

**BYLAWS  
OF  
UPPER MIDWEST AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB**

**ARTICLE I.  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1.1 Identification.** The name of this organization is Upper Midwest Australian Shepherd Club (“UMASC”). UMASC is an official affiliated club of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc. (“ASCA”), and shall not affiliate with any other dog club or registry.

**Section 1.2 Address.** The business/mailling address of UMASC at time of adoption of these Bylaws is:

2700 Raleigh Ave. S  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

The business address of UMASC may be changed at any time by a vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 1.3 Non-Profit Status.** UMASC is a volunteer organization. UMASC shall not be conducted or operated for profit. No part of any profit or remainder or residue from dues or donations to UMASC shall inure to the benefit of any member.

1.3.1. UMASC may not engage in any form of discrimination which adversely affects ASCA’s tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(7).

**Section 1.4 ASCA Trademarks and The Like.** The names, logos, trademarks and service marks of ASCA may not be used by UMASC or its members unless authorized by ASCA.

**Section 1.5 Objectives.** The objectives of UMASC are:

1.5.1. To encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Australian Shepherds in such a manner as to bring their natural qualities to the highest degree attainable. UMASC shall strive to educate and assist all owners of the breed to improve their knowledge of the breed and its history.

1.5.2. To protect and advance the interest of the Australian Shepherd breed and to encourage ethical breeding practices and sportsmanlike competition at all dog shows and trials.

1.5.3. To conduct Conformation Shows, Obedience and Rally Obedience Trials, Agility Trials, Stockdog Trials and other events under the rules and regulations of ASCA.

1.5.4. To encourage all breeders to accept the breed standard adopted by ASCA as the only standard of excellence by which the breed shall be judged.

## **ARTICLE II. ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEDURES**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern any matter of procedure not specifically addressed by these Bylaws, unless another order of procedure is established by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 3.1 Eligibility.**

3.1.1. Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with ASCA and UMASC, and who shall subscribe and adhere to the principles and objectives of UMASC. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA may not join UMASC until they are reinstated in ASCA. Membership shall be unrestricted as to race, color, creed, or sex. Ownership of an Australian Shepherd shall not be a requirement of membership.

3.1.2. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by UMASC. The form shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics, and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and UMASC. Dues shall accompany the application.

3.1.3. Any person who renews membership is deemed to have consented to all current terms of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Policies, Procedures, and Dispute Rules of both ASCA and UMASC.

### **Section 3.2 Types of Membership.**

3.2.1. Individual Membership is open to any individual meeting eligibility requirements, and shall have one vote.

3.2.2. Family Membership is open to any person and their immediate family members residing in the same household who meet eligibility requirements. Immediate family means (i) a spouse, domestic partner, or fiancée; or (ii) a child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, sibling, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece, or the spouse, domestic partner, or fiancée of any such person. Each Family Membership will be allowed two votes. Voting memberships shall be vested in members of the immediate family who are 18 years of age or older. Junior non-voting memberships (*see Junior Membership description in Section 3.2.3 below*) shall be vested in members of the family who are younger than the age of 18.

3.2.3. Junior Non-Voting Membership is open to anyone under age 18 and not living with a UMASC member.

3.2.4. Honorary Life Membership is a non-paid, voting membership offered to those persons selected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to receive such

special membership. Honorary memberships will be offered periodically to honor a person for his or her outstanding service to UMASC, or to the Australian Shepherd and its fancy. The Honorary Life Member shall have one vote.

3.2.5. Newsletter/Subscription Membership is for any person or organization desiring membership for the sole purpose of receiving mailings from UMASC. This membership has no voting rights and will not be eligible for year end awards.

3.2.6. Membership in UMASC is not transferable.

**Section 3.3 Approval of Membership.** An applicant is admitted to membership only upon approval of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.4 Dues.** Annual dues of an amount determined by the Board of Directors shall be payable on each January 1. Dues shall be determined by the financial needs of UMASC and will be only changed upon reasonable notification to its members.

**Section 3.5 Termination of Membership.**

3.5.1. By Resignation. Any member may, by written request, resign from membership in UMASC. Dues will not be refunded.

3.5.2. By Lapsing. Any member whose dues remain unpaid by February 1 of any fiscal year will be considered lapsed in membership.

