

NATIONAL DALMATIAN COUNCIL AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION

As amended AGM 26 April 2020

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be “The National Dalmatian Council (Australia)” and shall herein referred to as the “NDC”

2. The object of the NDC shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote in every way the quality of breeding, care, training and exhibition of the Dalmatian.
- (b) To educate and encourage exhibitors, breeders and judges to abide by the standard for the Dalmatian, as approved by the Australian National Kennel Council (A.N.K.C.)
- (c) To enable member clubs to take co-operative action on matters which clubs agree are of common interest and for their mutual benefit in the promotion of the Dalmatian.
- (d) To allocate the titles of
“Dalmatian National Specialty Championship Show” and
“Dalmatian Specialty Championship Show”
for use by member clubs, subject to the approval of both the state or territory controlling body and the Australian National Kennel Council.
- (e) To seek registration with the A.N.K.C. and if recognised agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations and directions of the A.N.K.C., for the time being in force.
- (f) To become associated with overseas Dalmatian organisations with objects kindred to the objects of the N.D.C.
- (g) To collect, verify and publish information relating to Dalmatians and the breeding and exhibition of Dalmatians.
- (h) To encourage member clubs to hold shows, parades, trials and other exhibitions as approved by and under the rules & regulations of their state or territory controlling body and of the A.N.K.C.
- (i) To legislate, to make by-laws and do other acts, matters and things, as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objects of the N.D.C.

3. POWERS

- 1. The N.D.C. shall have the power to;
 - (a) Acquire a membership fee from clubs to carry out any or all of the objects of the N.D.C.
 - (b) Invest the funds of the N.D.C., not immediately required, in such a manner as the delegates shall determine.
 - (c) Hold breed seminars, conventions and congresses through the sponsorship of the member clubs.
 - (d) Correspond with and become associated with overseas Dalmatian organisations, for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints on matters affecting the welfare of the Dalmatian.
 - (e) Allocate the title “Dalmatian National Specialty Championship Show”

and "Dalmatian Specialty Championship Show" to the various member clubs, subject always to the approval of both state and territory controlling body and the A.N.K.C.. See By-Laws no 1 & 2.

- (e) Purchase, hire lease or otherwise provide and maintain all types of personal property for the carrying out of the objects of the N.D.C.
 - (g) DO ALL SUCH OTHER THINGS WHICH MAY APPEAR TO IT TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING INTO EFFECT ITS OBJECTS.
2. The N.D.C. shall not hold shows or any other type of exhibitions. Such events shall be conducted only by member clubs.
 3. Nothing in this Constitution shall effect the right or authority of an individual member club to control and conduct its business in the way usually followed by a Specialist Club. Nor shall the N.D.C. affect in any way the normal relationship between a member club and its State or Territory controlling body.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any Specialist Dalmatian Club affiliated with a State or Territory controlling body, which is in turn a member of the A.N.K.C. upon payment of the prescribed annual membership fee, shall be eligible for membership of the N.D.C. except in the case of readmission which must be in compliance of Clause 12 of the Constitution.
- (b) The following specialist Dalmatian Clubs and such other specialist Dalmatian Clubs may from time to time be admitted, shall be member clubs, entitled to nominate a delegate to the N.D.C.:
 1. The Dalmatian Club of NSW Inc
 2. The Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc
 3. The Dalmatian Club of South Australia Inc
 4. The Dalmatian Association of Queensland
 5. The Dalmatian Club of the A.C.T. Inc
- (c) The membership fee shall be such amount as the N.D.C. shall from time to time determine. See By-Law no. 4.

5. MEETINGS

- a) Each member clubs named in clause 4 (b) shall annually appoint one delegate to the N.D.C. Each delegate must be a financial member of his/her member club and the respective state/territory controlling body. If for any reason it should become necessary, member clubs may appoint a substitute delegate who shall ipso facto be deemed to be a delegate for voting and all other purposes at a meeting of the N.D.C.
- b) At meetings of the N.D.C. each member club shall have one vote, subject to its delegate being in attendance at such meeting.
- c) The quorum for meetings shall be more in number than 50% of the number of member clubs.
- d) Member clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the N.D.C. by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate the agenda for a meeting to each member clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.

