

**THE CHUGIAK DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I
NAME

This organization is incorporated under the laws of the State of Alaska and is known as, “THE CHUGIAK DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION”.

ARTICLE II
SEAL

The Corporation shall have a common seal consisting of a circle having on its circumference the word, “THE CHUGIAK DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION,” and across its face, the words, CORPORATE SEAL, 1955”.

ARTICLE III
OBJECT AND MISSION

SECTION 1. Purpose: The Chugiak Dog Musher Association is organized exclusively for purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. These purposes include, but are not limited to, preserving the cultural heritage of Alaskan dog mushing, providing opportunities for youth and the public to learn about and engage in the sport of dog mushing, and providing education for the prevention of abuse or cruelty to dogs.

SECTION 2. Mission: The mission of this Corporation is to promote the sport of dog mushing with emphasis on care, training and careful breeding.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

Regular membership in the Corporation shall be limited to any persons of full age of 18, and each member shall have no more than one (1) vote in the management of the Corporation. A Family Membership will be allowed two (2) votes.

ARTICLE V
DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The government of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of eleven (11) Directors, all of whom shall be elected from the general membership of the Corporation. Eight (8) of the eleven (11) Board members shall be elected for a two-year term, and three (3) Board members shall be elected for a one-year term. The duration of the term shall be based on the number of votes received. The eight (8) two-year terms shall be staggered such that four (4) expire each year, along with the three (3) one-year terms. The remaining four (4) two-year terms shall expire on the subsequent year.

SECTION 2. Duties and Powers: It shall be the duty of the Directors to manage the affairs of the Corporation, protect its interests and advance the purposes of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the power to transact any and all business and do any and all things that may be done by an Association of like character.

The duties of the Board shall begin immediately following its election, when it shall meet for organization and election of officers.

SECTION 3. Change in the number of Directors: The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall have the power to increase or decrease the number of Directors from the number of Directors provided in the Articles of Incorporation to any number no less than 7 and not exceeding fifteen (15).

SECTION 4. Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors of this Corporation caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of said Director.

SECTION 5. A Director may be removed from the Board for non-participation over an extended period of time, at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Nonparticipation may include failure to attend three consecutive meetings without just cause or permanent re-location out of the area. The Board of Directors shall make a substantial effort to contact the non-participating board member prior to his/her removal. The qualified membership of the Corporation may remove a Director by majority vote at a special meeting called for that purpose, or at a regular meeting for which the proposal to remove the Director was announced to the membership in advance. The vote on removing a Director shall be by secret ballot among those present at the meeting. The results of this vote shall be determined by the attending Board of Directors and shall be announced at that time. If it is determined that a majority of votes favor the removal of such Director, his/her authority and duties as Director shall immediately cease.

SECTION 6. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, and may call upon request of the majority of the directors, or by twenty-five (25) members of the Corporation, or may be held at any time and place, without notice, by consent of all the Directors or by the presence of all the Directors at such a meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be made by regular mail, email, or voice mail to the address or number carried on the Corporation record of such Director, not less than seven (7) days prior to such meeting and shall state in brief the purpose thereof, except that personal notice may be given in lieu of mailing. A meeting may be held by unanimous consent without notice.

SECTION 7. Quorum: A majority of the Directors present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting and shall decide any question which may come before the meeting.

SECTION 8. Chairman: In the absence of the President and the Vice-President at any meeting, the duties of the chairman fall to the Secretary, Treasurer or any Board member in that order.

SECTION 9. The order of business at any regular or special meeting shall be:

1. Disposal of unapproved minutes,
2. Report of Officers and Committees,
3. Unfinished business,
4. New business,
5. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of this Corporation shall be a President, Vice- President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary and proper to expedite the affairs of the Corporation.

SECTION 2. The Executive Officers shall be chosen by the newly elected Board of Directors during the first Board of Directors meeting following the election. The term of all executive positions shall be for one year.

SECTION 3. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and perform all duties incident to that office. He or she shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint all committees and he or she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He or she shall, at the annual meeting of the Corporation and at such other times as he may deem proper, recommend to the membership or the Board of Directors, such matters and make such suggestions, as may tend to promote the prosperity and increase the usefulness of the Corporation.

SECTION 4. Vice-President: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall act in his or her place and stead and shall be vested with all the powers and perform all of the duties of the President.

