

## Changes Needed To Bring Club's By-Laws to Date

### Members Urged to Study Following Documents and Give Advice

Following are the Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Bernard Club of America, adopted by the Club when it was founded in 1887, and which are still in use after 45 years. Whereas many of the provisions show the wisdom and foresight of the founders of the Club, some others are a trifle out of date, and if permitted to remain unchanged will serve to retard the progress of the organization.

The officers of the Club urge that all the members make a careful study of these documents, with view to suggesting changes and additions to be made at the annual meeting of the Club, in February, 1933.

Sections that in the opinion of the Club officers need to be revised have been printed in bold type:

## CONSTITUTION

### Article I Name.

The name of this Club shall be the ST. BERNARD CLUB OF America.

### Article II Objects

The object of this Club is to improve and encourage the breeding of St. Bernards, to protect the interests of its members, and to issue such publications as may be considered for the interests of the club.

### Article III. Membership

The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members, each of whom shall sign the constitution.

### Article IV. Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

### Article V. Management.

The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Governors, which shall consist of the Officers and ten other members, making fifteen in all; five to form a quorum.

### Article VI.

The President shall be Chairman of the Board, which shall elect from its members a Finance Committee of three.

### Article VII.

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board of Governors after the annual meeting, the Board shall have the power of filling said vacancy.

### Article VIII.

Any vacancy in the offices of President, Vice-Presidents, or Secretary-Treasurer, shall be filled by the Board of Governors.

### Article IX.

The initiation fee shall be ten dollars and must accompany the application for membership. Such initiation fee shall cover the current year's dues.

### Article X. Dues.

The dues of the members shall be five dollars per annum, payable in advance on or before the first day of January of each year.

### Article XI. Report.

An annual report and abstract of accounts, duly audited by the finance committee, shall be open to the inspection of members of the Club at the annual meeting.

### Article XII. Official Judges.

The Club shall have ten official judges, to be elected by mail ballot by the members of the Club annually during the month of December. The judges may be non-members of the Club and their term of office shall be for one year from and including the first day of July following their election. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In the event of a vacancy in the list of judges after the annual election, the Board of Governors shall have the power of filling said vacancy.

### Article XIII. Prizes

The Board of Governors shall have the power to offer prizes to be paid for out of the funds of the Club. Prizes to be offered only where an official judge of the Club is selected to judge St. Bernards, and to be open for competition only to dogs owned by members.

### Article XIV. Amendments.

No amendment to this constitution shall be made except at a regular annual meeting of the Club, and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. At least sixty days (60) before action thereon, notice of any proposed amendment must be given to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall within thirty (30) days thereafter, send a copy of such proposed amendment to each member of the Club, stating the name and names of the members offering the same.

## BY-LAWS

### Article I.

#### Order of Business

1. Roll Call.
2. Minutes of preceeding meeting.
3. Reports of Officers and Committees.
4. Communications.
5. Propositions for membership.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New Business.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Adjournment.

### Article II.

#### Duties of Officers.

Section I. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, and shall preserve order and see that all rules and regulations are strictly enforced. He shall have no vote at any meeting except in the election of Officers and on equal divisions, when he shall have the casting vote. He shall also appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and shall at the annual meetings report the workings of the Club during the year.

Section II. One of the Vice-Presidents shall assist the President when necessary, and in his ab-

sence perform all the duties and be invested with all the powers of the President.

Section III. In the absence of the President and the three Vice-Presidents, any member may be chosen to preside.

Section IV. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Club, shall conduct the correspondence and have charge of and be responsible for all books and papers; he shall also notify applicants for membership of their election or rejection and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Club.

He shall have charge of all moneys, medals, cups and trophies belonging to the Club. Shall pay all bills when properly approved and submit a report thereof to the Finance Committee when called upon to do so. Shall keep a correct account with all members and shall at the annual meeting make a report of the financial standing of the Club, and at the end of his term of office, surrender all books, papers, funds, vouchers, and other property belonging to the Club to his successor. He shall furnish a bond to the Board of Governors in such amounts as they shall require, for the faithful performance of his duties, as provided in this section. Said bond shall be in some regularly incorporated surety company, that is approved by the Board of Governors.

