

**Lake Superior Pointing Dog Club
Constitution
Revised 2002**

Article 1. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the club shall be the Lake Superior Pointing Dog Club.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization is to:

- (a) foster, improve, promote, and protect pointing dog breeds by activities such as:
 - (1) promoting the use of pointing dog breeds to hunters and sportsmen,
 - (2) sponsoring training clinics to assist handlers in training their dogs for hunting, tests, and trials,
 - (3) conducting trials and tests for pointing dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition through:
 - *Club trials and demonstration events
 - *AKC (American Kennel Club) Hunt Tests/Field Trials - Under the rules and regulations of the AKC
 - *NASTRA (National Shoot to Retrieve Association) Trials - Under the rules and regulations of the NASTRA
 - *Other recognized events - Under the rules and regulations of the recognized club,
 - (4) affiliating with other organizations when it is in the best interest of the club and a majority of the membership,
 - (5) identifying and ensuring the long-term availability of appropriate grounds for dog training, trialing and other club uses as determined by the membership,
 - (6) sponsoring events to raise funds to assist in financing club activities, and
 - (7) sponsoring other activities of interest to members.
- (b) promote the interests of wildlife by:
 - (1) fostering ethical hunter behavior and conservation practices through educational programs and encouraging well-trained hunting dogs and
 - (2) making the resources of our club available to organizations devoted to enhancing wildlife populations and/or habitat.

Section 3. The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder of residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4. The members of the club shall adopt and may revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these purposes.

Bylaws

Article 1. Membership and Dues.

Section 1. Eligibility. There shall be one type of membership open to all persons eighteen (18) years of age and older who subscribe to the purposes of the Lake Superior Pointing Dog Club. Membership is unrestricted as to residence, but the club's primary purpose is to be representative of the immediate area.

Section 2. Dues.

- (a) Club dues will be determined by the Board of Directors. Maximum dues for regular members shall not exceed \$100.
- (b) Club dues cover the member and his/her immediate family.
- (c) Club members eighteen (18) years or older may vote providing their dues are current.

(d) Club dues are good for the calendar year.

(e) Club members who have not renewed their membership by March 1st will be dropped from the membership rolls and benefits of the club will be terminated.

Section 3. Election to membership. Each application for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board and which shall provide that the applicant abide by the rules and constitution of the club. The applicant shall state their name and address. The prospective member shall submit dues payable for the current year. All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the club following its receipt.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated by:

(a) Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary.

(b) By lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such members dues remain unpaid sixty (60) days after the first day of the fiscal year. However, the board may grant thirty (30) days grace to 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 expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 6.

Article 2. Meetings and Voting.

Section 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the club shall be held at an hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors within the greater Duluth area. The meetings location and time shall be published in the monthly club newsletter and one (1) local newspaper. No fewer than nine (9) members in good standing must be in attendance at any club meeting in order for any action to be taken by the club.

Section 2. Special Club Meetings. Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a vote of four (4) members of the Board. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. Said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other club business may be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be twenty (20) percent of the members in good standing.

Section 3. Board Meetings. Meeting of the Board shall be held quarterly before the general membership meeting or at such an hour and place as may be designated by the board, within the greater Duluth area. Written notice of each such meeting, to be held in the greater Duluth Area, shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. A quorum for such a meeting consists of four (4) Board members.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held at such a place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized to call such a meeting. Written notice of such a meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall consist of a majority of the Board members.

Section 5. Annual Meeting. The club will hold an annual meeting in January. The purpose is to elect new members of the Board, present annual reports from the Treasurer and other committees, and present a proposed schedule for the next years events.

Section 6. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any meeting of the club at which he/she is present. Each membership involving a

family shall be entitled to one (1) individual vote at any meeting of the club at which they are present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

Article 3. Directors and Officers.

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of the five (5) officers and four (4) elected board positions, all of whom shall be members in good standing. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Club's Officers. Consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Promotions, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and the board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President. In addition, the President shall:
 - (1) appoint active members to fill vacancies occurring between elections and
 - (2) appoint committees as required.
- (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's absence, incapacity or death.
- (c) The Secretary:
 - (1) conducts all correspondence for the club's business,
 - (2) keeps a record of all meetings of the club and of the Board and all matters of record ordered by the club,
 - (3) notify all board members of Board meetings and all members of club meetings,
 - (4) notify all officers and directors of their election to office,
 - (5) keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses, and
 - (6) compile meeting minutes for publication in the monthly newsletter.
- (d) The Treasurer shall:
 - (1) receive all incoming funds to the club to be deposited in a bank designated by the club,
 - (2) pay all bills due by the club,
 - (3) provide a report at all meetings of the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported, and
 - (4) at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and per ended during the previous fiscal year.
- (e) The Director of Promotions shall:
 - (1) organize and operate all events which are not tests or training sessions held by the club,
 - (2) is responsible for all promotional advertising for special activities, and
 - (3) obtains permits as required for special activities.

If any officer or board member is absent from at least three (3) consecutive meetings, the Board of Directors shall have the option to call a special meeting to determine whether such officer or board member should be removed from office.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer or director may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular meeting or a special meeting if notice of proposed removal was given in the notice concerning the meeting. It is provided, however, that the Officer or Director to be voted upon must have received from the Secretary, notice that his/her name will be submitted for removal at least ten (10) days prior to that meeting.

Article 4. The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections, and Term of Office.

Section 1. Club Year.

- (a) The club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end of the last day of December.
- (b) The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the Annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January, at which officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty (30) days after the election.

Section 3. Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

Section 4. Term of Office. Members of the Board of Directors are elected to a one (1) year term.

- (a) Terms begin immediately upon conclusion of the election.
- (b) Appointed committees are indefinite, at the discretion of the Board.

Section 5. Nominations. No candidate may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month of October, the Board shall select a nomination committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one (1) of whom may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be the person's duty to call a committee meeting, that shall be held on or before the last day of November.

- (a) The committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office or board position. After securing the consent of each person nominated shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.
- (b) Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Secretary shall, within at least 2 weeks prior to the December meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed. If a proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the person proposing shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one (1) position.

Article 5. Committees.

Section 1. The President may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as field trials, hunting tests, bird buying, training grounds, trophies, annual prizes, newsletter, membership, and other fields which may be well served by committees. Such committees may also be appointed by the Board to sit in on particular projects.

Section 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

Article 6. Discipline.

Section 1. Charges. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 (ten dollars) which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Secretary shall promptly notify the Board, which shall meet and fix a date for a Board hearing not less than three (3) weeks nor more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one (1) copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing.

Section 2. Expulsion. Upon a written and signed complaint of conduct prejudicial and/or actions detrimental to the Lake Superior Pointing Dog Club, the Board of Directors shall hold a hearing to investigate said complaint in a timely manner. Said the Board of Directors must receive complaint within ninety (90) days after the conduct/action(s) in question occurred. The member in question shall have the right to appear and/or call witnesses on his or her own behalf at said Board of Directors hearing. In the event the Board of Directors determines the complaint has merit and warrants expulsion of the member, the matter shall come before the next club meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting at the next club meeting shall be necessary for expulsion.

Article 7. Amendments.

Section 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty (20) percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

Section 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided that the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 8. Dissolution.

Section 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the 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.

Article 9. Order of Business.

Section 1. At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- * Roll call
- * Minutes of the last meeting
- * Report of the President
- * Report of the Secretary
- * Report of the Treasurer
- * Reports of Committees
- * Election of officers and board (annual meetings)
- * Election of new members
- * Unfinished business
- * New business

* Adjournment

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

- * Reading of the minutes of last meeting
- * Report of the Secretary
- * Report of the Treasurer
- * Reports of Committees
- * Unfinished business
- * New business
- * Adjournment

Article 10. Parliamentary Authority.

Section 1. The rules 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.

Article 11. Official Gunner.

Section 1. The official gunner at field events must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Article 12. Bylaws Review.

Section 1. Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, at least every three (3) years should review the constitution and bylaws, or at any time the majority of the board of Directors considers it necessary.