



By-Laws

Art. 1 MEMBERSHIP

Application for all membership (except passive and honorary membership) shall be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary, with the applicant being sponsored by one member of the Club. An applicant for regular active Breed Membership or regular active non Breed Membership shall be presented as a guest for at least one meeting prior to the meeting at which voting on his or her application is to take place.

All prospective members must have access to a computer and must have access to the Internet.

All applicants must be in good standing with CFA.

All new members will be automatically Associate Members except charter members. Associate members will be able to apply for regular active Breed or non Breed membership after 1 year of Associate Membership and when they meet the requirements for regular active Breed or non Breed membership.

Downgrade of membership:

If a Regular Active Breed or non Breed Member doesn't participate at the Club activities as outlined in Art. 6 of the Constitution, it will be downgraded to Associate membership.

Art. 2 DUES

Members not paying their dues within three months from the date due shall be dropped from the rolls. Such members shall be reinstated after full payment of their dues for the current calendar year.

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Active Breed	40	25	30
Active non Breed	30	20	25
Associate	25	15	20
Passive	20	10	15

Art. 3. MEETING AND ADMINISTRATION

Communication between members will take place via an e-mail list maintained by the secretary and in Chat group forum. Only Members can join the forum.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at the request of three or more members.

Meeting minutes for all meetings shall be made available in the club's electronic library, within 2 weeks after the meeting has taken place.

All members shall be entitled to attend meetings and participate in any discussion.

Four Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 4. ELECTION AND VOTING

Election for Officers, Board members and delegates will be held in November. The term of office is four years.

The Club Secretary shall call for declarations to run for office within the time period of October 1-15. The names and office of all candidates shall be posted on the electronic bulletin board on the club website by October 30. Uncontested offices shall be considered to be elected by acclamation and need not be on the ballot.

Election Procedures shall be as follows: Ballots for the elections of Officers and Executive Board, shall be sent by electronic mail to each club member by November 1. They must be returned to a teller selected by the Executive Board who is not involved in the election By November 30. Winning candidates shall be posted on the club website as soon as the results are available. All winning candidates shall take office on January 1 of the odd-numbered year.

A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the Executive Board.

Art. 5. OFFICERS

President

Shall preside at all meetings, appoint all necessary committees, and perform all functions of the Club requiring executive action.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during the absence or disability of the President, and shall assist the President in such manner as the President may direct.

Secretary

The Secretary shall serve as the contact person for CFA, shall keep the minutes, handle correspondence, collect the dues and turn them over to the treasurer, and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the President.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and hold all monies received by or on behalf of the Club, keep a correct account thereof, and report thereon to the Club, presenting a written report at each meeting fully setting forth the activities of the Club's checking and savings account. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the suitable investment of all such monies, subject to the direction of the Club and shall make disbursements only by order of the Club.

Art. 7. SHOWS

When the ABCE holds an annual show, all members are not required to attend, but all members must - in some fashion - support the show either by volunteering time, donating raffle or ring prizes, by sending an entry or otherwise help the Club in organizing the show.

Art. 9. DISCIPLINE

It shall be the duty of the Officers to enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of this Club. The Officers may – by a 2/3 vote - reprimand, suspend or expel from membership any person who - after a fair hearing - is found guilty of conduct detrimental or harmful to this club, or the welfare of cats or the cat fancy.

If a member is temporarily or permanently suspended by CFA, he is automatically suspended from this club for the same period of time.

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