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# Vernon Pigeon and Poultry Club

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1. The name of the club shall be the **Vernon Pigeon and Poultry Club**.
2. The objectives of the Club are;
  - a) To educate the public in the care of Pigeons, Poultry, and Waterfowl; to introduce said fowl to the public so they become comfortable with these birds through repeated exposure; to provide the public with accurate information regarding health and safety of such fowl.
  - b) The object of this Club shall be to improve the management of Pigeons, Poultry and Waterfowl, which may be achieved by Exhibition, the distribution of awards and the gathering and disseminating of reliable and practical information relating thereto.
  - c) To provide a forum for the public to become involved with Pigeons, Poultry and Waterfowl.
  - d) To do everything necessary to promote interest in and knowledge about the importance of maintaining the purebred strains of Pigeons, Poultry and Waterfowl throughout the province of British Columbia.
3. The Club shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the society shall be used for promoting Pigeons, Poultry and Waterfowl.
4. In event that the Club should at any time be dissolved, the remaining assets after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be sold (not given away) and the accumulated funds be divided equally between the North American Poultry Association and the Canadian Pigeon Association.
5. Clauses 3 and 4 are unalterable in accordance with Section 22 of the Societies Act.

## BY-LAWS

### Article 1 – Membership

Terms under which a person may be admitted to the Club are:

1. There shall be the following classes of membership: Individual membership consisting of –
  1. Regular Membership, those who are able to attend meetings, hold office and vote.
- a) Individual Membership

- b) Life Membership: after the presentation of a Club certificate by the Executive Committee at an Annual General Meeting. Life members may speak to any issue and have voting rights.
  - c) Family Membership: with voting privileges given to family members over the age of 18
  - d) Junior Membership: 18 years old and under who have no voting rights.
2. Any person interested in or in any way connected with Pigeons, Poultry or Waterfowl may apply for membership in the Club as an individual member by applying to the Club Secretary.
  3. The Executive may appoint any person to a Life Membership on the majority vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting.
  4. Minors under eighteen years of age may apply for membership in the society as an individual member according to the terms and conditions as set by the Club executive and the Societies Act.
  5. The Club Executive has discretion to accept or reject an application for membership in the Club, provided that before the membership is accepted, the applicant must pay to the Club the membership fee. The exercise of the said discretion is subject to review at any general meeting of the Club members.
  6. The membership fee for each class of members shall be determined by the Club Executive subject to review by the members at a general meeting of the Club members.
  7. The Club Executive shall determine the day in each year when the membership fees are due to be paid by Club members.

## **Rights of Members**

8. The subscribers to the Constitution and these by-laws shall have the same rights as any other member.
9. Life members shall be entitled to speak at any meeting of the members of the Club.

## **Duties of Members**

10. The subscribers to the Constitution and these By-laws shall have the same duties as any other member.
11. In order to remain in good standing and be a voting Club member, it is the duty of each member to comply with the By-laws of the Club, to attend a minimum of four (4) meetings in a calendar year, and to pay, when due, the membership fee for the current year

## **Article II – Termination of Membership**

### **Conditions under which membership in the Club ceases:**

1. Any member who desires to withdraw from membership in the Club may notify the Club Executive in writing to that effect and on receipt by the Club Executive of such notice, the member shall cease to be a member. Their change in status will be communicated to the membership at the next General Meeting.
2. A member shall cease to be a member if he or she fails to pay the annual membership fee on the due date.

### **Conditions under which a member may be expelled from the Club:**

3. A member or Life member may be expelled from the Club by a special resolution of the members passed in a General Meeting. Members must receive one (1) month notification of the special resolution prior to that General Meeting.
4. At a meeting described in Article II, Clause 3, a member or delegate has the right to speak on his or her own behalf after giving the Club written notification.

## **Article III – Meetings of Membership**

### **Month of Annual General Meetings:**

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of March in each year at a fixed place within the province and on a day to be fixed by the Club Executive and notice given to all membership one (1) month prior.

### **Notice for Annual and Special Meetings:**

2. Every notice of a Special Meeting shall state the nature of the business of the meeting and such notice shall be given to every member fourteen (14) days before such general or special meeting.

### **The manner in which notice is to be given:**

3. Notice of any annual, general or special meeting shall be deemed to be given to every member if mailed, emailed, or handed to every member, and in addition notice shall be deemed to be given to every member if a notice of the Annual, General, or Special meeting is posted on the Club Website.

4. The Club Executive or any two members of the Club Executive and ten percent (10%) of the membership but in no case less than 5 members in good standing may form a quorum for the meeting of the Club for any purpose, with due notice given to all members in reasonable time.
5. Any persons calling a meeting of the membership of the Club pursuant to Article III, Clause 4, shall be responsible for the administration and preparation of the said meeting. Preparation and administration includes Venue, Agenda, Chairman, and taking/circulating meeting minutes.
6. The rules of procedure at any Annual, General, or Special Meeting shall be determined by Roberts' Rules of Order.

### **Quorum of General and Special Meetings:**

7. A quorum for the transaction of business at any Annual, General, or Special Meeting of the Club shall be ten percent (10%) of the membership as they appear on the membership roll, or a minimum of five (5) members in good standing plus two (2) executive members for a minimal assembly of seven (7) members.

