

**THE LANGSHAN CLUB  
CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS**

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Amended X/XX

**Article I: NAME**

- Section I. The Club shall be called "THE LANGSHAN CLUB"
- Section II. The address of the Club shall be that of the Secretary-Treasurer.

**Article II: OBJECT**

- Section I. The object of the Club shall be to promote the breeding and showing of the Langshan breed, both Large and Bantams; to urge the adoption of the true type and color by breeders, exhibitors and judges; to advance the true interest of the breed and to bring their unequalled good qualities to the attention of the world.

**Article III: CODE OF ETHICS**

The Langshan Club stands for the following principles and expects its members to be governed by them:

- Section I. To believe implicitly in the future of the Langshan and to consider them one of the best all-purpose breeds.
- Section II. To protect the public through truthful advertising, honest, upright business methods, through the sales of hatching eggs, chicks, and stock.
- Section III. To advertise only true and accurate records of winnings in the showroom. To avoid exaggerated and misleading claims in connection with all advertising.
- Section IV. To advertise any office or honorary position of the Club for the purpose of personal gain is not in keeping with the spirit of the Code of Ethics.
- Section V. The Langshan Club looks upon its officers as honorary and does not regard it as either necessary or dignified on the part of any candidate to carry on a campaign along ordinary political lines.
- Section VI. To accept any office in the Club is acknowledgement on the part of the incumbent that he or she is willing to carry out the duties of such office.
- Section VII. To become a member of the Club is to accept the duties of voting for officers and to promote Club interest and good will.

**Article IV: MEMBERSHIP**

- Section I. All members of the Club shall be active members to the best of their ability.
- Section II. Any person of good character and reputation, who fancies, breeds, shows or judges Langshan shall be eligible to become a member.
- Section III. Application for membership may be made through the Secretary, and must be accompanied by the appropriate membership fees.
- Section IV. Membership shall be acknowledged by a Club membership card and shall date from the time of such acknowledgement, terminating one year following, and any member who has not paid his or her dues within 30days of expiration shall

receive a warning notice and if his or her dues are not paid within 30 days, the Secretary shall drop his or her name from the membership roll.

Section V. Annual dues shall be \$20.00 for an Annual membership, \$5.00 for Juniors under 18, and \$20 Foreign.

Section VI. Misconduct: Charges of misconduct of a member must be made in writing, either to the Secretary-Treasurer, or the President; no other method shall be acted on. They shall be considered with the defense of the accused, by the Executive Committee, together with the Secretary-Treasurer. The said committee may, on a majority vote, suspend for a stated time, or expel the member.

#### **Article V: OFFICERS**

Section I. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Six District Directors.

Section II. All officers, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected by a vote of the membership, by ballot, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. District Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members in their District.

Section III. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the President within 14 calendar days after the election and shall be subject to dismissal by the Executive he could come from one of the other offices. The Secretary-Treasurer shall not act as the election commissioners.

Section IV. The general supervision and conduct of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and 8 District Directors. In case of a tie, on any voting matter, the President shall cast an additional vote.

Section V. The Executive Committee shall carry out the instructions of the Club, shall make such rules as may be deemed necessary during the year, award prizes, etc. and shall perform such other duties as are delegated by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section VI. The President, at such meetings as he or she may attend, shall carry out the instructions of the Executive Committee, shall approve and authorize claims against the Club (but no expenditures shall be authorized beyond the assets of the Club) and shall perform such other duties, as are customary to the office and not herein otherwise delegated.

Section VII. The Vice-President shall conduct all meetings in the absence of the President and perform such duties as are customary to the office and perform such other duties as may be delegated to that office. He shall receive all bids for all regions and national meets from the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be in charge of selecting the best three for voting on by the membership. He shall be responsible for coordinating all regional and national meets.

Section VIII. The Secretary-Treasurer shall, as secretary, conduct all general correspondence and keep the records of the Club. He shall, as Treasurer collect all money due and shall pay from the funds of the Club such claims as are authorized and approved. He shall receive all bids for regional and national meets and relay them on to the Vice-President. He shall be responsible for sending show reports and prizes to the host Club of all State, District, Regional, and National Meet. He

shall send a current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to all new members and to new officers.

Section IX. There shall be six districts with each containing the following States and or Countries.

- DISTRICT 1 - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts
- DISTRICT 2 - Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, New York, West Virginia
- DISTRICT 3 - Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Virginia, Tennessee
- DISTRICT 4 - Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana
- DISTRICT 5 - Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, Missouri
- DISTRICT 6 - Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, Iowa, Idaho
- DISTRICT 7 - Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona,
- DISTRICT 8 - Canada, Alaska

Section X. District Directors shall place district and State meets and help members in the district in any way they can. They shall relay information on and requests from members to the Secretary if necessary. They shall send information about their placement of meets to the Secretary-Treasurer as soon as their decision is made.

Section XI. If vacancies occur, the vacancy shall be filled by Presidential appointment, said appointee to hold office until the next election.

#### **Article VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Section I. The Club shall hold an election every two years. No officer shall hold an elected office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section II. The Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the President and shall not be a candidate for office.

Section III. Nomination ballots for officers shall be mailed to all members by the Election Commissioner on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Section IV. Nomination ballots must be returned to the election commissioner before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Section V. The election by ballot shall be on December 1<sup>st</sup> and ballots must be in the office of the Election Commissioner no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> to be valid.

Section VI. The Election Commissioner will count the ballots and shall send a notarized statement as to its correctness to the Secretary-Treasurer within ten days and he must retain the ballots for at least 90 days.

Section VII. The Official Ballot shall be mailed to each member in the following manner: The ballot to have printed on it the names and addresses to be voted for and

opposite each name shall be a square printed. The ballots shall contain the date they must be mailed to be valid.

**Article VII: MEETINGS**

Annual meetings of the Club must be held, and as many subsequent meetings as the President deems necessary. The annual meeting will be held at the site of the National Show.

**Article VIII: FINANCING**

The Club may be financed, other than dues and contributions, by raffles, bingo, Bake Sales or any other way within the bounds of our State and Government Laws.

**Article IX: CLUB MEETS RULES AND PRIZES**

An established set of Club Meet rules shall be set up by the Executive Committee, and all meets shall be under the direction of a designate of the President, and shall be authorized to offer prized, purchased from club funds, subject to the approval of the President or by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section I. The Executive Committee shall establish a set of rules for all Club Meets (State, District, Regional and National).

Section II. The Executive Committee shall decide upon a list of prizes for the four types of club meets.

**Article X: PUBLICATIONS**

The Club may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, issue such monthly quarterly, or annual publications as they deem advisable.

**Article XI: AMENDMENTS**

Section I. The Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the votes received from members in good standing.

Section II. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall become part thereof, after having received a majority of those voting.

**Article XII: NATIONAL MEETS**

Section I. The country shall be divided into three sections, the East, the West, and the Central. There shall be one National Meet each year and it shall be rotated to a different section each year.

Section II. The National Meet sites will be voted upon by the Club members based on the three best proposals submitted by the areas of the country where the meets are to be held.