

Article I: Name

In accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation, the name of the Club is and shall be "Columbine Dachshund Club, Inc.", hereafter referred to as "the Club".

Article II: Purpose

The Purpose of the Club shall be:

1. To encourage the education of its membership on the care of the Dachshund hereinafter referred to as "the Breed" and do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
2. To procure the adoption of the Standard of Perfection as approved by the American Kennel Club by breeders, judges, exhibitors, kennel clubs, dog authorities and the general public.
3. To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and field trial under the rules of the American Kennel Club, to cooperate with recognized show-holding organizations, and to offer prizes to be competed for by the Breed.
4. To demonstrate the pre-eminent qualities of the Breed as worker, protector, companion and household pet.
5. To perform any act which, from time to time, shall appear necessary or convenient to further the interest of the Breed or the Club.

Article III: Membership

1. There shall be two classes of membership: Honorary Members and Active Members, hereinafter referred to as "Members".
2. Any reputable person in good standing with the American Kennel Club, eighteen years or older owning a Dachshund or manifesting an interest in the Breed, shall be eligible to become a member.
3. Members shall be entitled to vote, hold elective or appointive office and participate in all deliberations and activities of the Club.
4. Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Chairman upon a blank form to be provided for the purpose and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$15.00 for individual and family membership (to include two family members). Members joining the Club after February 1 of each year shall be required to pay only one-half the annual dues for the current year. Within a period of thirty days from the receipt of the application and fee, the Membership Chairman shall investigate the qualifications of the applicant and submit the application, with these findings thereon to the Board of Directors, who shall vote on the acceptability of the applicant. The application, together with the Board's recommendation, shall then be submitted to the vote of the members present at the next regular meeting of the Club, which can properly act thereon. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall be required for election.
5. If the applicant were elected, the Secretary shall promptly notify the successful candidate of his election, place his name upon the rolls of the Club and credit the accompanying fee to the payment of the new member's dues for the current fiscal year.
6. If the applicant was rejected, the Secretary shall promptly notify the unsuccessful candidate of the rejection, together with the reason therefore, and return to him the fee accompanying the application.
7. A rejected candidate may renew his application when the cause of the rejection shall have ceased to exist.
8. Any person who has rendered a single service to the Club or Breed shall be eligible to become an Honorary Member.
9. Honorary Members shall be entitled to enjoy all the privileges of the Club and shall be exempt from the payment of dues or assessments.

10. Candidates for Honorary Membership may be nominated by any member to the Secretary of the Club. Upon receipt of such nomination, the Board of Directors shall investigate the qualifications of the nominee. The nomination shall be submitted to the vote of the members present at the next regular meeting, which properly can act thereon. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election.

Article IV: Officers

1. The executive officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. When practical, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined by election of the membership.
2. The executive officers shall be elected by written ballot by the members present and voting at the Annual meeting. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election.
3. The President shall act as chief executive of the Club, preside at meetings, act as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and otherwise perform all duties as are by custom, parliamentary practice and these Bylaws required of him.
4. The Vice President, in case of absence, disability or disqualification of the President, shall act in his capacity and otherwise perform all the duties as are by custom, parliamentary practice and these Bylaws required of him. The Vice President shall act as Membership Chairman.
5. The Secretary shall keep the written minutes or notes of the proceedings of all meetings, receive and submit to the proper authority all communications requiring the attention of any officer, committee or the Board of Directors, attend to and dispose of all routine or administrative correspondence, act as custodian of the Club's files, records and property, and otherwise perform all duties as are by custom parliamentary practice and these Bylaws required of him. An Assistant Secretary may delegate such functions as the Board may approve.
6. The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all moneys, notes, securities, and other evidences of indebtedness paid into the Treasury, disburse them at the directions of the members of the Board of Directors, keep a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements and otherwise perform all duties as are by custom parliamentary practice and the Bylaws required of him.

