

Iroquois Beagle Gundog Association

Constitution and By-Laws

Preamble

Whereas in all well-regulated societies, certain laws and rules are adopted as necessary to maintain order therein: we therefore, the members of the Iroquois Beagle Gundog association present the following as our Constitution and By-Laws.

Article 1 Purpose

This organization shall be known and designed and designated as the Iroquois Beagle Gundog Association. It shall place no restriction on member clubs, or expect any in return, except as provided for in the by-laws of the association.

It is the purpose of this affiliation to promote the breeding and competition of AKC registered beagles, in strict compliance of the established AKC rules and regulations. Furthermore, the hounds shall conform to the rule book and be “capable” of serving as a field trial hound, a gundog, or a member of a pack, on either rabbit or hare. These hounds shall be considered the ideal Beagles, with no variation in qualities from their noble origin as hunting dogs.

Article 2 Membership

2.1 Club Membership

2.1.1 Any Beagle club in New York State or reasonable borders that is in good standing with the American Kennel Club and holds one small pack option trial annually may upon request become a member of the IBGA. Clubs should be endeavoring to hold AKC licensed small pack option trials on rabbit or hare. The field trial schedule for member clubs will be published annually in issues of “Better Beagling” magazine.

2.1.2 A member club or individual may be admonished, suspended for a period of time, or expelled for good cause. Such suspension or expulsion shall be by the vote of 2/3 of the members of the Board of Directors, provided that a statement

of the said charges shall have been mailed by registered post to the member or club at the last recorded address at least 15 days before final action is taken thereon; this statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time when and place where the Board of Directors is to take action, provided that the said member club shall have been given an opportunity to present a defense at the time and place mentioned in such notice.

2.1.3 Each member club shall be assessed a \$50.00 annual fee. This fee shall be due to the current IBGA treasurer by February 1st each calendar year.

Article 3 Meetings

- 3.1 The annual delegate meeting shall be held at the member club hosting the IBGA championship trial. Notification of meeting will be as posted in trial ad.
- 3.2 Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors at their discretion. Special meetings may also be called upon the written request of 10% of the association membership. The Secretary, upon receiving such written demand, shall promptly give notice of such meeting, by first class mail, to all member clubs in good standing. Such notice shall be subject to Section 3.3
- 3.3 Written notice shall be given of every meeting. If it is a special meeting, the notice shall state the purpose of such meeting. No business other than specified in the notice shall be transacted at such meetings. The place, day and hour of meetings shall be determined by a majority vote of the association officers.
- 3.4 One half (1/2) of the member clubs entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum: a lesser number present must adjourn the meeting in the absence of a quorum.
- 3.5 Any member club in good standing as of the date of a meeting shall be entitled to one vote at that meeting to be cast by a designated club delegate.
- 3.6 All member clubs in good standing shall be entitled to one vote, with the exception of the President who may cast a ballot in case of a tie in any transaction voted upon by the association. Any corporate action may be authorized at a number required for such action by some other provisions of the by-laws. Abstentions or blank votes shall not be counted in the number of votes cast.

3.7 Order of Business

- a. Call to order by President
- b. Roll Call of officers
- c. Reading of minutes of last previous meeting
- d. Reports of officers
- e. Reports of Board of Directors
- f. Reports of Committees
- g. Introduction of new members
- h. Election of officers
- i. Unfinished business
- j. New business
- k. Welfare of the affiliation and the breed
- l. Roll call
- m. Adjournment

Article 4 Directors

4.1 The affairs and concerns of the affiliation shall be vested in a board of directors, consisting of selected members of the association, and the President, Vice-Presidents East/West, Secretary, Treasurer and field trial Chairman. The total number of members of the board of directors shall be ten.

4.2 Officer members shall be elected to one year terms.

4.3 A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 5 Officers

5.1 The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents East/West, Secretary, Treasurer and Field Trial Chairman.

