

NATIONAL SAMOYED COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be the “**Nat i onal Samoyed Council**” and shall herein be referred to as the “**Council**”.

2. Objects

The objects of the Council shall be: -

- 2.1 To encourage and promote in every way the quality of breeding, care, training and exhibition of the Samoyed.
- 2.2 To educate and encourage Exhibitors, Breeders and Judges to abide by the Standard for the Samoyed, as approved by the Australian National Kennel Council.
- 2.3 To enable Member Clubs to take co-operative action on matters which such Clubs agree are of common interest and for their mutual benefit in the promotion of the Samoyed.
- 2.4 To allocate the title of
“Samoyed National Speciality Championship Show” for use by member Clubs,
subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory controlling body and the Australian National Kennel Council.
- 2.5 To seek registration with the Australian National Kennel Council, and if recognised, agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations, and directions of the Australian National Kennel Council for the time being in force.
- 2.6 To become associated with overseas Samoyed organisations with objects kindred to the objects of the National Samoyed Council.
- 2.7 To collect, verify and publish information relating to Samoyeds and the breeding and exhibition of Samoyeds.

- 2.8 To encourage Member Clubs to hold Shows, Parades, Trials and other Exhibitions as approved by and under the Rules and Regulations of their State or Territory Controlling Body and of the Australian National Kennel Council.
- 2.9 To legislate, to make by-laws and do other acts, matters and things, as may be necessary or expedient to promote all or any of the objects of the Council.

3. Powers

- 3.1 The National Samoyed Council shall have power to:-
 - 3.1.1 Acquire a membership fee from Member Clubs to carry out ANY OR ALL OF the objects of the Council.
 - 3.1.2 Invest the funds of the Council, not immediately required, in such manner as the delegates shall determine.
 - 3.1.3 Hold Breed Seminars, Conventions and Congresses through the sponsorship of the Member Clubs.
 - 3.1.4 Correspond with and become associated with overseas Samoyed organisations, for the purpose of the exchange of viewpoints on matters affecting the welfare of the Samoyed.
 - 3.1.5 Allocate the title “Samoyed National Speciality Championship Show” to the various Member Clubs, subject always to the approval of both the State or Territory Controlling Body and the Australian National Kennel Council. See By-Law No. 1.
 - 3.1.6 Purchase, hire, lease or otherwise provide and maintain all types of personal property for the carrying out of the objects of the Council.
 - 3.1.7 Do all such other things which may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect its objects.
- 3.2 The Council shall not hold Shows or any other type of Exhibitions. Such events shall only be conducted by the Member Clubs.
- 3.3 Nothing in this Constitution shall affect the right or authority of an individual Member Club to control and conduct their Club business in the way usually followed by a Specialist Club.

Nor shall the Council affect in any way the normal relationship between a Member Club and their State or Territory Controlling Body.

4. Members hip

4.1 Any specialist Samoyed Club affiliated with a State or Territory Controlling Body, which is in turn a member of the Australian National Kennel Council, upon payment of the prescribed annual membership fee, shall be eligible for membership of the Council except in the case of re-admission which must be in compliance with Clause 12 or the Constitution.

4.2 The following specialist Samoyed Clubs and such other specialist Samoyed Clubs as may from time to time be admitted, shall be Member Clubs, entitled to nominate a delegate to the Council. Such Member Club shall identify the State or Territory it represents in its name (e.g. "of Victoria")

The New South Wales Samoyed Club Inc

The Samoyed Club of Victoria Inc

The Samoyed Club of South Australia Inc

The Samoyed Club of Queensland Inc

4.3 The membership fee shall be such amount as the Council shall from time to time determine. See By-Law No. 3.

5. Meet ings

5.1 Each of the Member Clubs named in Clause 4 .2 shall annually appoint one delegate to the Council. Each delegate must be a financial member of his Member Club and of the respective State or Territory Controlling Body. If for any reason it should become necessary, Member Clubs may appoint a substitute delegate who shall ipso facto be deemed to be a delegate for voting and all other purposes at a meeting of the National Samoyed Council.

