

## **RULES OF OES CLUB OF SCOTLAND**

### **1. NAME AND OBJECT**

The Club shall be called THE OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG CLUB OF SCOTLAND and the object of the club shall be to further the interests of the breed in Scotland and to support shows for the purpose of stimulating public interest.

### **2. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The Club shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Press Officer, Trophy Secretary, a committee of six and an unlimited number of members. The President and the Vice-President may hold office for a maximum of three consecutive years following election each year at the A.G.M. The other officers shall hold office for one year following election at the A.G.M. Qualification for office shall be service on the committee for one full year or more. All offices shall be honorary. Voting shall be by majority only. Honorary Life Presidency and Honorary Life Vice-Presidency should only be offered to persons who have served as Officers of the Committee of the Club and who have shown outstanding long term service on the Committee of the Club. Nominations for these honours should be made only by the Committee at an Annual General Meeting and voted on by the members present. A majority vote will suffice. Any Honorary Life President or Honorary Life Vice-President may attend Committee Meetings but shall have no voting rights other than at an AGM or SGM. There shall be only one Honorary Life President at any one time.

### **3. COMMITTEE**

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of twelve members. The Officers shall be members of the Committee ex officio, and six ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected each year at A.G.M.. All Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights. Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary. A quorum for Committee Meetings shall be six. The Committee shall be empowered to deal with any question not provided for by the rules, or in the event of any vacancy in the Offices or on the Committee by death, resignation, or otherwise, occurring after the A.G.M. the Committee shall have the power to co-opt members onto the Committee. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place. The Committee shall also be empowered to appoint Sub-committees, Judges and the allotment of guarantees and special prizes. No individual who has been a member for less than one full year may be elected onto the Committee.

### **4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Membership of the Club is open to members of families owning Old English Sheepdogs or caring for the Club's rescue dogs. Applications for membership of the Club should be formally made with the names of proposer and seconder, and submitted to the Committee for approval. Honorary Life Membership should only be made to persons who have displayed outstanding service to the Club or bobtails in general. All nominations for this honour should be made only by the Committee at an A.G.M. or S.G.M. and voted on by the members who are present. A majority vote will suffice.

## **5. LIST OF MEMBERS**

The society must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the society or by the Kennel Club.

## **6. VOTING RIGHTS**

Each member shall be entitled to one vote after three months membership. Postal votes or proxy votes are not allowed. Voting shall be by secret ballot or show of hands as decided by majority at meeting. Partners with joint membership shall have one vote for each member of the partnership.

## **7. CLUB PROPERTY**

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called to discuss the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club. In the event of the winding up of the Club, all property including trophies and funds belonging to the Club shall be disposed of by the Committee in such manner as they may consider in the best interests of the Club, after having paid off any debts due by the Club. A final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Society shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club, will be held responsible to the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club. Donors of Cups and Trophies should note that these are only accepted by the Club as outright gifts and may be disposed of as part of the Club's assets.

## **8. CLUB ACCOUNTS**

A banking account shall be held in the name of the Club at a Bank or Building Society (approved by the Committee) into which all revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signature(s) of the Treasurer and either the Secretary or the President. The Club accounts will be certified annually by an outside qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience and presented to the Members at the A.G.M.

## **9. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Annual Subscription shall be such an amount as agreed by members in General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club payable immediately following the end of the financial year which is the 31st of December. No Member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of Membership and if the Member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by the 1st of March his/her name shall be automatically erased from the register. Acceptance back on the register will be dependent upon a new application and payment of back arrears. Any Member who has not intimated his resignation from the Club prior to the 31st December in any year will be liable for the full amount of the subscription for the ensuing year. No other payment to entitle to Membership.

## **10. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

Any Member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society be injurious or likely to 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 the 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 the Members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of Members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for 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 any 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.

## **11. GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Financial Year of the Club shall be from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the 30th April in each year, and notices stating the time and place of the Meeting shall be posted to the Members of the Club or placed in 'Dog World' and 'Our Dogs' dog papers not less than 21 days beforehand. The same procedure shall apply to Special General Meetings. Nature of business to be conducted will be to receive the report of the Committee and balance sheet, to elect Officers and Committee Members and to discuss any resolution duly placed on the Agenda, of which 14 days prior notice has been given to the Secretary. No Business shall be transacted at the A.G.M. unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting are urgent. The Agenda will be circulated to the Members at the meeting. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary if twelve Members or more send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so. The Committee of the Society is also empowered to call a Special General Meeting. No Business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

## **12. DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Secretary shall call all Meetings of the Club and of its Committee and shall record in the minute book the date and place of every Meeting and the proceedings. The Secretary shall also conduct the correspondence of the Club, and make the

necessary returns to the Kennel Club. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts showing in detail the financial affairs of the Club and these shall be made up to the 31st December in each year for the year preceding, and duly audited, shall be presented at the A.G.M. All monies collected by the Treasurer shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Club. The operation of the account shall require the signature(s) of the Treasurer and either the Secretary or President. The Trophy Secretary shall keep the trophy book showing details of the trophy winners, who shall sign for the trophy after it is presented. All trophies with the exception of Specials and Replicas offered for annual competition shall remain the property of the Club. Trophies which belong to the Club must be returned to the Trophy Secretary prior to the relevant show each year, by HAND OR REGISTERED POST.

### **13. AMENDMENTS TO RULES**

The Rules of the Club may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the Agenda for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules. Any proposed alteration to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration. New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Society's Constitution with effect from the Society's annual meeting.

### **14. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB**

The Officers acknowledge that the month of January each year, Maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by the 31st of July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club. 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.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to send a list of Members and their addresses to the Kennel Club with the Annual Returns.

### **15. KENNEL CLUB AUTHORITY**

The Kennel Club shall be the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Society in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.

### **16. FEDERATION**

The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

### **17. BREED SOCIETY JUDGES LISTS**

Registered Breed Societies must produce a list of Judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Club's Annual Returns. The purpose of the Breed Societies Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Society must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges Lists should be divided into three parts namely, A1, A2, B and must indicate the date on which the list will expire. On expiry a new list must be compiled.

A1 List - must indicate persons whom the Society would support and who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in the breed. (It should be noted that this list does not apply to breed societies where the breed does not currently have Challenge Certificates).

A2 List - Must indicate all persons the Society would support to award Challenge Certificates but, who as yet, have not been approved by the Kennel Club.

A3 List - Must indicate the persons the Society would support to award Challenge Certificates but, who as yet, have been approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 list.

B List - Must indicate all persons the Society would support to judge the breed without Challenge Certificates.

C List - Must indicate the persons the Society would support to judge up to 3 classes at Open Shows.

It is recommended that such lists be prepared by secret ballot of the Societies' Committees and Societies must clearly indicate to Members the method by which persons may be nominated for inclusion in the ballot and indicate the judging experience necessary for inclusion of a person's name in the three lists.

## **18. UNDISCHARGED BANKRUPTS**

No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

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Margaret McWilliam, Honorary Secretary