- 5.2 The President shall preside at all association and Board of Director meetings. He shall be a member ex-officio with the right to vote at all committee meetings. He shall make suggestions, which in his opinion would promote the prosperity and welfare and increase the usefulness of the association. He shall also perform such other duties as are necessary incident to the office of President of the association.
- 5.3 Eastern vice-president will be responsible for organizing IBGA trial schedule. Western vice-president will obtain and coordinate sponsorship/prizes for IBGA championship trial and consistency. In case of death or absence of the President, or his inability to act from any cause, remaining officers will vote on eastern or western vice president as acting president until next annual meeting. Until such time only one vice president will take on all responsibilities aforementioned.
- 5.4 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice of all meetings, to keep a record of proceedings and to carry into execution all orders, votes and resolution not otherwise committed; to keep a list of the members of the association, designating those in good standing, and generally devote his best efforts to forwarding the business and advancing the interest of the association.
- 5.5 The Field Trial Chairman shall plan and organize the IBGA Championship event.
- 5.6 All vacancies in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of association members present at meeting immediately preceding such vacancy.
- 5.7 The Board of Directors shall determine if any security bonds should be required of any officer, agent, or employee charged by the association with responsibility for the custody of any of its funds or property.

Article 6 Committee and Delegates

- 6.1 Each member club shall select a delegate from their club to represent them at association functions. He shall be empowered to cast a ballot on any business at the annual meeting or any special meetings of the association. It shall be the duty of said delegates to convey to their respective clubs pertinent information concerning the association. These delegates shall also nominate IBGA officers.

Article 7 Dues

- 7.1 The annual dues for member clubs shall be fixed by vote of the association members present at the annual meeting.
- 7.2 The annual dues shall be for the period from January 1st until December 31st.

Article 8 Fiscal Year

- 8.1 The fiscal year of the affiliation shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Article 9 Election Procedure

- 9.1 The member clubs of the association shall at the annual meeting elect directors, officers, and standing committee officials for the fiscal year.
- 9.2 Voting shall be by association member clubs in good standing, and the candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
- 9.3 No voting by proxy shall be permitted.
- 9.4 Only members in good standing with the association may be elected to any office or position. Any person who ceases to be a member shall automatically cease to occupy offices and positions held by them, which shall automatically become vacant.

Article 10 Rules of Conduct

- 10.1 All association members and member clubs shall abide by all existing rules and regulations set forth by the American Kennel Club. Any disrespect of such shall be grounds for immediate expulsion from the association.
- 10.2 Each member club shall submit their tentative trial dates to the Eastern Vice President by January 1st of each year for the coming trial season. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of any dates received after January 1st. If the trial is still held, it will not be in conjunction with the association, and no consistency points shall be awarded to placing hounds. Field trial results shall be submitted to the

webmaster by 14 (fourteen) days after the close of such trial; failure to do so may result in consistency points being withheld from all placing hounds, even though it was through no fault of the owners/ handlers of such hounds.

10.3 All affiliation members and their agents shall conduct themselves in a gentlemen-like manner at all association activities. They shall refrain from actions which include, but not limited to: boisterous conduct, rioting, profanity, disrespect to others present, or any other action which may put the association into disrepute, or which might injure, annoy or harass other persons or member clubs.

10.4 Any violation of the rules of conduct shall be grounds for expulsion or suspension from the affiliation. The Board of Directors shall immediately be notified of any such violations when they occur.

Article 11 Consistency Awards and Winners' Stake

11.1 Consistency Awards will be given to the deserving hounds of the association who have compiled the most consistency points for placement at qualifying or licensed trials during the yearly trial schedule from January 1 to December 31. 13" and 15" awards will be given to winning dogs and bitches. Only hounds belonging to members or associate members of the IBGA may qualify.

11.2 IBGA championship Trial will be an open licensed trial held at a member club. Trial will use only IBGA member judges. Accrued points will count towards consistency for that year. Number of points awarded shall be equal to that of a Licensed trial + 10 (TEN).

11.3 Records of consistency and qualification shall be kept by the webmaster of the IBGA. The webmaster shall tabulate accrued points of all hounds, check owner's membership to IBGA and announce consistency winners.

Article 12 Amendments

12.1 This constitution or by-laws, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended or expunged by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any association meeting, provided that a written copy of such amendments or alterations has

been delivered to each association member at least 30 days before such vote is to be taken.

Article 13 Transition and Effective Date

13.1 This constitution and by-laws shall, upon their adoption, constitute all of the by-laws of the association.

13.2 This constitution and by-laws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption by a majority vote of members in good standing in the association.