

**Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.
Proposed Bylaws Amendments**

Amendment 1. Amend Article II by substituting a new Section D.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
<p>SECTION D. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS</p> <p>1. Any member of the association may be expelled by a majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot for conduct by word, deed, or act detrimental to said association.</p> <p>2. Any Associated Club may be expelled by a majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot if such club has failed to host a hunting retriever trial open to all Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. members for a period of two years.</p> <p>3. An individual member or associated Club so expelled shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors for reinstatement. The said appeal shall be filed in writing, with the Secretary of this association within seven consecutive calendar days after said expulsion. The appeal for reinstatement shall be acted upon at the next annual Board of Directors meeting. Reinstatement shall be granted upon a two-thirds majority vote of the voting Directors present at the meeting. Voting on said appeal to be by secret ballot.</p>	<p>SECTION D. SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS/CLUBS</p> <p>1. Any member of the association may be suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined by a majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot for conduct by word, deed, or act detrimental to said association.</p> <p>2. Any Associated Club may be suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined by a majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot if such club has failed to host a hunting retriever trial open to all Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. members for a period of two years, or for conduct by word, deed, or act detrimental to said association by the Club.</p> <p>3. An individual member or associated Club so expelled shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors for reinstatement. The said appeal shall be filed in writing, with the Secretary of this association within seven consecutive calendar days after said expulsion. The appeal for reinstatement shall be acted upon at the next annual Board of Directors meeting. Reinstatement shall be granted upon a two-thirds majority vote of the voting Directors present at the meeting. Voting on said appeal to be by secret ballot</p>	<p>SECTION D. SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS/CLUBS</p> <p>1. