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Dear TCVESSA Members,

We have a special edition of the VOX for you.

Inside we have a banquet reminder - sign up ends soon!! We have some great raffle prizes, good food and the costumes should be a hoot.

Patricia McConnell and Steve White are coming up on February 2nd and 3rd. Don't miss this opportunity to hear these fabulous speakers at an amazing price. TCVESSA Members are only \$140.

Our bylaw revisions are done!

Francie Nelson, Ann Sunderman and I have been working all year on our bylaw revision. It is here for you to look over. We will be voting on these revisions at our upcoming banquet on February 9th.

Just a few notes - Anything underlined is new language, or has been moved. Anything struck-out is old language, or, again, had been moved. We mostly just did some housekeeping issues related to the way the AKC would like things arranged and/or worded.

There are, however a few new things -

- We added a lifetime membership for those who have been members for 30 or more years.
- We added term limits for the President.
- We gave ourselves a little bit of leeway as to when things have to be held, i.e.; our annual meeting can be held during the first ¼ of the year, not in any specific month.
- We added the objects of our club which is in line with our new mission statement.
- We added some other legal wording, as required by the AKC.
- And, lastly, we added the OPTION of using email for legal club communications. Please note - it will be an option for. You will not be required to receive email communication.

So, please look these over, let me know if you have any questions and come vote on them at the banquet.

Kristin Radermacher - SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com

Hey all you Dancin' Queens and Disco Ducks-



Boogie on down to the TCVESSA Awards Banquet!

February 9, 2008
Dangerfield's Restaurant
Shakopee, MN

The play list includes-

Veggies and Dip
Cheese and Crackers

Caesar Salad
Wild Rice Salad

Chicken Scampi
Beef Tips & Mushrooms
Lemon Pepper Orange Roughy

Green Beans Almandine
Parmesan Potatoes
Assorted dessert tray

Served buffet style
Cost is 28.00 per person
Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

One guest per member



Reservation deadline is January 25, 2008

Return form to: Carmen Laing,

Club Member's Name- _____

Guest's Name- _____

Member's Phone Number- _____

Member's Email Address- _____

\$28 per dinner with checks payable to TCVESSA.

Total enclosed- _____

Questions to Carmen Laing- carmen913@msn.com or to
Kris Radermacher- swedarospringers@gmail.com



It's time to dust off your leisure suit and grab your dancing queen for a little Saturday night fever. Prizes for the best 70's costume will be handed out, so dust off your bell-bottom jeans, your platform shoes, your love beads or your white disco suit and hit that dance floor inferno.

Remember all those hideous clothes your mom made for you (and made you wear) in the 70s? Or maybe were old enough to be responsible for your own wardrobe (and now would be ashamed to admit it)?

What do we need from you?

PHOTOS!!!

Send us photos of yourself from the 70s.

You can either postal mail them or email them to Carmen Laing.

Address for mailing is:

Carmen Laing



Carmen's email is carmen913@msn.com

Photos should be labeled so we know who to return them to after the banquet.

TCVESSA 2008 TROPHY FUND PLEDGE FORM

Contributor's Name(s):

Address:

Home Phone:

Work or Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Name/Kennel Name/In memory of, for Specialty Catalog:

I would like to contribute to the TCVESSA Trophy fund at the following level:

_____ **PLATINUM LEVEL - \$75.00 OR ABOVE**

_____ **GOLD LEVEL - \$50.00 – 74.00**

_____ **SILVER LEVEL - \$25.00 – 49.00**

_____ **BRONZE LEVEL - \$10.00 – 24.00**

PLEDGE FORMS :

Cyndi Myhre

The pledge form is due by February 9th.
Pledges are due May 2nd.
Reminders will sent in April.

2009 Calendar

TCVESSA Members -

Joan Beck has resigned from putting together our calendar. First, we need to say "thank you" to her for a job very well done. Thanks, Joan.

I will be taking over the calendar design. Toward that end we will be holding a raffle at our Annual Awards Banquet on February 9th.

