

Minnesota Mixed Breed MMBC

CONSTITUTION

(Revised November 2010)

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the "Minnesota Mixed Breed Club" ("MMBC").

ARTICLE II: Objectives

The objectives of the MMBC shall be:

- A. Educate owners of mixed breed dogs, as well as the general public, concerning the abilities and versatility of the mixed breed dog.
- B. Showcase the natural abilities and skills of mixed breed dogs by conducting sanctioned obedience, agility, and other trials, tournaments, exhibitions, and/or activities that are open to eligible mixed breed dogs.
- C. Encourage members to accept the rules and regulations as established by the various sanctioning bodies for events hosted by the MMBC as the standard by which dogs shall be judged.
- D. Acknowledge the achievements of mixed breed dogs.
- E. Offer educational materials to the general public to educate them in ways to care for and enjoy their mixed breed dogs.
- F. The MMBC agrees to promote licensed/sanctioned events that allow mixed breed dogs to participate and compete on equal terms.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Membership shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the objectives of the MMBC and conform to membership standards as set forth in the MMBC Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: Amendments

Amendments and changes to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board, the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership. The proposed amendment with the recommendations of the Board shall be submitted to the membership for vote within three months following the receipt of the petition and at least thirty (30) days prior to the membership vote.

ARTICLE V: Dissolution

The MMBC may be dissolved at any time with the written consent of at least two-thirds of the membership. In the event of dissolution for any reason other than reorganization, all property shall first be sold/liquidated at a reasonable value. Any assets remaining after the settlement of debts shall be given to a charity benefiting dogs. The charity shall be selected by the membership. No

member or individual shall receive any assets or any portion of the property of the MMBC except as purchased above.

ARTICLE VI: MMBC Year and Elections.

Section A: MMBC Year.

1. The MMBC's fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.
2. The MMBC's official year shall begin immediately after the end of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

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BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: Membership

Section A: Types

The MMBC shall have three types of membership:

1. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the objectives of the MMBC and shall not have been expelled from any organization sanctioning canine activities.
2. HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any household grouping whose members individually meet the requirements for individual membership.
3. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP shall be open to individuals under 18 years of age with parental approval.

Section B: Responsibilities and Privileges:

1. Members in good standing may enjoy the privileges of the MMBC. To maintain good standing each member shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a. Have no outstanding debts due the MMBC, and
 - b. Attend a minimum of one of four general meetings as set forth in Article IV. This requirement may be waived upon request for members living more than 100 miles outside the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area as defined in paragraph d below, and
 - c. Work a minimum of one MMBC sponsored event during the year. This requirement may be waived upon request for members living more than 100 miles outside the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area as defined in paragraph d below.
 - d. The greater Twin Cities metropolitan area shall be the Twin cities seven-county metro area (Anoka, Hennepin, Carver, Scott, Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington counties).
 - e. Waiver requests may be denied by the Board if the member competes in any MMBC event.
2. Members in good standing are allowed the following privileges:
 - a. Participate in all events sponsored or cosponsored by the MMBC unless denied by the event committee following the rules of the sanctioning body,
 - b. Attend all meetings of the MMBC,
 - c. Receive all MMBC newsletters, publications and membership mementoes, and
 - d. Join any MMBC e-groups.

Section C: Voting

Members are entitled to vote at all meetings of the **MMBC**:

1. A member must be age 18 or older to be eligible to vote.
2. Each eligible member is entitled to cast a single vote on any subject or issue being voted upon.
3. The voting privilege must be exercised by the individual member. Proxy votes are not permitted and shall not be counted.
4. Members whose dues are unpaid on the date of any meeting shall not be permitted to vote at that meeting.
5. The Board, at its discretion, may allow an electronic poll/vote when deemed necessary to have a vote before the next scheduled meeting. Rules of electronic voting will be the same as those for voting at meetings.

Section D: Application for Membership.

1. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the MMBC Board and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution, bylaws, standing rules, and other duly established rules, policies, and procedures of the MMBC. The application shall state the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the applicant. The applicant shall submit dues for the current year with the application.
2. All applications shall be filed with the membership director of the MMBC, be presented to the membership, and voted upon at the first membership meeting following receipt or, in the alternative, via a secret ballot membership e-mail vote.
3. Any member rejected by greater than ten percent (10%) of the general membership shall be denied membership in the MMBC.

Section E: Dues.

1. Membership dues for each category of membership for the upcoming year shall be determined by the membership at the fall general meeting or the last meeting of each year.
2. The Membership Director shall prepare or have prepared and mail/direct e-mail (not general post to e-groups) statements of dues to each member not later than November 15 of each year.
3. Dues for the upcoming year are to be paid by December 31 and are overdue on January 1st.
4. Dues not paid in a timely manner shall be a debt to the MMBC.

Section F: Termination.

Membership may be terminated by:

1. Resignation. Except when in debt to the MMBC any member may resign by giving written notice to the secretary.

2. Lapsing. A membership shall be lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid on April 1 of each year.
3. Expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these Bylaws.

Section G: Discrimination.

Membership shall not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or on the basis of the breed, or mixed breeding of any member's or proposed member's dog(s).

ARTICLE II: Meetings

Section A: Location.

All meetings of the MMBC shall be held in the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area as defined in Article 1, Section B.1.d at places and times established by the president and secretary.

Section B: General Meetings.

General meetings shall be held quarterly or as requested by the membership as set forth in Section D. below.

Section C: Annual Meeting

The first general meeting of the calendar year shall be considered the Annual Meeting ("Annual Meeting").

Section D: Special Meetings

Special MMBC meetings may be called by the president or by the secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members in good standing and shall not be less than two members. Such meetings shall be held in the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area as defined in Article 1 Section B.1.d. at a time and place designated by the authority calling the meeting.

Section E: Notice

The secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of MMBC meetings at least 14 days before the scheduled meeting date.

Section F: Order of Business

Insofar as the character and nature of MMBC meetings shall permit, the order of business shall be:

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Report of the president.
4. Report of the secretary.
5. Report of the treasurer.
6. Reports of the committees.
7. Election of Officers (Annual Meeting only)
8. Unfinished business