

STATEMENT of PURPOSE

The Utah Sighthound Racing and Coursing Association is an organization of sighthound fanciers dedicated to the common goal of preserving and further developing the natural beauty, grace, speed and coursing skill of the sighthound. We will endeavor to promote lure field trials for sighthounds through both the American Kennel Club and American Sighthound Field Association, and other amateur events through LGRA, NAWRA, NOTRA, et al

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Article I NAME and OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. The name of the Club shall be the Utah Sighthound Racing and Coursing Club (USRCC).

SECTION 2. The objectives of the Club shall be: to promote and conduct competitive amateur running events, and any other event for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club, American Sighthound Field Assn, LGRA, NOTRA, NAWRA, et al.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from revenues generated by the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member club or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

Article II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be the following types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The AKC, ASFA, etc. and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Regular (Individual) — Enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office, and their hounds are eligible to compete for any or all club sponsored memorial trophies and awards. No member's hound may be eligible for competing for any club memorial trophy or award unless their membership for the current year is paid on or before the last day of January, and the member must have volunteered in some way to help the Club promote and conduct its events during that calendar year. Dues shall not exceed \$50.

Household - Two (2) adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office. Dues shall not exceed \$50.

Associate — Entitled to all club privileges except voting and office holding (offered to individuals who live outside of the club's area; also offered to individuals who live in the club's area but are not active). Associate members' hounds are not eligible for club sponsored memorial trophies or awards. Dues shall not exceed \$50.

Life — For those individuals who have been members for a long period of time (usually 20+ years); Life members pay no dues but are eligible to vote and hold office.

Section 2. Dues. Membership dues shall be payable on or before the last day of January each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. Members' hounds are only eligible to compete for club sponsored memorial trophies and awards if their dues are received on or before the last day of January.

Section 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the board of directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the club following its receipt. At the next club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated: (a) by resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation. (b) by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting. (c) by expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS and VOTING

SECTION 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the club shall be held at such an hour and place as may be designated by any of the Board of Directors. Notice of each such meeting shall be posted by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. A quorum of 20% of members in good standing is required for all voting.

SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings. Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by any club member in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings.

SECTION 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as needed. Meetings shall be held at such place, date, and hour as agreed upon or via telephone conference call or via video conference at such hour and place as may be designated by the board.

SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board will be held following the same guidelines as Board Meetings as outlined in section 3.

SECTION 5. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which they are present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election. Elections may be held using an anonymous voting system through the internet.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the officers and four other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings. (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws. (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity. (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, and keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses. The club roster shall be made available in digital form to any club member in good standing that requests it. (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. (e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

SECTION 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of the members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special Board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE IV CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Club Year. The club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December. The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December, at which officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately

upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 3. Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The four nominated candidates for other positions on the board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of October, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of at least two members from within members of good standing in the club. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members of their selection. (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and positions on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall report their nominations to the Secretary prior to the November meeting. (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated. (c) Additional nominations may be made by any member in attendance at the November meeting, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. (d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint members to advance the work of the club in such matters as events assignments, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields. Such appointments 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.

SECTION 2. Any appointment 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 VI DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. Any member who is suspended from all the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Charges. An individual member may prefer charges against another individual member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$75, 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 do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for 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 and the specifications 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/her own defense and bring witnesses if he/ she wishes.

SECTION 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 reprimand or 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 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 his/her 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.

SECTION 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 meeting 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/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he/she wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 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.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the club other than for purposes of reorganization 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 payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX ORDER of BUSINESS

SECTION 1. At general meetings of the club, 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 President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of committees
- Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be the same as that for general meetings as stated in Section 1 of this Article, with the exception of the items for Election of Officers and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.