



## **The Great Dane Club of New England Constitution and Bylaws**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **Name and Objects**

**These Bylaws are subject to and governed by the State of Massachusetts Not-For-Profit Corporation Laws and the Articles of Incorporation of the Great Dane Club of New England. In the event of a direct conflict between the provisions of these bylaws and the mandatory provisions of the Massachusetts State Not-For-Profit Corporation Laws, the Massachusetts State Not-For-Profit Corporation Act will be controlling.**

**SECTION 1.** The name of the Club shall be the Great Dane Club of New England, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

**SECTION 2.** The objectives of the Club shall be:

- A. To encourage and promote quality in breeding purebred Great Danes and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- B. To encourage the membership to a lifetime responsibility for their Great Danes, their Danes' offspring, and to the education of others, as all are necessary for the protection and advancement of the breed.
- C. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Great Danes shall be judged and to encourage the study of the standard by breeders, judges, dog show committees and others interested in the advancement of the breed.
- D. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at all dog events.
- E. To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials and other events for which the Club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club and to generate awareness on any matter affecting the welfare of the breed.
- F. To encourage dedication to the health and welfare of the breed.
- G. To encourage the membership to participate in, promote, and support Great Dane rescue.

H. To disseminate and promote the ideals and objectives of the Great Dane Club of America (GDCA) Charitable Trust.

### **SECTION 3.**

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions on furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Constitution or in Article I of the Bylaws.

**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.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Membership & Dues**

**SECTION 1.** Membership. There shall be five (5) classes of membership open to persons in good standing with the American Kennel Club who subscribe to the purposes of the Club, provided such person(s), or any member of their immediate family, owns or has owned a Great Dane and/or is interested in the welfare and advancement of the breed.

A. Regular Membership. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older and in good standing with the American Kennel Club may make application for regular membership in the Club.

B. Family Membership. Any persons eighteen (18) years of age or older and in good standing with the American Kennel Club and their children residing in the household may make application for a Family membership.

C. Junior Membership. Any person between the ages of nine (9) and seventeen (17) years of age inclusive who is in good standing with the American Kennel Club may make application for Junior membership.

Any person elected to Junior membership shall not have the right to vote or hold office but shall be entitled to all other privileges of the Club and of the membership therein.

Any Junior members having reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday shall automatically become Regular members upon payment of Regular member's dues.

D. Associate Membership. Any person recommended by a Regular or Family member in good standing, but who is not currently an active member. Associate members are entitled to all Club privileges except voting and office holding.

E. Honorary Membership may be conferred only upon a person who has rendered a distinctly valuable service to the Club or the breed, but will be limited to one new honorary member per year, and in no event will exceed five memberships at any one time. Honorary members shall be exempt from dues, and shall enjoy all the privileges of the Club except that they may not vote or hold office. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, Honorary membership may be conferred by a secret vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the regular members in good standing present and voting at any regular meeting

or any special meeting called for such purpose. A member so honored may maintain active (Regular) membership status by paying the appropriate yearly dues.

**SECTION 2. Election to Membership**

A. Each applicant for Regular, Family, or Junior membership shall apply in writing, directed to the Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chair, on a form approved by the Executive Board. In the case of Family membership, adults in that household shall apply for the membership. The form shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Club's Constitution and Bylaws, the Breeders Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel Club, and is cognizant of the Breeder's Color Code.

B. Each application shall be accompanied by payment to the Club in the appropriate dues amount and the appropriate application fee, as specified on the application form. The application will be sponsored by two Regular or Family members in good standing and not of the same household, at least one of whom will know the applicant personally.

C. Upon receipt of any application, all dues and appropriate fees shall be immediately forwarded to the Treasurer of the Club.

D. The Corresponding Secretary or Membership Chair shall read each application at the next Executive Board meeting following receipt of the application. The Secretary will then disseminate the names of the applicant(s) and sponsors to the entire membership. After all membership requirements have been met, applications will be voted upon by secret ballot at the next meeting of the Club with a two-thirds (2/3) majority required for approval.