3.5.3. By Suspension or Expulsion. Any member who is disciplined by ASCA is deemed disciplined to the same extent by UMASC. Any member may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article XIII of these Bylaws. Expulsion of any member shall not release said member from the obligation to pay all outstanding debts to UMASC.

3.5.4. Expulsion Reinstatement. Upon re-application of a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors, reinstate such former member to membership in UMASC on such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate. The former member submitting this reinstatement application must be in good standing with ASCA.

**Section 3.6 Good Standing.** A member in good standing is considered to be in good standing if they are in compliance with all the rules and regulations of ASCA and its affiliates and conduct themselves so as to advance the interests of UMASC and the breed. As examples, a member is not in good standing if they have not paid dues when assessed or if they are presently under discipline imposed by ASCA or an affiliate.

**ARTICLE IV.  
UMASC BUSINESS**

**Section 4.1 Fiscal Year.** UMASC's fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31. UMASC's official year shall begin immediately upon installation of its elected officers and end upon their termination of office.

**Section 4.2 Membership Meetings.**

4.2.1. One or more general meetings shall be held annually with the dates to be determined by the Board of Directors. Members shall be notified of all meetings not less than 15 days prior to the selected date. Notice will be sent by electronic mail unless U.S. Mail has been specifically requested by a member.

4.2.2. The Board of Directors shall meet not less than six (6) times yearly to conduct the business of UMASC. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, at any time, with fifteen (15) days notice to the members of the Board of Directors.

1. A quorum shall consist of six (6) board members. The presence of a quorum is necessary for all voting. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, any matter may be passed by the Board of Directors by a simple majority of those Directors present to vote.

2. All meetings of the Board of Directors may be attended by the general membership except when it is considering matters of discipline. When considering matters of discipline, only members of the Board of Directors and the person whose conduct is in question may be present.

4.2.3. Special meetings of the general membership may be requested in writing and signed by twenty-five percent (25%) of the general membership in good standing. A special meeting may only be requested by written petition to the Board of Directors. The petition must be given to the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days before the desired special meeting. The Secretary shall provide notice to the all members by electronic mail, telephone or U.S. Mail at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.

4.2.4. Voting by balloting of the entire membership may only be permitted in special cases as determined by these Bylaws. In cases of voting by balloting of the membership, a majority of fifty-one percent (51%) of the total UMASC membership roll shall be required to carry a decision. Should such balloting fail to elicit sufficient response from the membership to effect a decision, the question shall be brought before the membership present at the next general meeting of UMASC and voted upon at that time. A majority vote of those in attendance shall then be considered sufficient to effect all decisions of UMASC.

**ARTICLE V.  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 5.1 Board of Directors.**

5.1.1. The affairs of UMASC shall be managed by a Board of Directors.

5.1.2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and an odd number of additional other persons (Directors) who are UMASC members elected from the general membership.

5.1.3. Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve a one-year term of office, and shall be expected to attend a majority of meetings of the Board of Directors to affect the duties of their office.

5.1.4. The new Board of Directors shall assume office immediately after the final vote count at the meeting at which they were elected. In the case of disputed elections, the former Board of Directors will serve until the dispute is resolved. The new Board of Directors shall assume office immediately after a disputed election is resolved.

5.1.5. The Board of Directors shall be vested with general management and supervision of all UMASC business and affairs, and it shall be empowered to appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary to advance the work of UMASC. All committees and each of their members shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, and may be terminated or replaced by the Board of Directors at any time.

5.1.6. Actions and decisions of the Board of Directors may be subject to review of fifty-one percent (51%) of the general membership at any time, by written petition of the members, or by request of the President.

5.1.7. Any three members, not of the same household, or the President, may petition the Secretary in writing to hold a balloting of the membership to rescind any decision by the Board of Directors alleged not to be in the best interests of UMASC. The Secretary shall notify all members of a decision on the issue, and a general membership meeting shall be called not less than thirty (30) days following the mailing of the ballots to decide upon the issue.