### **Voting Rights of Members:**

8. Only individual members and family members over the age of 18 years in good standing can vote at any meeting of the society. Life members shall have discussion opportunities and voting rights.
9.
  - a) Each membership in good standing present at a meeting is entitled to vote
  - b) Voting is by show of hands or secret ballot if required.
  - c) Voting by proxy is not permitted

## **Article IV – Executive Members and Officers**

### **Executive Members**

1. The first executive members of the Club shall be the subscribers to this Constitution and these By-laws. This Executive shall all retire at the first annual meeting. Thereafter, the number of Executive shall be determined at the first Annual General Meeting, but in no event shall the number of positions of the Executive Board be less than four in number including President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Board shall not include family members.

## **Appointment of Executive Board Members**

2. The Executive Board members of the Club shall be elected by members in good standing at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
3. Any vacancy in the Executive may be filled by appointment by the remaining Executive. Meetings of the Executive may be called by the President or two (2) or more of the membership in good standing.

## **Duties and Powers of the Executive Board**

4. The management and administration of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Board. In addition to the powers and authority given in the By-laws or otherwise expressly conferred upon them by the membership, the Executive Board may exercise all such powers of the Club and do such acts on its behalf and in accordance with the Societies Act or any of these By-laws. The Executive Board shall have full power to make such rules and regulations as they deem necessary provided that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Club and these By-laws.

## **Executive Board Meetings:**

5. The Executive Board shall determine their own procedure and quorum and meet a minimum of 4 times a year with minutes recorded.
6. A resolution in writing signed by all the Executive members shall be valid and effectual as if it has been passed at a meeting of the Executive Board duly called and constituted and presented at a General Meeting without all executive present.

## **Executive Remuneration:**

7. No Executive member shall be remunerated or have any financial advantage by serving as an Executive member but an Executive member shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessary and reasonably incurred by him while engaged in the affairs of the Club.

## **Removal of Executive Members:**

8. Executive members shall cease to hold office upon their ceasing to be members in good standing of the Club, omitting to pay club fees, or not attending meetings.
9. Ten percent (10%) of the members, but in no case less than two (2) members in good standing can require the Executive Board to call a Special Meeting of the Club for the purpose of removing any member of the Executive Board and/or substituting a member of the Club in good standing to fill that position.

## Officers of the Club:

10. The Officers of the Club shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, plus such other officers as may be determined at an annual general meeting of the Club membership.

## Election of Officers:

11. The President shall appoint a chairperson of a **Nominating Committee** to consist of three (3) members in good standing. Said Chairperson to be either the immediate Past President or responsible senior member in good standing who in turn shall select two (2) members in good standing to serve with him/her in providing a complete slate of officers, as provided under Officers of the Club, for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in March. Also allowing further nominations from the floor, however, these nominees must be present and members in good standing or to have agreed in writing to stand for a specific office. Candidates may be any member in good standing..
12. The **Treasurer** shall be custodian of the funds of the Club and subject to the control of the Executive Board. He/she shall pay any bills and also make available to the Annual Meeting an accounting of all moneys of the Club for that fiscal year, The treasurer with the President, or in absence of the President with such other member officer as may be delegated by the Executive Board may co-sign all cheques drawn on the funds of the Club. The Treasurer shall also submit a brief Financial Report at each membership meeting
13. The **President** shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club.
14. The **Vice-President** shall generally assist the President and shall, in the event of the absence or disability of the President, perform his duties and possess his authority.
15. The **other Officers** of the Executive Board, if any, shall perform such duties as is directed by the membership and Executive Board and can delegate duties and powers to other officers of the Club that are not inconsistent with these By-laws or the Societies Act

## Article V – Audits of the Accounts of the Club:

1. No audit of the financial records are required, however, the Executive Board will present before the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting a reviewed financial statement for a fiscal period ending within the past year, with comparative figures.
2. A review of said financial statements will be conducted by an independent licensed professional accountant or other duly independent competent person.
3. An audit of the financial records may be required by the Executive Board from time to time. If it is necessary to have an audit of the financial statements, the Executive Board shall appoint an auditor at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting.

4. An auditor will hold office until he is re-elected or removed or his/her successor is elected at the next Annual General Meeting.
5. An auditor may be removed by ordinary resolution.
6. No Executive members shall be an auditor.
7. The auditor or independent licensed professional accountant indicated in this article, paragraph 3, may attend general meetings.

## **Article VI – Maintenance of Minutes and Other Books and Records:**

The Executive members shall see that the minutes of the member's meetings and minutes of Executive meetings, and all other necessary books and records of the Club required by the By-laws of the Club or by an applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept.

## **Article VII – Inspection of Records of the Club:**

The books and records of the Club shall be open to the inspection by any member in good standing at all reasonable times.

## **Altering By-laws:**

1. The By-laws of the Club may be amended at any General, Special, or Annual General Meeting of the Club by a special resolution adopted by 75% majority vote of the members of the Club present.
  2. Notice to amend any By-laws or to introduce a new one shall be given in writing at a meeting of the Club previous to the meeting or circulated to the members fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting which it is intended to be considered.
  3. Any Resolution or motion shall be deemed passed, if a majority vote of the members present vote in favour of such resolution or motion.
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