E. Any applicant who is not approved for membership shall be refunded all dues paid within thirty (30) days of such negative vote.

F. Any person elected to Regular membership shall have full privileges of the Club, including the right to vote and hold office, providing their dues are paid in full. Only Regular and Family members shall be eligible for such privileges.

G. A Regular member is entitled to one vote; a Family membership shall have a maximum of two votes.

H. Associate members shall be recommended by a Regular or Family member in good standing and will require a two-thirds (2/3) secret vote of the membership in good standing. If an Associate member wishes to apply for Regular membership, they may do so on a form and in a manner approved by the Executive Board.

I. Any member who has been dropped from membership shall be required to make application as provided for new membership in the Club.

**SECTION 3. Dues.** All dues are subject to change by the Executive Board provided notice is given of such change at least thirty (30) days prior to January 1 of any calendar year unless otherwise changed at any annual meeting of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting.

Membership dues may not exceed \$50.00 per year for Regular membership and \$80 per year for a Family membership and shall be determined annually by the Board at the September meeting. Dues shall not exceed an increase of \$10.00 annually, payable on or before the first day of January of each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of their dues for the ensuing year.

Any person elected to Regular membership after September whose dues are paid shall be considered fully paid for the following year.

#### **SECTION 4. Termination of Membership.**

Members may be terminated:

A. By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary.

B. By lapsing. A membership shall be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid after March 1 of any fiscal year. The Executive Board may grant an additional grace period (not to exceed sixty [60] days) to such delinquent members in meritorious cases as long as said member personally contacts, in writing, the Treasurer or the Executive Board requesting an extension period prior to the March 1 deadline. Voting by the Executive Board must be by majority vote. In no instance may a person whose membership has lapsed be entitled to any of the privileges and benefits of the Club.

C. By Expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these Bylaws.

D. By permanent denial of any privileges by the American Kennel Club.

E. Whenever any rescue organization certifies to the Club that a Great Dane surrendered to that rescue organization within the most recent sixty (60) days was bred by, owned by, or co-owned by one or more current members of the Club, and such member or members have been contacted by the rescue organization but have refused to assist with rehoming or caring for that animal, the Corresponding Secretary, within ten (10) days shall send written notification of these assertions to the member(s) in question, together with a regular reply form previously approved by the Executive Board, and shall send a copy of the notification to each member of the Executive Board. Within thirty (30) days thereafter, each member so notified shall reply to the Corresponding Secretary in writing to acknowledge or disprove the relationship to the animal and in cases where the relationship is acknowledged, shall document the steps said member took personally to assist with rehoming or caring for the animal. The Executive Board shall have the power to decide whether the reported relationship to the animal is factual. If the relationship to the animal is not deemed factual, the matter shall be closed. In cases where the relationship to the animal is deemed factual, the Corresponding Secretary shall confirm with the rescue organization that the steps documented in the member's reply were taken. If the rescue organization does not corroborate that the steps were taken, or if no steps were taken within the thirty (30) day period allotted for this purpose, or if the member fails to reply as herein required to the Corresponding Secretary, each such member shall be dropped from membership and for the immediately subsequent period of two (2) years shall not be eligible to apply for new membership. In the case of such termination, all documentation will also be sent to the Great Dane Club of America.

#### **ARTICLE II**

**Meetings (Defined as gatherings where attendees see and/or hear each other. This includes meeting (in person) "physically" in the same room or conducting a meeting by videoconference or teleconference or chat room/ internet.)**

**SECTION 1.** Time and Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Club may be held monthly or as frequently as necessary at a place, date, and hour designated by the Executive Board. Written and/or electronic (email) notice of the meetings will be sent by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. The AKC designated territory for holding in-person general Club meetings has a focal point of Boston, Massachusetts, and includes Massachusetts communities located east of Worcester.

**SECTION 2.** Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in January, weather permitting, on a date designated by the Executive Board.