SECTION 5. Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the membership meetings; to keep the Corporate Seal of the Corporation and to affix such Corporate Seal to all papers requiring the Seal of the Corporation; to discharge such other duties as pertain to his or her office and as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to maintain proper financial records of the Corporation; to receive and hold the funds of the Corporation and pay them out as prescribed by the Board of Directors; shall furnish and submit at each annual meeting of the membership a full statement of the accounts for the past year and at any other time as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Appointment: The President of this Corporation shall appoint the Chairman of all committees and may appoint the membership of said committees. All of said appointments shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Board of Directors and such approval or disapproval shall require a majority vote by the Directors.

SECTION 2. Authority of Committees: It shall be the function of the Committee to investigate and make recommendations along, or within the scope designated by the President of the Board of Directors, for them to investigate and make recommendations thereon. They shall make written or oral reports to the Board of Directors, as requested by the President.

SECTION 3. Committee Meetings: Meetings of the Committee may be called at any time by the President or the Chairman of such Committee. The President shall request the report of the Committee at any time.

ARTICLE VIII
CORPORATION MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting: The Board of Directors shall provide for an annual meeting of the Corporation, which shall be the last regular meeting in March at which time shall be held the annual election of directors, and the annual report of the Corporation's financial standing shall be made to the Corporation by the Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Notice: Each member of the Corporation shall be given written or electronic notice of every special meeting and of the annual meeting of the Corporation at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. Meetings will also be posted on the cooperation's web page.

SECTION 3. Quorum: Ten (10) members whose dues are paid for the current year, and who are in good standing as heretofore provided for, or a majority of Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the general Corporation.

SECTION 4. Limitation of Debate: Debate may be limited by the presiding officer as he or she may deem wise under the circumstances.

ARTICLE IX
FUNDS

SECTION 1. All funds of the Corporation shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. No obligation or expense shall be incurred, and no money shall be appropriated or paid out of the general fund, except for current expenses and for such other purpose as provided in the Articles of Incorporation, and in no event shall money belonging to the Corporation be expended for other than Corporation purposes.

SECTION 3. No disbursement of funds of the Corporation in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be made unless the same has been on the approved budget authorized by the Board of Directors and each bill in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must expressly be approved by the Board of Directors before payment thereof. All disbursement of funds by check requires two authorized Board of Director signatures.

SECTION 4. Receipts: The receipts from the membership dues and other sources, when the disposition thereof is not specifically designated, shall constitute the general fund of the Corporation.

SECTION 5. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal, state, or local government for a public purpose..

ARTICLE X ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The election of the Directors shall be held at the Corporation's last regular meeting in March of each year.

SECTION 2. Nominating: The Board of Directors shall appoint three (3) active members in good standing to serve as a nominating committee, and it shall prepare a list of candidates to be elected, to be placed on the official ballot. At least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the election, the President shall ask for nominations from the floor. Any member in good standing nominated for office and properly seconded, who has accepted the nomination, must be put on the official ballot.

SECTION 3. All nominations for candidates for office shall close at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for election and a list of all nominees with any provided biographical information must be mailed to each member in good standing at least seven (7) days prior to the date set for the election.

SECTION 4. Voting: All voting shall be via secure electronic means or by secret ballot at a general Corporation meeting called for that purpose, in conformity with such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt, or must be received by mail before the said meeting. No proxy voting shall be allowed. No ballots will be accepted after 15 minutes of starting the general meeting on election night.

ARTICLE XI
GENERAL BY LAW PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Salaries: The salaries of the officers and employees of the Corporation, if any, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Liability: The Board of Directors shall not make any obligations or incur any liabilities on the Corporation in excess of the net income of the Corporation without prior approval of the membership. No contract or agreement shall be binding upon the Corporation unless said contract or agreement is authorized by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, evidenced by a resolution by the Board of Directors. Any contract or agreement shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Corporation.

SECTION 3. Inspection of Election: The President shall appoint from members in good standing, who are not candidates, a committee of three (3) inspectors of election, whose duties shall be to conduct and supervise the election, receive the ballots, and determine the validity of each, and to count the ballots. The Secretary shall prepare, for the inspectors of election, a list of all members entitled to vote.

SECTION 4. Parliamentary Rules: The proceedings of the Corporation meetings, including those of the Board of Directors, shall be governed by, and conducted according to the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order."

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. By-laws: The By-Laws may be amended or altered by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular meetings, or special meeting of the Corporation provided notices of the proposed change have been mailed or emailed by the Secretary to each member not less than ten (10) days prior to such Meeting.

SECTION 2. Approval: All proposed amendments shall first receive the approval of the Board of Directors.