- e) Except with the unanimous consent of all member clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of the N.D.C. shall be valid unless notice has been given in accordance with clause 5 (d)
- f) Notwithstanding the provision of clause 5 (e) the Secretary at the discretion of the President, or at the written request of two member clubs, submit any particular matter of urgency to the member clubs by post, telegram or lettergram, and the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly at meetings of the member clubs.
Also, should in the opinion of the Secretary or President of the N.D.C. business require urgent action, this business may be conducted by conference telephone call, provided that a quorum takes part. Conference calls must be confined to a limited agenda or emergency decisions with prior notification by the N.D.C.
- (g) The N.D.C. shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the months of March or April each year.
- (h) The President of the N.D.C. shall be the Chairperson of all meetings of the N.D.C. Should they not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting the delegates shall elect a chairperson from among their number. The delegate elected chairperson may record his or her own vote on any matter but shall not have the casting vote.
- (i) Should the Secretary not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Deputy Secretary for that meeting from among their number. The delegate appointed Deputy Secretary may record their vote on any matter.
- (j) Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands. Provided that each member club with a delegate present shall have the right to record one vote. In the event of equality of votes on any matter the Chairperson shall not have a casting vote, and the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

6. PRESIDENT

The President must be a club member of one of the member clubs and the respective State or Territory controlling body, but shall not be a club delegate. They shall be formally appointed for a term of 4 years by the N.D.C. delegates at an Annual General Meeting from the nomination received in accordance with by-law no.3.

The President shall hold office until the day following that of The Annual General Meeting at the end of the term.

The President shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the N.D.C.

7. SECRETARY

The Secretary must be a club member of one of the member clubs and the respective State or Territory controlling body, but shall not be a club delegate. They shall be formally appointed for a term of 4 years by the N.D.C. delegates at an Annual General Meeting from the nominations received from the member clubs.

The nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary by January 1 of the year in which the appointment is to be made, and all member clubs shall be advised of the nomination 60 days before the meeting.

No more than one nomination may be submitted by any one club.

Where there is more than one nomination the candidate gaining the most votes from the delegates shall be elected. Should two or more candidates secure an equal number of votes, a second ballot shall be held, the candidate with the smallest number of votes on the first ballot being excluded. Should there still be two or more candidates with an equal number of votes the successful candidate shall be determined from among them by lot.

The Secretary shall hold office until the day following that of The Annual General Meeting at the end of the term.

The Secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the N.D.C.

Duties of the Secretary;

The Secretary shall act under the direction of the N.D.C. They shall attend all meetings of the N.D.C. and any other meeting where their presence may be required, to keep proper minutes of such meetings. Generally to perform all such duties that is usually performed by any such officer in a like position.

The Secretary shall be responsible for all monies received on behalf of the N.D.C. and shall pay all such sums in to the bank account of the N.D.C. within 14 days of receipt. It shall be a further duty of the Secretary to keep proper books of account of the N.D.C.

8. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the N.D.C. shall be the residential address of the Secretary where the books, records and property of the N.D.C. shall be kept.

9. FINANCE

- (a) A bank account in the name of "National Dalmatian Council" shall be Opened with a recognised Australian Bank and kept in the name N.D.C.
- (b) All monies payable on behalf of the N.D.C. shall be paid by cheque drawn upon the bank account of the N.D.C.. All cheques to be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the president or N.D.C. delegate appointed for that purpose.
- (c) The financial year of the N.D.C. shall be from January 1 to December 31 each year.
- (d) At the Annual General Meeting in each year the N.D.C. shall appoint an auditor with accountancy experience. Such auditor shall hold office until the first meeting in the following year but shall be eligible for reappointment.

- (e) An audited statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet shall be forwarded to each member club by March 31 in each year.

10. BY-LAWS

Subject to the Constitution, delegates at a meeting by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 60% of delegates present and voting on this resolution, may make By-Laws and may from time to time amend such By-Laws by variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit, in respect of;

- (a) The granting of the title "Dalmatian National Specialty Championship Show" and Dalmatian Specialty Championship Show'.
- (b) The appointment of President
- (c) The appointment of Secretary
- (d) Membership fees
- (e) Any matter the delegates consider necessary to carry out the objects of the N.D.C.

11. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This Constitution and the By-Laws of the N.D.C. shall not be altered, waived or amended except at a meeting of the delegates at which at least 90 days notice has been given to the Secretary of such amendment and the Secretary has given 60 days notice to all member clubs.

The amendment must be agreed to by a majority of not less than 60% of the delegates present and voting on this resolution.

12. RESIGNATION

Any member club may at any time resign its membership by giving notice to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not free the club from liability to pay any subscription that is due and unpaid on the date of resignation.

Should any member club that has resigned seek readmission as a member of the N.D.C., such re-admission is to be voted on at a meeting of the N.D.C. called in compliance with clause 5 (d) of the Constitution. A majority of not less than 75% of the delegates present and voting in person will be required to re-admit a member club.

13. PROPERTY/WINDING UP

No club or individual shall have the proprietary right or interest in any of the funds or property of the N.D.C. Such property or funds shall be devoted to the promotion of the objects of the N.D.C. However in the event of the winding up of the N.D.C. the property or funds shall be divided equally among the clubs which are members at the time of such winding up.

BY-LAWS

BY-LAW NO. 1

“National Specialty Championship Show”:

The delegates at any meeting, in accordance with clause 3(1) (e) of the Constitution, may grant the title “National Dalmatians Specialty Championship Show” to any member club.

When granting the use of the word “National” must be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the A.N.K.C and/or the National Breed Clubs liaison Committee.

The judge must be approved by the N.D.C. and the state/territory controlling body.

National Dalmatians Specialty Championship Shows will be conducted every two or three years as nominated by and at the discretion of the member club next on the rotation schedule or, in the event of a club withdrawing, as deemed appropriate by delegates at an AGM. (amended AGM April 2020)

Rotation of National Specialty Championship Shows;

As decided at the AGM April 2020, noting the South Australian Club is non-operational as of 2019 and no Dalmatian Clubs are operational in other States;

That the following rotation be adopted and recorded for National Specialties;

- ☐ ACT (2021)
- ☐ Victoria (2023 or 2024)
- ☐ Queensland (TBA)
- ☐ New South Wales (TBA)

Should the nominated club be unable to facilitate their nominated National Show

- The NDC secretary is to be informed IN WRITING, (preferably at least two years in advance).
- The NDC secretary is to immediately inform affiliate clubs, and call for submission by other clubs to facilitate the proposed National.
- Submission/s will be considered for approval by affiliates at the next AGM.
- In the event that no affiliate wishes to facilitate the proposed National there shall be an agenda item at the next AGM to review date of the next National.

BY-LAW NO. 2

“Dalmatian Specialty Championship Show”

The delegates at any meeting, in accordance with clause 3(1) (e) of the Constitution, may grant the title “Dalmatian Specialty Championship Show” to any member club.

The judge must be approved by the N.D.C. and the state/territory controlling body.

BY-LAW NO. 3

“President”

(a) The president shall be appointed in accordance with clause 5 of the Constitution and shall hold office for one term of four (4) years, but shall be eligible for another term at a later date, or in compliance with By-Law 3

(b) The position of President shall rotate among the member clubs. Each member club, in turn, may nominate one of its members or a member of another club, as President of the N.D.C. Upon the appointment of the initial President, the delegates present at that meeting shall determine the sequence in which the member clubs may nominate a president in subsequent years.

The sequence of rotation as decided April 2004 will be;

- ☐ South Australia
- ☐ Victoria
- ☐ New South Wales
- ☐ Queensland
- ☐ ACT

Note: If a club fails to nominate for President the rotation moves to the next club. They will forfeit their right to nominate until a full cycle is complete.

(b) The Presidents term of office may be extended or the sequence of nominations altered if agreed in compliance with clause 5 (f) of the Constitution by not less than 60% of member clubs.

BY-LAW NO. 4

“Membership”

The membership fee shall be \$75.00 per annum. Fee shall be due and payable by March 1 each year.

BY-LAW NO. 5

“Specialist Judge Criteria”

The following has been adopted as the policy by the council for Specialty Judge Criteria;

The applicant must fulfil all of the following;

(a) Be approved by their local state/territory controlling body to award Challenge Certificates for the breed

(b) A judge must have bred, owned and exhibited Dalmatians for the last 10 years.