5.1.8. Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors of UMASC shall be filled until completion of that term of office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy; except for the office of the President, as provided in these Bylaws. Any Officer or Director of UMASC who is absent for more than half of UMASC meetings shall have resigned from the Board of Directors by reason of absence.

5.1.9. Each Officer is responsible for maintaining UMASC records appropriate to their office. Records must be maintained in a form easily readable, transportable and maintainable by anyone qualified for the office. All records kept of whatever nature or form are the property of UMASC. Each Officer is responsible for transferring UMASC's records to his or her successor within 14 days following an election. The unexcused failure of either the outgoing or the incoming officer to effect this transfer automatically removes that person from good standing. If the incoming officer is the person preventing the transfer, the outgoing officer will continue in office until the transfer is completed.

5.1.10. An Officer may be removed from the Board of Directors only upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the other Officers and Directors or upon two-thirds majority vote of the general members. The Officer whose removal is being voted on may not vote for this purpose. An Officer may be removed from office only for cause.

## ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

**Section 6.1 Officers.** The Officers of UMASC shall consist of a President, Vice President, Second Vice President/Membership, Secretary, Treasurer and Affiliate Representative. All Officers must be members in good standing of ASCA and UMASC. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA or UMASC may not run for office in UMASC until they are reinstated in ASCA. Officers may not be on the Board of Directors of any other ASCA affiliate.

6.1.1. President. The President shall preside over all meetings, chair the Board of Directors, and exercise supervision over all affairs and activities of UMASC. The President shall be a member ex officio of all committees, and shall have all powers and duties normally appropriate to this office. Refer to Robert's Rules of Order for the President's voting privilege.

6.1.2. Vice President. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence, illness or incapacity. In the event of resignation or death of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of the current term of office, and a replacement for Vice President shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a like term of office.

6.1.3. Second Vice President/Membership. The Second Vice President/Membership shall accept new member applications and dues, keep applications on file, and maintain a membership list.

6.1.4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep all records of UMASC, record the minutes of all Board of Directors and general membership meetings, give notice to all members as may be required, and maintain all correspondence for UMASC. The Secretary shall maintain within reach at all meetings, copies of Bylaws, Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules. The Secretary shall notify Officers and Directors of their election to the Board of Directors.

6.1.5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be entrusted with all financial records and monies of UMASC, shall collect dues and pay debts of UMASC, and keep accurate records of all transactions under his/her supervision. Expenditures of amounts in excess of \$300 must be approved by the President. All funds shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and the Treasurer may be bonded, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, for an amount not to exceed the balance of funds in UMASC's treasury. The Treasurer's books shall be open to inspection of the Board of Directors at all times, and the Treasurer shall report the status of UMASC's finances at each general membership meeting. At the closing of the fiscal year, the Treasurer shall render a written report of the previous years accounts to the general membership at its next meeting (or annual meeting). The Treasurer has the duty of a fiduciary to UMASC.

6.1.6. Affiliate Representative. The Affiliate Representative shall be UMASC's liaison to ASCA and be empowered to represent UMASC and its Board of Directors in

all business and correspondence with ASCA and its affiliates. However, all activities of the Affiliate Representative shall be subject to prior approval of the President and/or Board of Directors. The Affiliate Representative shall give report of all activities of and communications with ASCA at each general membership meeting, and shall communicate all impending matters with the Board of Directors and/or the President as they arise. The Affiliate Representative is responsible for distributing all ASCA business to UMASC.

**Section 6.2 Show Coordinators.** Show Coordinators shall be appointed by the Board of directors. Each Show Coordinator must be a member of the Board of Directors. Show Coordinators will act as the liaison between UMASC and ASCA, and will sign and be responsible for all paperwork pertaining to sanctioning ASCA shows/trials.

## **ARTICLE VII. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

**Section 7.1 Personal Liability.** Except for payment of dues, no Director, Officer, or Member shall be personally liable for any past or present debt or obligations of UMASC.

7.1.1. A member may not incur debt for UMASC without approval of the Board of Directors. Such a person is personally liable for the debt. However, the Board of Directors may ratify such a debt by a simple majority of those Directors present to vote at any meeting the Board of Directors.