**SECTION 3.** Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Club will be held on a date designated by the Executive Board. If deemed necessary, Club meetings can be held via teleconferencing, videoconferencing or chatroom/internet in conjunction with and/or in place of an in-person meeting.

All Members, Officers, Directors, AKC Delegate and Committee Chairs, by virtue of their election, appointment, or affirmative vote for membership, shall agree to accept all notices of the Club by email, and to agree to participate in any meetings held by teleconference, videoconference, and/or chatroom/internet as directed by majority vote of the Board; and shall therefore agree to keep an email account current and available for daily use, and notify the Secretary immediately of any change in email address, telephone numbers, and/or physical address, but no later than thirty (30) days after such change.

**SECTION 4.** Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the Executive Board present at a meeting of the Board or by any ten (10) members eligible to vote. No special meeting shall be called unless written (via e-mail or mail) notice of said special meeting shall be sent to all members at least five (5) days prior thereto and shall state the purpose thereof, and no other Club business may be transacted.

**SECTION 5.** Notices. All written notices required by these Bylaws shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary or, as needed by the President or another Executive Board member designated by the President, by mailing or e-mailing the same to each Regular or Family member of the Club.

**SECTION 6.** Quorum at Members' Meetings. At any meeting of the membership, nine (9) members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn any meeting from time to time. Notice shall be given to all members of the time and place of any such adjournment. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of the members present may decide any question brought before such meeting, except as otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws.

**SECTION 7.** Voting by E-Mail in Lieu of Meeting. Any action that could be taken by a vote of the membership at a meeting can be voted upon by e-mail. A matter may be presented to the membership for e-mail vote upon direction of the President, by a majority vote of the Executive Board present at a meeting of the Board or by ten percent

(10%) of the members eligible to vote and shall be presented by the Secretary at the written request of a majority of the Executive Board or ten percent (10%) of the members eligible to vote.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Officers and Directors**

##### **SECTION 1. Executive Board.**

A. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the Officers (5) and Directors (3) of the Club. All Directors and Officers will be elected by the general membership and shall all be members in good standing of the Club.

B. A member selected as an Officer or Director shall agree, as a condition of their acceptance of the position, that in the event such Officer or Director fails to attend two (2) or more meetings in any one calendar year, their resignation from said position shall be automatically submitted to the Board and the Board shall accept such resignation unless such absences are deemed excused by the Board. Any vacancy arising from such resignation shall be filled pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws.

C. The Executive Board shall be vested with the authority and responsibility for the general management of the Club's property and affairs, so far as this delegation of authority is consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Club's Constitution and Bylaws.

D. Meetings of the Executive Board (Defined as gatherings where attendees see and/or hear each other. This includes meeting [in person] "physically" in the same room or conducting a meeting by videoconference or teleconference or chat room/internet.)

1. Designated Meetings. The first meeting of the newly-elected Executive Board shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of the membership, or as soon as possible following the annual meeting.

2. Other Regular Meetings. All other meetings of the Executive Board shall be held in such place and at such time as the Executive Board may by vote from time to time determine.

3. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be held at any reasonable time and place, if called by the President or a majority of the Executive Board. Three (3) days written notice of such meeting, stating the purpose thereof, shall be sent to each Board member by the Corresponding Secretary, and no other business may be conducted thereat.

4. Meetings of the Executive Board may be held at any time without formal notice provided all the members are present and those not present have waived notice thereof. Such meetings shall be held at such time and place as the notice thereof or waiver may specify.

5. Quorum of the Executive Board. A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Executive Board, but a lesser number may adjourn any meeting from time to time. Notice shall be given to all members of the Executive Board of the time and place of any such adjournment.

6. Business of the Executive Board may be conducted in person or by mail, electronic mail, fax, teleconference, videoconference, or chatroom/internet.

**SECTION 2. Officers & Directors.** The Club's Officers and Directors shall consist of:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary or Secretaries
- d. Treasurer
- e. 3 Directors

No member shall hold more than one office. Each Officer and Director shall be a Regular Member and shall be elected by the Regular membership by secret ballot at the annual election, and shall hold office for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected.