We will be raffling off the 12 months and the Calendar Cover. Regular month tickets will be \$1 each (no discounts), the cover raffle will be \$5 each (again, no discounts). We will also be choosing one alternate in case someone can't meet the deadline.

I will discuss with the winners the guidelines for submission after they win. For now - there will be a May 1st deadline for photo submission. Please keep this in mind when you enter the raffle. Also, the cover photo MUST be professionally done and is subject to board approval.

If you are unable to attend the banquet and would still like to enter the calendar raffle - please contact me. We can do a PayPal payment for the tickets ahead of time and I will throw the tickets in for you.

Kristin Radermacher
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BY-LAWS OF THE
TWIN CITIES VOYAGEUR
ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTS

SECTION 1. NAME

The name of the club shall be Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association.

SECTION 2. OBJECTS

The objects of the club shall be:

(a) to encourage and promote purebred English Springer Spaniels and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;

(b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which English Springer Spaniels shall be judged;

(c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at:

- dog shows
- obedience trials
- rally trials
- tracking tests
- hunting tests
- any other event under the rules of the ESS-FTA and/or the American Kennel Club.

(d) to conduct events.

- dog shows
- obedience trials
- rally trials
- and any other event for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the ESS-FTA and/or the the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. PROFITS

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

SECTION 4. BYLAW REVISION

The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.

~~ARTICLE I.~~ ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this organization. However, rights and privileges within the organization shall be restricted in accordance with the classifications of membership outlined in Section 2 below.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the organization's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders, exhibitors and sponsors of pure-bred English Springer Spaniels in the greater Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

SECTION 2. CLASSIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Memberships shall be available under the following classifications and shall entitle such members to all rights and privileges within the organization as specified within these by-laws:

- INDIVIDUAL Individual membership shall be available only to persons 18 years of age or older.
- FAMILY Family memberships shall be available only to persons residing within the same household and shall include a maximum of two persons 18 years of age and older, and all persons under the age of 18. Each adult is eligible to vote and hold office. The application shall specify the names of all persons included in such membership.
- JUNIOR Junior membership shall be available to any individual under 18 years of age. The age of any individual applying for membership shall be determined as of the date the application is submitted. Junior members may not hold office and are not eligible to vote.
- LIFE Offered to those individuals who have been members for 30 years; Life members pay no dues but are eligible to vote and hold office.

SECTION 3. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the articles of incorporation and by-laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications for membership are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the club following its receipt. At the next club meeting the application will be voted upon and affirmative votes of 3/4 of the members present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. DUES

~~Membership dues shall be no less than \$5.00 per year and no more than \$20.00 per year, payable on or before the first day of January of each year. Membership dues shall not exceed \$50.00 per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. During the month of October, the Secretary shall send to each member, by E-mail or U.S. Mail, a statement of his/her dues for the ensuing year.~~

SECTION 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership may be terminated by:

- (a) RESIGNATION - Any member in good standing may resign from the organization

upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the organization. ~~Dues obligations are considered a debt to the organization and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.~~

(b) ~~LAPSING~~ - A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days' grace to such 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) ~~EXPULSION~~ - A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII of these bylaws. ~~Expulsion of a member from the organization may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board's recommendation as provided in Section 5(d)2(a) of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the organization to be held with in 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted the Board's suspension shall stand.~~

DISCIPLINE

~~(1) AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SUSPENSION. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of the organization for a like period.~~

~~(2) (a) CHARGES. Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the organization. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board Meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it shall fix a date of a hearing by the Board not less than three weeks not more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly notify the Board and schedule a hearing not less than 3 weeks and not more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charge to the accused member by registered mail together with notice of the hearing and an assurance that the Defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.~~

~~(b) BOARD HEARINGS The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the organization for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. It may also recommend that the penalty be expulsion. In such cases, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing organization meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary in turn shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.~~

ARTICLE II. ARTICLE III. MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION 1. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Meetings of the Membership shall be held six times each year at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Such meetings shall be held in, or within 25 miles of, the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Written notice of each meeting shall be sent by the secretary by U.S. Mail or by E-Mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members of the organization who are in good standing.