7.1.2. No person shall use the name, mailing list, or official insignia of UMASC for other than UMASC purposes.

## **ARTICLE VIII. ANNUAL MEETING**

An annual meeting may be called by the President and Board of Directors as concurrent as possible with the election of new officers every year. Normal conduct of this meeting shall include a report of the President on the activities of UMASC's past year, a report by the Secretary on the growth of UMASC, a report of UMASC's financial status by the Treasurer, a report by the Affiliate Representative on ASCA affairs, a report by outgoing Directors as directed by the President, and installation of new UMASC Officers.

## **ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Nominations and elections must be scheduled so the new slate of officers is installed before the Affiliate renewals are due back to the ASCA Business office on January 31. Any change of officers during the year must be sent to the ASCA Business Office within thirty days of the change.

**Section 9.1 Nominating Committee.** On or before the middle of October, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall propose and present a slate of nominees for election to all officers of UMASC and its Board of Directors. The Nominating

Committee shall consist of three members in good standing, one of whom must be a member of the Board of Directors. The President may not serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall select its own Chairman. Said slate of nominees shall be presented to the Board of Directors no later than the middle of November.

9.1.1. Any member whose UMASC and/or ASCA dues are unpaid may not be a nominee.

9.1.2. A member must consent to being a nominee.

9.1.3. Any member who has been suspended or expelled from ASCA may not be a nominee.

**Section 9.2 General Membership Meeting.** During the month of November a general membership meeting shall be called to present the Officer/Board nominee slate, as selected by the Nominating Committee, to the membership; or notice thereof shall be presented to the membership by electronic mail, unless a member specifically requests delivery by U.S. Mail. Additional nominations shall be solicited from the membership from the floor, or by mail, at this time. All additional nominees must consent to nomination to qualify for such nomination.

**Section 9.3 Elections.** Elections shall be held during the month of December and shall be conducted by U.S. Mail. Voting ballots shall be sent to all voting members no later than the 1st day of December. Returned ballots must be post marked not later than the 15th of December and will be sent to a designated member of the Nominating Committee. Election of the nominees shall be effected by a majority vote of the ballots received by the close of the voting date. The Nominating Committee is responsible for counting the votes. Any member of the Nominating Committee running for election may not receive ballots or count votes.

9.3.1. Elected candidates shall assume the duties of office on or before the last day of January.

9.3.2. There is no limit to the number of terms of office a person may serve.

9.3.3. If the number of people agreeing to run for office does not exceed the number of spots up for election on the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be considered to have been elected unanimously and no balloting will be necessary.

Nominations and elections cannot be made in any manner other than as provided herein under Article IX.

## **ARTICLE X. CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

**Section 10.1 Financial Accounts.** All financial accounts shall be in the name and to the credit of UMASC. The account shall be maintained in a federally insured financial institution located in the county where UMASC conducts all or a majority of its business.

**Section 10.2 Disbursements.** All disbursements from UMASC's operating account shall be made by check or electronic funds transfer signed by one of the following Officers: Treasurer, President or Secretary.

**Section 10.3 Board of Directors Authorization.** The Board of Directors may authorize one or more members of UMASC to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of UMASC, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 10.4 Deposits.** All funds of UMASC shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of UMASC in the accounts specified in Section 10.1.

## **ARTICLE XI. CREATION AND TERMINATION OF COMMITTEES**

Subject to approval of the Board of Directors, the President may appoint permanent or temporary committees to advance the work of UMASC in such matters as the club newsletter, stockdog, agility and obedience events, and other special events. Any committee so appointed may be terminated by an affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

**Section 12.1 Proposing Amendments.** Amendments to the Bylaws may only be accomplished by a vote of the membership of UMASC. Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the members of UMASC in good standing and addressed to the Secretary.

**Section 12.2 ASCA Approval.** Proposed Amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by ASCA before a member vote on these amendments is initiated.

**Section 12.3 Member Vote.** Amendments must be submitted to a vote of the members within three (3) months of ASCA's approval of the amendments. Amendments proposed by petition must be accompanied by recommendations of the Board of Directors when published in the agenda for the election. See Article IX, Section 9.3.