All Officers and Directors shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

**A. President.**

1. The President, when present, shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board. The President shall perform all duties commonly incident to the office and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Board shall from time to time designate.

2. The President shall, by virtue of the office, be a member of all Committees (see Article V of these Bylaws), and as such, shall have full voting privileges on such committees.

**B. Vice-President.**

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board and shall perform such other duties as are commonly incident to the office and have such other powers and duties as the Executive Board shall from time to time designate.

**C. Secretaries.**

There shall be two (2) Secretaries of the Club: the Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary. At the discretion of the Executive Board, these two offices may be combined in one person.

**1. The Recording Secretary.**

The Recording Secretary of the Club shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the members and of the Executive Board in books provided for that purpose, which books shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection by any Regular member. In the absence of the Recording Secretary from any such meeting, a Secretary pro tempore shall be chosen who shall record the proceedings of such meetings in the aforesaid books.

**2. The Corresponding Secretary.**

The Corresponding Secretary shall perform such other duties and have such other power as the Executive Board shall from time to time designate, to include but not be limited to notifying members of meetings, providing results of elections and maintaining a listing of contact information of the members of the Club.

**D. Treasurer.**

1. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the funds of the Club and shall have and exercise, under the supervision of the Executive Board, all the powers and duties commonly incident to the office. The Treasurer will submit all unpaid bills at each regular meeting of the Club for approval of the members, provided, however, that the Treasurer may, at their discretion, pay any bill that does not exceed the sum to be set by the Executive Board without such approval, but at the next regular meeting of the Club

the Treasurer will secure ratification of the payment of same.

2. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be delegated by the Executive Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all of the Club's financial records. All records shall be retained for the period of time required by the Internal Revenue Service.

E. Directors. The Directors, along with the Officers of the Club (the Executive Board), shall have the entire management of the affairs of the Club and control of all Club property. The Executive Board is hereby vested with all the powers possessed by the Club itself, so far as this delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the land or with these Bylaws.

Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President at any time, and members must be notified in writing not less than three (3) days prior to the meeting. Meetings of the Executive Board may also be called by a majority of the Officers and the Directors and may be held in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

General management of the club's affairs is entrusted to the Executive Board.

**SECTION 3.** Appointments. One (1) or more person(s) may be appointed by the Executive Board to assist the Officers and Directors listed above in the performance of their duties.

**SECTION 4.** Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Executive Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Executive Board, except that a vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of the Vice-President shall be filled by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Club Financial/Fiscal Year, Annual Meeting, Elections and Official Year Club Year, Voting, Nominations and Elections**

**SECTION 1.** Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first (1st) day of January and end on the thirty-first ( 31<sup>st</sup>) day of December.

The Club's official year shall begin immediately upon the conclusion of the annual meeting and shall continue through the next annual meeting. The elected Officers and Directors shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the annual meeting and each retiring Officer shall turn over to their successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after such annual meeting. All regular members in good standing may vote in the annual election. There shall be a secret vote for electing officers and directors. If ballots are distributed by mail, they will be due back in 30 days.

**SECTION 2.** Voting.

A. At all meetings of the membership each Regular or Family member shall be entitled to one (1) vote if physically present or by written ballot cast by e-mail on such items



deemed necessary by the Executive Board and on such items as prescribed by these bylaws. Family memberships shall be entitled to a maximum of two (2) votes.

B. Voting shall be limited to those Regular members who are members in good standing of the Club.

C. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

**SECTION 3.** Nominations. The President, with the ratification of the Executive Board, each year on or before November 1, will designate three (3) members of the Club in good standing whose duty it will be to nominate candidates for the several offices for election at the next annual meeting of the Club. The members of the Nominating Committee will make their selection of the candidates from among the Regular members of the Club and report their nominations in writing to the Secretary of the Club on or before December 1st. The Corresponding Secretary of the Club will, on or before December 5, send a notice to each Regular member of the Club setting forth the names of those candidates selected. Any Regular member of the Club, in good standing, whose name does not appear on the list so selected by the committee will be eligible for election if, and only if, their name is endorsed in writing by at least three (3) members in good standing in the Club, and sent by registered mail, or delivered in hand to the Corresponding Secretary on or before December 15, in which event it is the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of the name or names of the candidates so nominated or proposed on or before December 28.