5.2 At meetings of the Council, each Member Club shall have one vote, subject to its delegate being in attendance at such meetings.

5.3 The quorum for meetings shall be more in number than 50% of the number of Member Clubs.

- 5.4 5.4.1 Member Clubs may bring any business before a meeting of the Council by giving 90 days notice of its intention to the Secretary. The Secretary shall communicate the agenda for a meeting to each of the Member Clubs at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 5.4.2 The accidental omission to give notice to a member or if a member shall fail to receive a notice sent as aforesaid shall not invalidate a General Meeting.
- 5.4.3 A notice sent by post shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which it is posted.
- 5.5 Except with the unanimous consent of all Member Clubs, no resolution carried at a meeting of the Council shall be valid UNLESS notice has been given in accordance with Clause 5.4.1.
- 5.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 5.5 the Secretary shall at the discretion of the President, or at the written request of two Member Clubs, submit any particular matter of urgency to the Member Clubs by post, telegram or letter gram and the vote on any such matter shall be taken accordingly, at meetings of the Member Clubs.
- Also, should, in the opinion of the President or Secretary, Council business require urgent action, this business may be conducted by Conference telephone call, provided that a quorum takes part. Conference calls must be confined to a limited agenda or emergency decisions with prior notification by the Secretary.
- 5.7 The Council shall manage its own affairs and hold meetings at such time and place as it deems fit. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the delegates at the preceding Annual General Meeting and shall be held within eighteen (18) months of the last Annual General Meeting.
- 5.8 The President of the Council shall be Chairman of all meetings of the Council. Should he/she not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Chairman from among their number. The delegate appointed Chairman may record his/her own vote on any matter, but shall not have a casting vote.

- 5.9 Should the Secretary not be present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the delegates shall elect a Deputy Secretary, for that meeting, from among their Members. The delegate appointed Deputy Secretary may record his/her own vote on any matter.
- 5.10 Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands. Provided that each Member Club with a delegate present shall have the right to record one vote. In the event of equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall not have a casting vote, and the motion shall be deemed to be lost.
- 5.11 In all matters not covered by this Constitution the Rules of common debate shall apply provided always that the best interests of the members be served, and members have the right to vote in favour or against any decision.

6. President

The President must be a club member of one of the Member Clubs and of the respective State or Territory Controlling Body, but shall not be a club delegate. He shall be formally appointed for a term of two (2) years by the Council delegates at an Annual General Meeting from the nominations received.

The President shall hold Office until the day following that of the Annual General Meeting at the end of the term. The President shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council.

In the case of a tied vote for the election of a President, Secretary or any other Office Bearer the result will be resolved by the Returning Officer conducting a Lot. (Drawing the name of a candidate out of a “Hat”.) (i.e. the names of the tied candidates are written on separate pieces of paper and placed in a “hat” or other suitable container and the Returning Officer selects one of the pieces of paper and whichever candidate’s name is drawn is elected to the position.

7. Secretary

- 7.1 The Secretary must be a club member of one of the Member Clubs and of the respective State or Territory Controlling Body, but shall not be a club delegate. He/she shall be appointed by the Council delegates at the Annual General Meeting for a term of two (2) years from nominations received from the member clubs.

The nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least 90 days before the said meeting and all Member Clubs shall be advised of the nominations 60 days before the meeting.

The Secretary shall hold office until the day following that of the Annual General Meeting at the end of the term.

The Secretary shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council.

7.2 Duties of the Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary the President to notify the ANKC within fourteen (14) days of any changes in Directors or Office Bearers.

The Secretary shall act under the direction of the Council. He/she shall attend all meetings of the Council and any other meeting where his/her presence may be required, to keep proper minutes of such meetings; and generally to perform all such duties as are usually performed by any such officer in a like position.

The Secretary shall be responsible for all monies received on behalf of the Council and shall pay all such sums into the bank account of the Council within 14 days of receipt. It shall be a further duty of the Secretary to keep proper books of account of the Council.