## **ARTICLE XIII. DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINE**

**Section 13.1 Disputes.** Disputes between UMASC members, between a member and UMASC, or involving non-members and pertaining to UMASC affairs or a UMASC-sanctioned event, shall be decided in accordance with the Dispute Rules as adopted by ASCA. Any discipline or sanctions issued or administered by UMASC shall be in conformity with such rules.

**Section 13.2 Suspension.** Any member who is suspended from the privileges of ASCA automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of UMASC for a like period.

**Section 13.3 ASCA Rules.** Members of UMASC and non-member participants in UMASC activities must agree to abide by all rules and procedures adopted by ASCA and those adopted by UMASC. Forms for application for membership and for participation in UMASC activities shall so state. Such rules and procedures include, but are not limited to, these Bylaws, ASCA's Bylaws, ASCA's Agility Rules and Regulations, Conformation Show Rules and Regulations, Junior Showmanship Program Rules, Obedience Rules and Regulations, Rally Rules and Regulations, Stockdog Rules and Regulations, ASCA's Dispute Rules, and/or any additional programs approved by ASCA.

**Section 13.4 Member Conduct.** All members shall be expected to conduct themselves in a manner which shall uphold the principles of UMASC as stated in the constitution, and may, by actions contrary to its ideas, be subject to disciplinary action of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. DISSOLUTION**

UMASC may be dissolved at any time by written consent of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members in good standing.

**Section 14.1 Disposal of Assets.** In the event of dissolution, whether by voluntary means, involuntary means, or by operation of law, none of the property, funds, assets or proceeds thereof shall be distributed to any member of UMASC unless such distribution is to discharge an undisputed and properly documented obligation of UMASC to the member. All remaining UMASC property, funds, assets, or proceeds thereof must be donated to a benevolent animal organization or as a donation for the ASCA National Specialty or the Aussie Rescue fund as directed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 14.2 Disputed Funds.** Funds which are subject to dispute involving UMASC will be deposited in the ASCA Dispute Funds Trust. At resolution of the dispute, the amount in dispute will be either disbursed to the appropriate claimant or transferred to the Aussie Rescue fund or the ASCA National Specialty fund in the name of UMASC.

**Section 14.3 Notice of Dissolution.** Written notification of the dissolution must be given to ASCA before the effective date.

The above Bylaws, as amended, are certified to have been adopted by the Board of Directors of UMASC on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Secretary

## ASCA REQUIRED ADDENDUM TO AFFILIATE CLUB BYLAWS

Revised October 15, 2005

1. Conflict within Bylaws. In the event of a conflict between this addendum and any other provision of these bylaws, this addendum shall prevail.

2. The Club and ASCA®. The Affiliate Club is referred to as “the Club” and the AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB of AMERICA, is referred to as “ASCA®” in this addendum.

2.1 The club shall not seek membership nor seek license or sanction for any event with another registry other than a registry which ASCA® has an agreement.

2.2 The Host Club of an ASCA® National Specialty shall not invite nor contract with another registry or any of its affiliates other than a registry with which ASCA® has an agreement to hold an event at any time during the Nationals or as a pre-show or trial.

2.3 The ASCA® Business Office will refuse sanction of any show/trial of an ASCA® Affiliate held with the United States Australian Shepherd Association (USASA) National Specialty unless such show is approved by a vote of the membership of such Affiliate when at least fifty percent (50%) of such Affiliate Club members cast a vote and action is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those casting votes.

3. Non-Profit Status. The Club shall not be operated for profit. No profit or part thereof or any remainder or residue from dues or donations for the Club’s use shall inure to the benefit of any member.

4. Objectives. The primary objective of the Club is to protect and advance the Australian Shepherd breed. In service of this goal, the Club will:

4.1 Encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Australian Shepherds in such a manner as to bring their natural qualities to the highest degree attainable.

4.2 It shall strive to promote, educate, and assist all owners of the breed to improve their knowledge of the breed and its history.

4.3 Protect and advance the interest of the Australian Shepherd breed and to encourage ethical breeding practices and sportsmanlike competition at all dog shows and trials.