Article V: Board of Directors Government

1. The Government of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) or nine (9), including the current elective officers.
2. Board members will be elected for three year terms.
3. The retiring President of the Club shall automatically become a member of the Board of Directors for a term of one year.
4. The President of the Club shall act as Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall be empowered to call meetings of the Board.
5. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by the members present and voting. A majority of votes cast shall be required for election.
6. The Board of Directors shall be charged with the duty, power and authority of executing the expressed will of the Club , and in addition thereto:
 - a. Of administering the internal government of the Club;
 - b. Of transacting all usual and proper business for and in the name of the Club, keeping a written record of the nature and extent of the business so transacted.
 - c. Of auditing the Treasurer's accounts annually.
 - d. Of requiring the Treasurer to furnish bond in the amount of \$1,000.00, the cost of same to be paid by the Club.

7. A quorum of five (5) shall be required for a meeting of the Board of Directors.
8. All correspondence or communications with reference to the choice or appointment of judges, the allocation of prize money and all but routine and purely administrative matters shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval and direction.

Article VI: Club Meetings

1. Meetings of the Club shall be of three kinds, Annual, General and Special.
2. The Annual Meeting shall be the regular August meeting.
3. Special Club Meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any meeting of the Board, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in metropolitan Denver and at such hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting; and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted thereat.
4. Nine (9) members (including one executive officer) shall constitute a quorum capable of transacting business.
5. Two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at meetings shall be a majority.

Article VII: Order of Business

Except when a meeting is called for a specific purpose, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll call
Minutes of last meeting
Report of Board
Report of President
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Report of Committees
Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
Election of new members
Unfinished business
New business
Adjournment

Article VIII: Dues Delinquencies

1. Dues of \$15.00, as stated in Article III, are payable within thirty days of the beginning of the Club's fiscal year, August 1.
2. Failure to pay dues by the annual meeting results in member ceasing to be in good standing and the loss of voting privileges. If, however, dues are paid within 60 days (by October 1), the member shall be reinstated.
3. Any member whose dues are not paid by October 1 shall be dropped from the roll of the Club.

Article IX: Historian

The Board of Directors shall designate one member as Historian. The duties of the Historian shall be:

1. To collect and assemble a record of items of general interest to the Club.
2. To secure the approval of the Board of Directors of all items recorded.

Article X: Bylaws

These Bylaws shall be subject to change or amendment by a two-thirds vote of the Club members present at two successive regular meetings of the Club, after having been submitted in writing at a regular meeting. Special notice of the intended change in the Bylaws must be given at least one week prior to the meeting.

Article XI: Working Rules

A set of Working Rules shall be maintained and attached to the Bylaws. These rules shall pertain to the conduct of Club business and must receive a majority vote of approval at two successive meetings.

Article XII: 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 the Club for a like period.
2. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or of the Breed. Written charges with specifications 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. 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 own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.
3. Board hearing. The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, and 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 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 recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion.
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 Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special 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 own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at the meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he/she wishes. The meeting shall the vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds vote of those presents at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If the expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

Article XIII: Dissolution of the Club

The Club may be dissolved by a resolution of the Club, adopted at the meeting especially called for that purpose, by a three-fourths vote. At least two weeks' notice of such meeting shall be given each member. After all debts and liabilities are paid, the remaining assets of the Club shall be disposed of as the dissolution meeting decides.

Working Rules

1. All material written under the name of the Columbine Dachshund Club and pertaining to Club activities and/or its individual members must, prior to its publication, be approved

by the Board of Directors, with subsequent approval by any individual concerned. Show reports are excepted from this rule.

2. 17 February, 1976. In those years that the retiring President goes onto the Board of Directors, one board member shall be elected for one year to make an uneven number of people serving on the Board every year. There shall be a minimum of three (3) elected board members serving each year. In those years that the retired President serves on the Board, there shall be a total of nine (9) Board members; in those years that there is no retired President serving on the Board, there shall be a total of seven (7) Board members.
3. 21 October 1980. The Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement for any position on the Board of Directors or office of the Club that becomes vacant. The replacement appointee shall serve for the remainder of the term.
4. 17 September 1985. The new slate of Club Officers and Board members elected at the Annual meeting, (in accordance with Article IV, part two and Article V, part five, respectively) shall assume their positions on the first Tuesday following Labor Day.

Amendments to Bylaws

Article III, Section 4: Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Chairman, upon a blank to be provided for the purpose, and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$6.00 (for an individual membership) or \$10.00 (for two immediate family members).

Approved:

19 September 1961

17 October 1961

1973 Fees Changed

Pending Approval Date – Bylaws modified to reflect present Club goals and philosophies.