

BURNS AND BECKS GUNDOG CLUB

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BURNS & BECKS GUNDOG CLUB CONSTITUTION

NAME: The Club is called the 'Burns and Becks Gundog Club'

AIMS: The aims of the club are to provide training for gundogs and to organise working tests and field trials.

RULES:

1. The club will be managed by an elected committee, appointed each year by the membership at an AGM. The officers will consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, General and Membership Secretary, Working Test Secretary, Field Trial Secretary and Treasurer. The committee will not exceed 16 members, including the officers, and a quorum of eight is required at all meetings.
2. Membership of the club will be at the discretion of the committee, but not unreasonably refused. Membership is not available to applicants ordinarily resident outside the United Kingdom. Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January each year, at a rate determined by the committee. A joining fee, again determined by the committee, will be required for new members and from those members who fail to pay their subscription by 31st March each year, at which stage they will be regarded as having resigned and cease to be members. New and existing members who have not paid their subscriptions in full by 31st March will not be eligible for preference in club field trials within that calendar year.
3. Subscriptions and any other income will be paid into the club's bank account. Withdrawals of more than £250 to be agreed by the Treasurer and one other designated officer of the club, by prior written agreement of the designated officer. All other withdrawals to be identified within the bank statement.
4. The financial year of the club will run from 1st January to 31st December and certified accounts will be available for members to inspect at the AGM each year. Certification will be carried out by either a qualified accountant or two people with accounting experience.
5. These rules cannot be altered except at an AGM, or Special General Meeting (SGM) which can be called at any time to discuss issues that the committee consider justify such a meeting. The notices of either type of meeting must contain details of any proposed rule changes if these are to be considered and any other items for discussion. Not less than 14 days' notice will be given to members of an AGM or SGM and no other business other than that on the agenda may be conducted at an SGM. Consideration of non-agenda items at an AGM shall be at the discretion of the Chairman.

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6. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon. Secretary if six members sends a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting an SGM to do so. The committee of the society is also empowered to call an SGM.
7. Any member who shall be suspended under KC rule A11.j.(5) and/or KC rule A11.j.(9) shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the society.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the committee of the society, be injurious to the character or interests of the society, the committee of the society may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If, at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members and he/she shall thereupon cease all purposes to be a member of the society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such meeting appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

If the society expels such a member for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, trials or competitions, the society must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven days and supply any particulars required.

8. Should the society cease to exist, the committee will determine the most appropriate way of disposing of any remaining assets. Gifts of cups and trophies to the society will be acknowledged at all times as gifts to the society.
In these circumstances, a final statement of audited accounts will be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months, the committee accepting that they are responsible to the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the club.
9. The club will not join any other federation of clubs.
10. No person while an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the committee or in any other official capacity within the club.
11. The club will maintain an up to date list of members and their addresses and if requested make these available to the Kennel Club. Numbers of members will be declared on the Kennel Club annual return form.
12. In January of each year the maintenance of title fee will be sent to the Kennel Club and other returns as requested by the Kennel Club by the 31st July.
13. The officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the kennel club of any changes of Secretary of the society which may occur during the course of the year.
14. The club will maintain a full record of all general and committee meetings, a membership list, accounts and a balance sheet, available for inspection by the Kennel Club at any time.
15. The club will maintain and abide by the highest standards in all activities in accordance with Kennel Club rules and regulations and codes of best practice. In accordance with the above: All members will be subject to the Club's Disciplinary procedures as approved at the 2015 AGM.
16. The Kennel Club will be the final authority for interpreting the rules for the club and club matters.

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