No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the Club. In the event of a candidate accepting an office and then withdrawing their name from that office, the candidate must notify the Nominating Committee of such a move by December 15. At that time, the Nominating Committee has the right to choose another candidate in place of the one who withdrew. No candidate will be allowed to have their name submitted unless it is in writing and mailed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Club.

**SECTION 4.** Annual Elections. The election of Officers and Directors shall be conducted at the annual meeting by secret ballot. The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the annual meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the Executive Board in the manner provided by Article III, Section 4, shall fill the vacancy so created.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Committees**

**SECTION 1.** Standing Committees.

A. Specialty Show Chair. With the Board's approval, the show chair may call on club members to assist with necessary functions such as hospitality, etc.

B. Judges Committee

C. Nominating Committee

- D. Membership Committee
- E. Website
- F. Sunshine
- G. Delegate to the Great Dane Club of America

Committee appointments and terminations are made by the Executive Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Executive Board to assist it on particular projects.

All appointed committees shall serve only until the new Officers and Directors shall take office.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Discipline of Members**

#### **SECTION 1. American Kennel Club or Great Dane Club of America Suspension.**

Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of the American Kennel Club or the Great Dane Club of America (GDCA) automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of the Club for a like period. Any suspension greater than six (6) months shall result in an automatic expulsion.

#### **SECTION 2. Charges.**

Any member in good standing may present charges against a 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 twenty-five dollars (\$25) per person charged which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Executive Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Executive 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 of Hearing by the Board not less than three (3) weeks or more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall within three (3) days send one copy of the charges to the accused member(s) by registered mail together with a Notice of the Hearing and an assurance that the Defendant(s) may personally appear in their own defense and bring witnesses if they wish.

**SECTION 3. Board Hearing.** Both the Complainant and the Defendant shall have the right to Counsel at their own expense. Should charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the Complainant(s) and Defendant(s), the Executive Board may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the Defendant(s) from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the Hearing. If the Board deems the punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such cases, the suspension shall not restrict the right of the Defendant(s) to appear before fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has

reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding 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 an Executive 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 this Club to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The Defendant(s) shall have the privilege of appearing on their own behalf. The membership shall then vote by secret, written ballot on the proposed expulsion. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those present and voting 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 Executive Board or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Executive Board and must be submitted to the membership within three (3) months of the date when the Secretary received the petition.

**SECTION 2.** The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any time by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, providing the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and emailed to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting. Amendments shall be voted upon by secret ballot. The revised Bylaws shall be forwarded to the GDCA for review and approval prior to submission to the American Kennel Club.

**SECTION 3.** No amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Executive Board of the Great Dane Club of America, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

## **ARTICLE VIII Dissolution**

**SECTION 1.** Dissolution must be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of its membership in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by the operation of law, none of the property of the Club or any proceeds thereof nor any

assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. 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 Executive Board unless otherwise prohibited by state law.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Order of Business**

**SECTION 1.** At meetings of the Club the order of business, so far as the character or nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- A. Attendance
- B. Minutes of Last Meeting
- C. Report of President
- D. Report of Secretary/Secretaries
- E. Report of Treasurer
- F. Report of Committees (in alphabetical order)
- G. Unfinished Business
- H. New Business
- I. Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
- J. Election of New Members
- K. Adjournment

**SECTION 2.** At meetings of the Executive Board the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- A. Minutes
- B. Secretary's Report(s)
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Report of Committees (in alphabetical order)
- E. Unfinished Business
- F. Election of New Members
- G. New Business
- H. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Authority**

**SECTION 1.** The rules as contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 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.