7.3 If there be not a nomination for the office of President or Secretary or if a member nominated for such office declares at the Annual General Meeting verbally or in writing that he is unwilling to stand for that Office, the members may propose and second orally at the Annual General Meeting sufficient members to fill such Office.

A casual vacancy occurring caused by the death or resignation of a member or by a member ceasing for any reason to be a member, may be filled by the delegates at the next Meeting and the member so appointed shall hold office until his appointment is confirmed by the members at the next General Meeting or the vacancy is otherwise filled by the members, at a General Meeting.

8. Headquarters

The headquarters of the Council shall be the residential address of the Secretary where the books, records and property of the Council shall be kept.

9. Finance

9.1 A bank account in the name of the “National Samoyed Council” shall be opened with a recognised Australian bank and kept in the name of the Council.

9.2 All monies payable on behalf of the Council shall be paid by cheque drawn upon the bank account of the Council. All cheques shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President or one Council delegate appointed for that purpose.

9.3 The financial year of the Council shall be from 1st January to 31st December in each year.

9.4 At the Annual General Meeting in each year the Council shall appoint an auditor, with accountancy experience. Such auditor shall hold office until the first meeting in the following year, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

9.5 An audited statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet shall be forwarded to each Member Club no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

10. By-Laws

Subject always to the constitution, delegates at a meeting by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 60% of delegates present and voting on this resolution, may make By-Laws and may from time to time amend such By-Laws by variation, deletion or addition as they may think fit, in respect of:-

10.1 The granting of the title “Samoyed National Speciality Championship Show”.

10.2 The appointment of the President.

10.3 The appointment of the Secretary.

10.4 Membership fees.

10.5 Any matter the delegates consider necessary to carry out the objects of the Council.

11. Alteration to Constitution and By-Laws

This Constitution and the By-Laws of the Council shall not be altered, waived or amended, except at a Meeting of the delegates at which at least 90 days notice has been given to the Secretary of such amendment and the Secretary has given 60 days notice to all Member Clubs.

The amendment must be agreed to by a majority of not less than 60% of the delegates present and voting on this resolution.

12. Resignation

Any Member Club may at any time resign its membership by giving notice to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not free the Club from liability to pay any subscription which is due and unpaid on the date of the resignation.

Should any Member Club that has resigned seek re-admission as a member of the Council, such re-admission is to be voted on at a meeting of the Council called in compliance with Clause 5.4 of the constitution. A majority of not less than 75% of the delegates present and voting in person will be required to re-admit a Member Club.

13. Property/ Winding up

No club or individual shall have any proprietary right or interest in any of the funds or property of the Council. Such property or funds shall be devoted to the promotion of the objects of the Council. However, in the event of the winding up of the Council the property or funds shall be divided equally among the Clubs which are members at the time of such winding up.

BY - LAWS

BY LAW NO. 1

“National Speciality Championship Show”

The delegates at any meeting, and in accordance with Clause 3.1.5 of the Constitution, may grant the title “Samoyed National Speciality Championship Show”, to any Member Club.

The granting of the use of the word “National” must be in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Australian National Kennel Council and/or the National Breed Clubs Liaison Council.

BY- LAW NO. 2

“President”

- (a) The President shall be appointed in accordance with Clause 6 of the Constitution and shall hold office for one term of two years, but shall be eligible for another term at a later date, or in compliance with By-Law 2 (b).

The position of President shall rotate among the Members Clubs. Each Member Club, in turn, may nominate one of its members as President of the Council. Upon the appointment of the initial President the delegates present at that meeting shall determine the sequence in which Member Clubs may nominate a President in subsequent years.

- (b) The President’s term of office may be extended or the sequence or nominations altered if agreed in compliance with Clause 6 of the Constitution by not less than 60% of Member Clubs.

BY- LAW NO. 3

“Membership”

The membership fee shall be \$75.00 per annum. Fee shall be due and payable by 1st March in each year.