Section V. The Board of Governors shall annually after their election take a correct inventory of the property and effects of the Club and place it in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer, and it shall be recorded in the minutes of the Club at the first regular meeting thereafter. Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held whenever necessary. Time and place of meeting to be specified by the Secretary-Treasurer in his official notice to the members of the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer shall act in their official capacity at the meetings of the Board. The Board of Governors may at any time transact business pertaining to the Club by motions or resolutions sent by mail to the Secretary-Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to furnish each member of the Board with a duplicate copy of each motion or resolution that may be offered by a member of the Board of Governors, and all members of the Board shall be entitled to a vote by mail on such motion or resolution, forwarding their votes to the Secretary-Treasurer. At least ten days shall be allowed from the time copy of motion or resolution is sent out by the Secretary-Treasurer, to the time the vote shall be counted; and unless at least five votes are received by the Secretary-Treasurer, the motion or resolution shall be considered as lost, except as is especially provided in Article IV.

### Article III.

#### Application for Membership.

Applications for membership must be made to the Secretary-Treasurer, upon blanks furnished by the Club for that purpose, and must be accompanied by the initiation fee of \$10.

### Article IV.

#### Candidates.

Candidates for membership shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another. The election shall be by the Board of Governors at its first regular meeting, or by mail ballot, as provided in Section 5 of Article II. It shall be by ballot and three negative votes shall reject a candidate.

### Article V.

#### Resignations.

Any member may resign by giving notice to the Secretary-Treasurer in writing, but no resignation shall be accepted if the member be

in arrears for dues or otherwise, or if there be any charges pending against him or her.

### Article VI.

#### Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting each year, there shall be elected by separate ballot, a President, three Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who thereby become members of the Board of Governors. The remaining ten members of the Board of Governors shall be elected at the same meeting by ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

### Article VII.

#### Meetings.

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Club to be held between January 1st and June 1st in each year, the time and place of said meeting shall be designated by the Board of Governors. Fifteen days notice by mail shall be given to each member of the time and place of holding the meeting. The members unable to be present may vote for every specified subject by letter to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Club shall be called at the written request of at least five members. The said request shall be addressed to the President of the Club, stating its object, and he shall direct the Secretary-Treasurer to notify at once, in writing, every member of the Club, of the place and time of the meeting, and of the business for which such meeting is called. At such meetings, no business is to be transacted except such as is specified in the call for the meeting.

### Article VIII.

#### Discipline.

Section 1. Any member who shall be guilty of conduct derogatory to the interests of the Club, may be suspended from the Club by a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, at a meeting of the Board of Governors, at which no less than nine shall be present or represented by mail vote. Thirty days notice of such intended action must be given previously, in writing, to all members of the Board. This action must be reported at the next annual meeting of the Club, or at the next special meeting called for the purpose by the Board, when the member may be expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present or by mail vote.

Section 2. Any member violating the constitution or the rules of the Club, shall forfeit his or her membership.

### Article IX.

#### Expenses.

Any necessary expenses incurred by the Secretary-Treasurer or Board of Governors, for or in behalf of the Club, shall be defrayed out of the Club funds. All bills must be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall have them approved by two members of the Finance Committee. They shall affix to them their signatures and date of approval, after which the Secretary-Treasurer shall be considered duly authorized to pay the same.

### Article X.

#### Club Specials.

Section 1. No member in arrears for dues shall be allowed to compete.

Section 2. A dog or bitch in the open class or puppy class, or in the novice class, in order to be eligible for competition for the Club specials must have been awarded at least a V. H. C. (Very Highly Commended) in its respective regular class, at the show where the special or specials are to be competed for. This rule does not apply to a dog or bitch in the challenge class or competing for specials offered for stud dogs or brood bitches.

3. The dog or bitch belonging to

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