4.4 Conduct Conformation Shows, Obedience Trials, Stock Dog Trials, Tracking Tests, Agility Trials and other events in conformity with ASCA rules and regulations.

4.5 Encourage all breeders to accept the ASCA® breed standard as the only standard of excellence by which the breed shall be judged.

5. Order of Business and Procedures. The latest version of “Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern any matter of procedure not specifically addressed by these Bylaws, unless another order of procedure is established by the Board of Directors.

6. Membership. Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with ASCA® and the Club and who shall subscribe and adhere to the principles and objectives of this Club. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA® may not join this Club until they are reinstated in ASCA®.

6.1 Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Club. The form shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Code of Ethics, and Dispute Rules of both ASCA® and the Club.

6.2 Any person who renews membership is deemed to have consented to all current terms of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Policies, Procedures and Dispute Rules of both ASCA® and the Club.

6.3 Any member who is disciplined by ASCA® is deemed disciplined to the same extent by the Club

7. Officers. All Officers and Directors must be members in good standing of ASCA®. Persons who are currently suspended or expelled from ASCA® may not hold or run for office in this Club until they are reinstated in ASCA®.

7.1 Affiliate Representative: Who is an Officer in the Club and shall be the Club liaison representative to ASCA® and be empowered to represent the Club in all business and correspondence with the parent Club and its affiliates. He/she shall give report of all activities of and communications with the parent Club at each meeting; and he/she shall communicate all impending matters with the Board and/or the President as they arise. The Affiliate Representative is responsible for distributing all ASCA® business to the Club.

7.2 Show Coordinators: Shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Show Coordinators are the liaison between the Club and the ASCA® show Office. Show Coordinators sign and are responsible for all paperwork pertaining to sanctioning of all ASCA® show/trial programs.

7.3 Any member of the Board or officer of the Club who is absent for more than half of the Club meetings shall have resigned by reason of absence.

8. Nominations and Elections. Nominations and elections will be scheduled so the new slate of officers are installed before the Affiliate renewals are due back to the ASCA® Business office on January 1. (*Note: With the new officers on the renewal form, the listing of all Affiliate Clubs at the Business office and in the Aussie Times will be correct as of January 1.*)

Any change of officers during the year must be sent to the ASCA® Business Office within thirty days of the change.

9. Amendments. Proposed Amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by ASCA® before a final club vote on these amendments is initiated. Proposed amendments will be submitted to ASCA® with the old wording followed by the new wording.

10. Disputes and Discipline. Disputes. between Club members, between a member and the Club or involving non-members and pertaining to Club affairs or a Club sanctioned event, shall be decided in accordance with the Dispute Rules as adopted by ASCA®. Any discipline or sanctions issued or administered by the Club shall be in conformity with such rules.

10.1 Discipline by ASCA®. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of ASCA® shall automatically be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

11. Consent to Rules. Members of the Club and non-member participants in Club activities must agree to abide by all rules and procedures adopted by ASCA® and those adopted by the Club. Forms for application for membership and for participation in Club activities shall so state. Such rules and procedures include, but are not limited to, these Bylaws, ASCA®'s Bylaws, Registry Rules, the ASCA® Conformation, Obedience, Tracking and Stock Dog Rules and Regulations and ASCA®'s Dispute Rules.

12. Dissolution. Written notification of the dissolution must be given to ASCA before, the effective date.

12.1 Upon dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after discharge of the obligations of the Club must be donated to a tax-exempt, benevolent animal organization (such as, but not limited to Aussie Rescue and Placement or to the host Club of the next National Specialty).

12.2 The Club may not engage in any form of discrimination which adversely affects ASCA®'s tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(7).

13. ASCA® Trademarks and the Like. The names, logos, trademarks and service marks of ASCA® may not be used by the Club or its members unless authorized by ASCA®.

14. All Officers and Directors of any ASCA® Affiliate Club must be full members in good standing with ASCA® at all times during their term. Service members are not allowed to serve as Officers or Directors of Affiliate Clubs.

**THIS ADDENDUM MAY BE REVISED BY ASCA® FROM TIME TO TIME.**