occur at a regular or special meeting of the club to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in their own behalf, though no evidence shall 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 on their own behalf if desired. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds 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.

5. Appeal. Any member aggrieved by the ruling of the Board or the membership shall have the right to petition the membership for reconsideration. They shall pay the Secretary a fee of \$20.00 and a written request for reconsideration. A copy of such request, together with a notice of time and place of such meeting, shall be mailed by the Secretary to the membership no less than two, and not more than four weeks prior to the meeting. At such meeting, a majority vote of those present shall be necessary for affirmation or reversal of the reconsidered order. No further appeals are allowed.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

At the meeting of the club, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may admit shall be as follows:

1. Calling the meeting to order by the President.
2. Calling of roll and reading of minutes by the Secretary, including list of members in good standing, whose dues are fully paid. No others shall vote at such

meetings.

3. Reading of Treasurer's report.
4. Reports and communications.
5. Election.
6. General Business.
7. Adjournment.

A special meeting of the club shall be called by the Secretary upon a written request of the majority of the members of good standing in the club. Special meetings may also be called by the President of the club.

ARTICLE X

Complaints and Resignations

All complaints or suggestions as to the management must be made in writing to the Board of Governors in care of the Secretary. All resignations must be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting. The Board, or any five members, in writing, may suggest amendments in writing, delivered to the Secretary. Notice of the proposed change or changes shall be mailed to the members by the Secretary at least two weeks in advance of such meeting. In case of emergency, the membership may vote an amendment at an annual meeting to become effective immediately without notice given prior, if two-thirds of the membership present votes to waive notice.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the club, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the club, shall be distributed to any members of the club, but after payments of the debts of the club, its property and assets shall be given in equal shares to the College of Veterinary Medicine of Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, and to Ducks Unlimited, an international non-profit association for the conservation and propagation of waterfowl in the United States and Canada.

ARTICLE XIII

Field Trials and Hunt Tests

The club may sponsor in any calendar year, two AKC licensed field trials, two AKC licensed hunt tests, and at least four picnic trials. All licensed trials shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the American Kennel Club. The remaining trials shall be conducted in accordance with those rules except those as may be modified from time to time by the Board if not applicable or practicable, or except as modified herein.

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(a). In picnic trials there shall be field trial classes for: Open All-Age, Qualifying, Derby, OR hunting stake classes for Master, Senior, and Junior. In either type trial, there may be classes also for Puppy up through 6 months of age, and Puppy 7 through 12 months of age. In the discretion of the Board announced in the premium for the trial, a picnic trial may be run as a “training day” as determined by the entrant so that corrections may be made. Corrections may be made by check-cord, low intensity e-collar or healing stick and shall not be abusive. Any violation of this standard may result in disciplinary action against the member as set forth above. In case a dog is run as a “training day” entrant, no placements shall be allowed that dog for that trial.

(b) In all picnic trials, at least one judge in each stake should have placed (i.e., JAM or better) a dog or have judged in that stake or higher in an AKC licensed trial.

(c) For licensed trials, the chair shall be advanced up to \$250.00 prior to the trial for expenses for such trial. They must account therefore to the Treasurer and provide receipt/s for all such expenses.

(d) Except as the Board may determine from time to time, the President shall be the chair of the licensed field trials. Similarly, one board member and one club member shall be the co-sponsors of each picnic trial. The Board shall select a Hunt Test chair.

(e) The AKC Derby or Junior standard shall be the standard for puppy stakes; however;

1. No multiple retrieves;

2. Dogs may be held on leash or physically until the dog's number is called. The number will be called as soon as the bird hits the ground.

3. Line manners shall not disqualify a dog, but one retrieving to hand shall outscore one who does not, all other factors being equal.

(f) There shall be no alcoholic beverages on gun stations, or any conduct at trials, which could cause potential liability to the club.

ACCEPTANCE

These By-Laws of the Idaho Retriever Club, Inc., supersede any previous By-Laws, the Amendments thereof, and standing resolutions, and are accepted and adopted January 11, 2014 by two-thirds of the membership present at the Annual meeting.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2014.