

Constitution and By-Laws



THE AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF NORTHERN OHIO

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – Name

This organization shall be known as:

THE AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF NORTHERN OHIO (ATCNO)

ARTICLE II – Objects

The objects of this club shall be:

- a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Airedale Terriers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. to promote interest in and encourage the quality breeding of Airedale Terriers.
- b) 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 the breed shall be judged.
- c) To protect and to advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience and agility trials, field and hunting events, and other types of performance competitions; and to support rescue/adoption activities.
- d) To create good fellowship among its members and to act as a support group for Airedale Terrier owners.

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ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the above objects and in good standing with the American Kennel Club shall be eligible to apply for membership.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be in such form as the Club shall prescribe, signed by the applicant, and submitted by him to the Secretary (Secretary-Treasurer), together with applicant's dues for one year.

Section 3. Each applicant for Active membership shall attend one regular meeting of the membership before or at the same time as submitting his application.

Section 4. Each application shall be presented to the membership of the Club at a regular meeting, read in full and thereafter transmitted to the Board of Directors. Objections to the applicant may be made by members, in writing, to the Board of Directors, addressed to the Secretary (Secretary-Treasurer) within thirty (30) days after said meeting of the membership.

The Board of Directors, at its next regular meeting after the required thirty days have elapsed, shall either admit or deny membership in the club to the applicant and shall forthwith notify applicant of its decision. In the event membership is denied, applicant's submitted dues shall be returned to him immediately.

Section 5. The interest of any member in the property of the Club ceases with the termination of his or her membership.

ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues

Section 1. There shall be no fee for admission to the Club.

Section 2. Dues: The Full Membership dues of this club shall be set by a vote of the Board of Director and shall be payable on or before the first day of January.

Section 3. Members failing to pay dues by the regular membership meeting in January of each year shall be notified in writing by the Secretary (Secretary-Treasurer) of their delinquency; and, unless dues are paid by the time of the regular March meeting, they shall cease to be members of the club.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of this club shall be held once each two months, the first meeting of the year being in January.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Annual Meeting of this club shall be the regular meeting in March.

Section 4. Each Active member in good standing, whose dues are paid for the current year, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy, absentee voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

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ARTICLE VI – Officers

Section 1. The Elective officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, (or a Secretary-Treasurer combined, as total membership warrants), and a Board of three (3) additional Directors.

Section 2. The elective officers and directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the club, and shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected.

Section 3. No person shall be eligible for election to any office of this club unless he has been a member thereof for at least one year, and has attended at least one-half of the meetings held during the previous year.

ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside over and conduct all meetings of the club, shall appoint all standing committees, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall make and retain a record of all actions of the club including minutes of all meetings and all correspondence to the club and shall present the same to the club at the next regular meeting. The Secretary shall keep a roll of membership with members' addresses and shall notify the membership of all meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the club, shall deposit the same in such bank as may be designated by the Board of Directors in the name of the Club. The Treasurer's books shall be at all times open for inspection by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make and present a report of the financial conditions of the club to the club at each regular meeting. The Treasurer shall provide a copy of the monthly bank statement to the Board of Directors at each regular meeting. The Treasurer, at the Annual Meeting, shall render an Annual report and accounting. This Annual account shall have been audited by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall aid in the governing and management of the club and shall conduct the business of the club between meetings, cause to be prepared by the Treasurer an annual statement in detail of the financial condition of the club including bank statements, fill any vacancies in elective offices by interim appointment, and hold meetings at the discretion of the President or the written request of two or more members of the Board. Board meetings must be held at least once each quarter.

ARTICLE VIII – Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of this club shall consist of:

- a. Show Committee/Trophy Chairman
- b. Specialty
- b. Legislative Committee
- c. Ways and Means Committee
- d. Constitution & By-Laws Committee

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- e. Public Relations Committee
- f. Archives Committee
- g. Award Committee
- h. Social Media Committee (Website/Facebook)
- i. Sunshine Committee

Section 2. Special committees may be appointed by the President as and when required.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment is submitted in writing and presented at a regular meeting of the Club at least two months before action is taken thereon; provided the proposed amendment(s) has been included in a meeting notice, and emailed or mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE X - Dissolution

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 60% of the Regular Members. 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.

The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any proceeds or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall insure to the benefit of any member or individual.

ARTICLE XI - Treasury Balance & Donating

The Club must have a treasury balance of \$5,000 before club funds can be considered for donating to another cause. 10% of the January treasury balance over \$5,000 is eligible for donating for that Club year. Any donation amount over 10% can be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. At any Club meeting, a majority in attendance can vote on the recipient(s) of funds to be donated and the amount of that year's donation funds..

Example: Club balance = \$10,000. Balance above \$5,000 is \$5,000. 10% of \$5,000 = \$500 eligible for donating.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – Order of Business

1. Reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Reading of communications and bills.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Reading and receiving of applications for membership
8. Welfare of the Club and general discussion.
9. Adjournment.

ARTICLE II – Quorum

One fourth of the membership of the Club in good standing, including one fourth of the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum. Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for Board meetings.

ARTICLE III – Rules of Order

The deliberations of this club not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended in the same manner as the Constitution of the Club.

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