Notification of club meetings, club correspondence related to the conducting of club business, and notification of board meetings may be sent by email, provided that:

Each member requesting receipt of email correspondence has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in, or within 25 miles of, the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, at such date, hour and place as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. ~~Written~~ Notice of such meetings shall be sent by U.S. Mail or E-Mail to the members by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members of the organization who are in good standing.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held ~~in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November in~~ no less than six times each year at such hour and place as may be designated by the ~~President board.~~ Such meetings shall be held in, or within 25 miles of the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Board members shall be notified by U.S. Mail or E-Mail by the Secretary at least (5) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be a majority of the board. Any action which might be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if done in writing or E-Mail and approved unanimously by all Directors.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. ~~Such special meetings shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Such special meetings shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in, or within 25 miles of, the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Such special meetings shall be held in or within 25 miles of the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein.~~ Written Notice shall be sent by U.S. Mail or E-Mail by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall ~~a meeting shall be a majority of the board.~~ state the

purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board. Any action which might be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if done in writing and signed by all the Directors

SECTION 5. ~~OPEN BOARD MEETINGS~~ VOTING

~~Any regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be open to any member of the organization in good standing; and to invited guests at the invitation of any member of the organization in good standing.~~

Each adult member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Household memberships are entitled to two votes by individuals over the age of 18. Cumulative voting, or Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

~~ARTICLE III.~~ ARTICLE IV. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President(s), Secretary(s), Treasurer and ~~five~~ other persons to equal a total of nine; all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one year terms at the annual meeting as provided in Article IV. and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors. No two members of the same household shall serve simultaneous terms on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. DIRECTORS POWERS

~~The management of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors.~~

SECTION 3. SECTION 2. OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall be a President, one or more ~~a~~ Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and one or more ~~a~~ secretaries. All officers must be ~~voting~~ members in good standing ~~with the organization~~, and shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings ~~The several officers shall have such powers and authority and shall perform such duties as commonly pertain to their respective offices or as the Board of Directors may assign and direct from time to time.~~

SECTION 4. POWERS AND DUTIES

~~The several officers shall have such powers and authority and shall perform such duties as commonly pertain to their respective offices or as the Board of Directors may assign and direct from time to time.~~

(a)PRESIDENT - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Membership and ~~at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall have the duties and powers normally assigned to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.~~ The President shall be the chief Executive officer of the organization. ~~and shall see that all business and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He~~ The President an *ex officio* member of all standing committees. Once a President has served three consecutive terms of office, that person will not be eligible to run for that same officer position for a period of one year.

(b) VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform his/her duties and exercise his/her powers.

(c) TREASURER - The Treasurer shall have charge of the finances of the organization, subject to the power and authority of the Board of Directors. ~~He~~ The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records and accounts of the receipts of the organization: its bank deposits, earnings, and all disbursements. ~~He~~ The Treasurer shall open and maintain bank accounts of the organization in such banking Institutions as the Board may direct and shall deposit funds of the organization therein, subject to withdrawal only by checks signed by such persons as the Board shall specify. ~~He~~ The Treasurer shall ~~render~~ provide to the Board at each meeting accounts of transactions and of the financial condition of the organization and shall furnish such other financial information as may be required by the Board from time to time. At the annual meeting, an accounting shall be provided of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The ~~treasurer~~ club accounts shall be bonded in such amount and manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

(d) SECRETARY - The Secretary shall provide for the taking and keeping of minutes at the Board of Directors and Membership meetings and shall keep a record of all proceedings. ~~He~~ The Secretary shall provide for the giving of notices of meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be ~~prescribed~~ required by the Board of Directors.

(e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

SECTION 5. ~~SECTION 3.~~ VACANCIES

Any vacancies occurring on the Board and/or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancies, or at a special board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

~~SECTION 6..~~ ELIGIBILITY

~~No two members of the same family or household shall serve simultaneous terms on the Board of Directors within the same year.~~

~~ARTICLE IV.~~ ARTICLE V. THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. ORGANIZATION'S YEAR

The Fiscal Year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December. The official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, at which officers are elected.

