

CONSTITUTION OF THE SCENTRAL ONTARIO TRACKERS

ARTICLE I NAME:

This organization shall be known as the SCENTRAL ONTARIO TRACKERS, herein after referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES:

- (1) To foster tracking tests and training of tracking dogs.
- (2) To encourage, guide and advance the welfare of purebred dogs and their owners.
- (3) To encourage and foster good sportsmanship.

ARTICLE III FINANCES:

- (1) This Club shall be deemed a non-profit organization, but may accumulate assets in the name of the Club for the purpose of fulfillment of Article II Objectives.
- (2) Complete records and accounts shall be maintained of all receipts, disbursements and banking which shall be subject to an annual audit by the Audit Committee.
- (3) In the event of dissolution of the Club, the accumulated assets shall be disposed of in a manner as to comply with Article II Objectives.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP ADMISSIONS TO MEMBERSHIP, RESIGNATION AND RE-ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP:

- (1) Regular Members
 - (a) Any individual interested in tracking and the welfare of dogs in general and the objectives of this Club in particular, shall be eligible for membership in accordance with the By-Laws.
 - (b) A Regular member is entitled to one (1) vote at any Annual, General or Special meeting of the Club.
 - (c) Membership dues shall be established for the upcoming year at the meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.

- (d) Single Membership: Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, including the right to vote and the right to hold office.
- (e) Family Memberships: Meaning a parent(s) or partner and any number of children under the age of sixteen (16) years. The parent(s) or partner shall each have Regular Member status. Children under the age of sixteen (16) years may attend all meetings but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.
- (f) Declining an application for membership: If an application for membership is denied, the applicant must receive the reason in writing from the Executive, as to why the application is being rejected.
- (g) Termination of Membership:
 - a) By Expulsion. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the Canadian Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.
 - b) By Lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the first day of the beginning of the fiscal year (January 1st of each year). However, the Executive may grant up to an additional thirty (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 Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Club Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club, and they become incurred on the first of each fiscal year.
- (h) Members whose memberships have terminated for any reason may reapply for membership in the same manner as the original application.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS:

(1) Annual Meetings:

There shall be an Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers, receiving annual reports of committees and officers, and for any other business that may arise.

(2) General Meetings:

Other meetings may be held at the discretion of the Club and conducted in accordance with the By-Laws.

(3) Quorum:

(a) A quorum for any Annual, General, or Special meeting shall have at least one third (1/3) of the members in good standing present, which must include one third (1/3) of the existing Executive.

(b) A quorum for any Executive meeting shall consist of more than 50 % of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE:

(1) Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following four (4) officers and three (3) directors-at-large elected from the membership.

(a) The terms for the officers shall be:

- (i) President* - 2 years
- (ii) Vice-President* - 2 years
- (iii) Secretary* - 2 years
- (iv) Treasurer* - 2 years

(b) The terms for the Directors shall be:

3 Directors - 2 years

(c) The Board may appoint Standing Committees to advance the work of the Club.

*A minimum of three (3) Officers of the Executive must be residents of Canada and Canadian Kennel Club members in good standing. The names and offices held by these members must be reported to the Canadian Kennel Club annually when renewing club recognition together with a copy of any changes to the current Constitution/By-Laws of the Club.

(2) Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and directors as listed in Article VI (1) (a).

(3) Duties of Officers:

The duties of the Officers and Directors shall be defined by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB

The Club recognizes the Canadian Kennel Club as the final authority on all matters pertaining to its activities and as the Court of Appeal in all matters that would come under its digression, except that the Club retains unto itself authority over its own Constitution and By-Laws and matters of internal government.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS:

Proposal for Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by five (5) members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be considered by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting and must subsequently be presented to the Board within ninety (90) days of the date when the Secretary received the petition.

Amendments by Vote

The Constitution may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which he/she may indicate his/her choice for or against the action to be taken.

Dual-envelope procedures shall be followed in handling such ballots, to ensure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of the mailing date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. A two thirds (2/3) majority vote of all eligible voting members is required. Proxies are not allowed.

Canadian Kennel Club Approval

No amendments to the Constitution shall become effective until it has been approved by The Canadian Kennel Club

ARTICLE IX

BY-LAWS:

- (1) There shall be By-Laws to govern the day-to-day activities of the Club.
- (2) These By-Laws shall not be in conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE X:

AREA OF OPERATION:

The area of operation of the Club shall be Brant County, City of Hamilton, Halton Region, Peel Region, Waterloo County and Wellington County.