

# **NATIONAL DACHSHUND COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

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## **1 NAME**

The name of the organisation shall be the 'NATIONAL DACHSHUND COUNCIL' and shall herein be referred to as the 'NDC'.

## **2 OBJECTS**

The objects of the NDC shall be:-

- a) To encourage and promote in every way the quality of breeding, care, training and exhibition of the Dachshund.
- b) To educate and encourage Exhibitors, Breeders and Judges to abide by the Standard of the Dachshund, as approved by the Australian National Kennel Council.
- c) To enable Member Clubs to take co-operative action on matters which such Clubs agree are of common interest and for their mutual benefit in the promotion of the Dachshund.
- d) To allocate the title of National Dachshund Specialty Show for use by member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory Controlling Body and the Australian national Kennel Council.
- e) To seek registration with the Australian national Kennel Council, and if recognised, agree to be bound by the rules and regulations, and directions of the Australian National Kennel Council for the time being in force.
- f) To become associated with overseas Dachshund organisations with kindred to the objects of the NDC.
- g) To collect, verify and publish information relating to Dachshunds and the breeding and exhibition of Dachshunds, specifically to publish a yearly Australian Dachshund Handbook and Records.
- h) To encourage Member Clubs to hold Shows, parades, Trials and other exhibitions as approved by and under the Rules and Regulations of their state or Territory Controlling Body and of the Australian National Kennel Council.
- i) To legislate, to make by-laws and do other acts, matters and things, as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or other of the objects of the NDC.

## **3 POWERS**

The NDC Shall have power to:-

- a) Acquire a membership fee from members Clubs to carry out ANY OR ALL objects of the NDC.
- b) Invest the funds of the NDC, not immediately required, in such manner as the delegates shall determine.
- c) Hold Breed Seminars, Conventions and Congresses through the sponsorship of the Member Clubs.
- d) Correspond with and become associated with overseas Dachshund organizations, for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints on matters affecting the welfare of the Dachshund.
- e) Allocate the title of national Dachshund Specialty Show to the various Member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory Controlling Body and the Australian National Council. See By Laws 1 and 2.

## **4 MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Any specialist Dachshund Club affiliated with a State or territory Controlling Body, which is in turn a member of the Australian National Kennel Council, upon payment of the prescribed annual membership fee, shall be eligible for membership of the NDC, except in the case of re-admission which must be in compliance with Clause 12 of the Constitution.

- b) The following specialist Dachshund Clubs and such other specialist Dachshund Clubs as may from time to time be admitted, shall be Member Clubs, entitles to nominate a delegate to the NDC.
- i) The Dachshund Club of New South Wales Inc.
  - ii) The Novocastrian Dachshund Club of New South Wales Inc.
  - iii) The Dachshund Club of Victoria Inc.
  - iv) The Dachshund Club of Queensland
  - v) The Dachshund Club of Western Australia Inc.
- c) The membership fee shall be such amount as the NDC shall from time to time determine. (See By Law 4)

## **5 MEETINGS**

- a) Each of the Member Clubs named in Clause 4(b) shall appoint no more than two delegates to the NDC with each Club entitled to one vote. Each delegate must be a financial members of his Member Club and of the respective State or Territory Controlling Body. If for any reason it should become necessary, member Clubs may appoint a substitute delegate who shall ipso facto be deemed to be a delegate for voting and all other purposes at a meeting of the NDC.
- b) At meetings of the NDC each member Club shall have one vote, subject to its delegate being in attendance at such meetings.
- c) The quorum for meetings shall be more in number than 50% of the number of Member Clubs.
- d) Member Clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the NDC by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate the agenda for a meeting to each of the Member Clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- e) Except for the unanimous consent of all member Clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of the NDC shall be valid UNLESS notice has been given in accordance with Clause 5(d).
- f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 5(e) all NDC business will be dealt with at General Meetings. If matters of urgency arise in the interim period such matters will be addressed through a telephone link up of all Member Clubs.  
All other business occurring between General Meetings will be dealt with through correspondence to Member Clubs. The Secretary shall at the request of two Member Clubs, submit any particular matter of urgency to the Member Clubs by post and the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly, at meetings of the Member Clubs. Also, should, in the opinion of the President or Secretary, NDC business require urgent action, this business may be conducted by telephone link up, provided that a quorum takes part. Telephone link up must be confined to a limited agenda or emergency decisions with prior notification by the NDC.
- g) The NDC shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings on an annual basis at such time and place as it deems fit. The general meetings shall be at National Shows in the years when a National Show is held.
- h) The president of the NDC shall be Chairman of all meetings of the NDC. Should he/she not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Chairman from among their number. The delegate appointed Chairman may record his/her own vote on any matter, but shall not have a casting vote.
- i) Should the Secretary not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting the delegates shall elect a Deputy Secretary, for that meeting from among their members. The delegate appointed Deputy Secretary may record his/her own vote on any matter.