~~SECTION 2. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE~~

The Annual Meeting of the organization's membership shall be held ~~in the month of January,~~ during the first quarter of the fiscal year, at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected ~~secret written ballot~~ by those, members present and in good standing. Candidates shall be from among those nominated in accordance with Section ~~7~~ 4 of this Article. The nominated candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

SECTION 3. ~~PROXIES~~

~~Proxy voting will not be permitted at any organization meeting or election.~~

SECTION 4. ~~CUMULATIVE VOTING~~

~~Cumulative voting shall not be permitted at any organization meeting or election.~~

SECTION 5. ~~VOTING RIGHTS~~

~~Voting rights shall be extended only to individual or family members in good standing who are 18 years of age or older.~~

SECTION 6. SECTION 3. ELECTIONS

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The ~~five (5)~~ nominated candidates for at-large positions on the Board who receive ~~the~~ the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election. Each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 7. SECTION 4 NOMINATIONS

No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. Only voting members in good standing may be nominated for the Board. ~~During the month of September .~~ At least two months before the fall meeting, the Board shall select from the voting membership a nominating committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one 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 ~~his~~ that person's duty to call a nominating committee meeting, which shall be held ~~on or before October 15~~ at least six weeks before the fall meeting.

- (a) The committee shall nominate a candidate for each office and one candidate for each position on the board and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report the nominations to the Secretary in writing or by E-Mail.
- (b) Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least three weeks before the fall meeting, ~~before November 1,~~ notify each member ~~in writing~~ by US Mail or E-Mail of the candidates so nominated.
- (c) Additional nominations may be made ~~at the November general membership meeting,~~ by any voting member in good standing in attendance at a general membership meeting designated by the board for that purpose, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at the meeting, ~~his prepares~~ the nominating member shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to serve. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than provided in this section.
- (e) No person who has resigned from the Board may be eligible ~~for nomination to the Board for the official year following the year in which his term of office from which he resigned would have expired.~~ to serve on the board for one complete official year following his/her resignation.

ARTICLE V. ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1.

The Board may ~~each year~~ appoint ~~standing~~ committees to advance the work of the organization ~~in such matters as shows, matches, trophies, annual prizes, membership, publicity and such other fields which may well be served by committees.~~ Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special ad hoc committees and task forces may also be appointed by the Board from time to time to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2.

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

ARTICLE VII. DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SUSPENSION.

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

SECTION 2. CHARGES.

An individual member may prefer charges against another individual member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the board or present them at a board meeting, and the board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the board not less than three weeks or more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges and the specifications to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes.

SECTION 3. BOARD HEARING.

The board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the board may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision, its finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the board's decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 4. EXPULSION.

Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the club following a board hearing and upon the board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VI. ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Changes and Amendments to the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation shall be made in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Minnesota.

SECTION 2.

Amendments to ~~the Articles of Incorporation~~ these By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors ~~and~~ and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition ~~was~~ is received by the Secretary.

SECTION 3.

The ~~Articles of Incorporation or~~ By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for ~~the~~ this purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting sent by U.S. Mail or E-Mail to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1.

The organization may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than 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 all debts of the organization from its property and assets, any remaining assets shall be distributed in such manner as the Board of Directors may determine for the use of charitable organizations ~~which are interested in the appreciation of~~ servicing purebred English Springer Spaniels, for humane purposes, or for research.

~~ARTICLE VIII.~~ ARTICLE X. ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1.

At meetings of the organization, 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 President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Election of New Members
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Election of Officers and Board Members (at Annual Meeting)
- Adjournment

SECTION 2.

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

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

~~SECTION 3.~~ ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1

For further reference on all matters not included and provided for in these By-Laws, ~~ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER and ROBERTS PARLIAMENTARY LAW~~ the rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised," shall be consulted for a final decision.

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