

By Law Amendments :

1) DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

1) EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION OF BOARD MEMBERS

A) Any Member who:

- a) is in arrears of any fees owing the Association;
 - b) contravenes a by-law of the Association relating to the individual identification of animals;
 - c) contravenes a by-law of the Association relating to the keeping of private breeding records;
 - d) has contravened any provisions of the Animal Disease and Protection Act or the regulations thereunder relating to the identification or testing of animals;
- May be expelled or suspended.

B) Any member whose conduct is prejudicial to the interest of the Association may be expelled or suspended.

C) Upon written complaint being made against a member or upon information reflecting upon any member's conduct coming to the attention of the Executive, it shall be the duty of same to investigate said conduct or have such conduct investigated and to satisfy themselves / himself / herself that:

- a) there has not been a breach by the member of these bylaws; or
- b) they/he/she has reasonable cause to believe there has been a breach of these bylaws;

If the Executive deems that there has been a breach of the bylaws of such a character that the Association should take cognizance thereof then such complaint shall be reduced to writing and shall be heard by the Executive committee. The Executive shall then cause a copy of such complaint, with a notice of the time and place of hearing thereon, to be served upon such member not less than thirty (30) days prior to the said hearing and like notice may be given to any party who may have made the complaint. Such notice shall contain a statement of the purpose and scope of the hearing and the sanctions which the Executive committee has the power to take regarding such member's membership in the Association. Such notice shall further advise such member that such member may appear in person or be represented by counsel, produce witnesses, affidavits, documents or other evidence on such member's behalf.

D) At the hearing before the Executive Committee the member against whom the complaint has been preferred, shall have the right to be heard in person or be represented by counsel, to produce whatever witness, affidavit, documentary or other evidence which such member may wish to produce and cross examine any other witnesses who appear to give evidence. At the closing of the hearing or as soon after as may be reasonably possible, the Executive Committee shall render its decision thereon, either exoneration or suspension of the member.

In the event that the Executive committee should decide to suspend the member the decision of the Executive committee shall be automatically reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Any of the Board of Directors who sat on the Executive Committee shall not be eligible to sit and review their own decision.

The Executive committee shall then cause notice of the time and place of the Board of Directors Meeting regarding such member's membership in the Association to be served upon such member not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Board of Directors meeting and like notice may be given to any party who may have made the complaint. Such notice shall contain a statement of the purpose and scope of the hearing and the action which the Board of Directors has powers to take regarding such member's membership in the Association. Such notice shall further advise such member that such member may appear in person or be represented by counsel but no new evidence may be

presented without leave of the board of Directors and the decision of the Board of Directors will be based upon the proceedings and evidence presented before the Executive committee.

The Executive committee shall transmit to the Board of Directors the evidence presented to the Executive committee and the proceedings heard before it, together with the decision thereon (hereinafter referred to as "the record"). The Board of Directors shall review the record but no new evidence may be presented without leave of the Board of Directors and the decision of the Board of Directors will be based upon the proceedings and evidence presented before the Executive committee and the submissions of the member or his/her counsel. At the close of the hearing before the Board of Directors, or as soon thereafter as reasonable possible, the Board of Directors shall render a decision upon the complaint, affirming, reversing or modifying the decision of the Executive committee, with disciplinary power in the Board of Directors to make the penalty imposed upon the member wither more severe or less severe or to order a rehearing of the complaint. The decision of the Executive committee remains in force until reversed at the time of the annual meeting.

E) The decision of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the next general meeting of the membership of the Association by the member by filing a notice of appeal within thirty (30) days after service of written notice of the decision of the Board of Directors. The notice of appeal shall set out the grounds of appeal and shall be filed with the Executive committee or General Manager of the Association. The decision of the Board of Directors shall stand and remain in force until reversed at the annual meeting. Such appeal would be heard at the next annual meeting of the membership which is held at least thirty (30) days after the date the notice of appeal has been filed with the Executive committee.

F) If an appeal is taken to the annual meeting, the Executive committee or General Manager shall provide the members at the annual meeting with the Record together with the decision of the Board of Directors. At the time of the annual meeting a hearing shall be held upon said appeal but no new evidence may be presented and the decision of the annual meeting shall render a decision of the Board of Directors. At the time of the annual meeting a hearing shall be held upon said appeal but no new evidence may be presented and the Annual General Meeting shall render a decision either to reinstate the member or to confirm the decision of the Board of Directors provided however that reinstatement by members at the annual meeting shall be only by a vote of 2/3rds of the members present thereat and voting in favour of reinstatement.

G) Notwithstanding the foregoing any member shall be at liberty after being expelled or suspended from the Association to apply for reinstatement of his membership before the Board of Directors provided that one (1) year has elapsed after the later of:

- a) the date of suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors; or
- b) after a failed appeal to the general meeting of the members at large

2) Membership

Classes of Memberships

a) Annual Members: Annual members shall be persons over the age of eighteen (18) years and who pay the annual membership fee to the SGBA. They shall have one (1) vote per membership and shall be entitled to one (1) copy of the publication subscribed to by the SGBA .

b) Family Members Family: members shall be defined as two (2) persons over the age of eighteen (18) who reside at the same address. Family memberships shall have two (2) votes, one (1) vote for each person and they shall be entitled to one (1) copy of the publication subscribed to by the SGBA.

c) Associate Members: An associate member shall be defined as person or persons wishing to support the SGBA but not have an active role in the association and pays a membership fee to the SGBA. Associate members will receive all the benefits of a membership, however, are not entitled to a vote.

d) Junior Members : Junior members shall be defined as persons under the age of eighteen (18). They shall receive one (1) copy of publication subscribed to by the SGBA. However are not eligible to vote.