

## AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. COMMITTEE POLICY

- I. All committees established by the AEDCA Board of Directors shall be bound by the AEDCA Bylaws, which state:

### **ARTICLE V Committees**

*SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may be well served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it 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.*

- II. Policy on committees:

- A. All committee appointments, including the Chair of a Committee, will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. A majority of the Board voting will appoint all members. The size of each committee will be at the discretion of the board.
- B. All members may be either Board members or members of the general membership. **THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS POLICY WILL BE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** If a sitting Board member is not running for re-election to the Board (any position), that member will be chair of the Nominating Committee. If all members of the current Board are running for re-election, the chair of the Nominating Committee will be a member of the AEDCA with at least ten years documented experience in the breed and who has at least 2/3 affirmative approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. All committees may work toward their appointed goals by meeting in person, through the mail, or by documented telecommunications.
- D. Committees shall present their findings or results to the Board:
- 1.) In the case of the Nominating Committee, their slate of candidates for office will be final. The Board of Directors may not modify it.
  - 2.) In the case of actions, which require approval of the general membership, the Board must first determine if what the committee has resolved is sufficient to meet the requirements of the matter in question. If the committee's work adequately addresses the question, then the Board must put the matter before the general membership for a vote.

An example of this type of Board approval would be that the Board established a committee to review and update the Breed Standard, Code of Ethics, or Constitution and Bylaws. After the committee reviews the material and comes to its

recommendations, the Board must assure that those recommendations adequately address the problem(s), which had been recognized. (A review of these documents would not have been initiated unless a problem was perceived in the first place.) If the Board agrees that the committee has performed its work adequately, then the recommendations would be accepted by the Board for approval by the general membership.

- 3.) In the case of actions, which require the approval of the Board for implementation, the Board must simply determine if the recommendations made by the committee are sufficient. Example of this type of Board approval would be committees involved with the National Specialty Show (awards, hospitality, show, etc.), ongoing Club activities (statistics, annual awards, etc.), or other regular on-going activity which does not require the approval of the general membership
  - 4.) All committees shall submit quarterly reports to the Board of Directors to be received by the secretary no later than the last day of the of the first month of each quarter.
- E. All members of any committee shall report to the chair of that committee and are obligated to abide by the decisions of that committee. Should any member feel that the committee or any member of that committee is not acting in the best interests of the Club, he/she should" immediately report the behavior to the Board of Directors.
- F. Should such behavior be reported, the Board of Directors will investigate the charges. The Board will have the right to remove any members of any committee according to Article V, Section 2, quoted above. Further, if the behavior is severe, disciplinary charges may be preferred against such member(s) of the committee as provided in the Bylaws.

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