- j) Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands. Provided that each member Club with a delegate present shall have the right to record one vote. In the event of equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall not have a casting vote, and the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

## **6 PRESIDENT**

The President must be a club member of one of the Member Clubs and of the Respective State or Territory Controlling Body, but shall not be a Club Delegate. He/she shall be formally appointed at the General meeting held at national Shows for a term consisting of the time between national Shows by the NDC delegates at the General Meeting from the nominations received in accordance with By Law 3. The president shall hold office until the day following that of the General Meeting at the end of the term. The President shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the NDC.

## **7 SECRETARY**

- a) The Secretary must be a Club Member of one of the Member Clubs and of the respective State or Territory Controlling Body, but shall not be a Club Delegate. He/she shall be formally appointed at the General Meeting held at national Shows for a term consisting of the time between National Shows by the NDC delegates at the General Meeting from the nominations received in accordance with By Law 3. The Secretary shall hold office until the day following that of the General Meeting at the end of the term. The secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the NDC.

- b) Duties of the Secretary -

The Secretary shall act under the direction of the NDC. He/she shall attend all meetings of the NDC and any other meeting where his/her presence may be required, to keep proper minutes of such meetings, and generally to perform all such duties as are usually performed by any such office in a like position.

The Secretary shall be responsible for all monies received on behalf of the NDC and shall pay all such sums into the bank account of the NDC within 14 days of receipt. It shall be a further duty of the Secretary to keep proper books of account of the NDC.

## **8 HEADQUARTERS**

The headquarters of the NDC shall be the residential address of the Secretary where the books, records and property of the NDC shall be kept.

## **9 FINANCE**

- a) A bank account in the name of the "National Dachshund Council" shall be opened with a recognised Australian bank and kept in the name of the NDC.
- b) All monies payable on behalf of the NDC shall be paid by cheque drawn upon the bank account of the NDC. All cheques shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President or NDC delegate appointed for that purpose.
- c) The financial year of the NDC shall be from 1st July to 30th June each year.
- d) At the General Meeting the NDC shall appoint an auditor, with accountancy qualifications. Such auditor shall hold office until the first meeting in the following year, but shall be eligible for reappointment.
- e) An audited statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet shall be forwarded to each member Club by 31st July in each year.

## **10 BY LAWS**

Subject always to the Constitution, delegates at a meeting by resolution passed by a majority of not less than 60% of delegates present and voting on this resolution, may make By Laws and may from time to time amend such By Laws by variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit, in respect of -

- a) The granting of the title National Dachshund Specialty Show. These shows are to be held within the third calendar year after the previous National Show. Ie greater than 24 months and less than 36 months.
- b) The appointment of the President. Applications for the position of President shall be submitted through the Member Clubs. These Clubs will not have censorship rights on these applications.
- c) The appointment of the Secretary. Applications for the position of Secretary shall be submitted through Member Clubs. These Clubs will not have censorship rights on these applications.
- d) Membership Fees. Membership Fee from Member Clubs shall be \$100.00.
- e) Any matter the delegates consider necessary to carry out the objects of the NDC.
- f) Audited Statement - The selection of auditor be made from names submitted by the member Clubs for the State in which the Secretary resides.
- g) In the event of a tied vote for the election of either a President or Secretary, a returning officer who is not a candidate be appointed by delegates present and that then the returning officer shall proceed to elect the president or Secretary by drawing the names from a hat.

### **ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

This constitution and the By-Laws of the NDC shall not be altered, waived or amended, except at a meeting of the delegates at which at least 90 days notice has been given to the Secretary of such amendment and the Secretary has given 60 days notice to all Member Clubs.

The amendment must be agreed to by a majority of not less than 60% of the delegates present and voting on this resolution.

### **RESIGNATION**

Any member Club may at any time resign its membership by giving notice to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not free that Club from liability to pay any subscription which due and unpaid on the date of resignation. Should any Member Club that has resigned seek re-admission as a member of the NDC, such re-admission is to be voted on at a meeting of the NDC called in accordance with Clause 5(d) of the constitution. A majority of not less than 75% of the delegates present and voting in person will be required to re-admit a member club.

### **PROPERTY/WINDING-UP**

No club or individual shall have any proprietary right or interest in any of the funds or property of the NDC. Such property or funds shall be devoted to the promotion of the objects of the NDC. However, in the event of the winding up on the NDC the property or funds shall be divided equally amongst the clubs which are members at the time of such winding up.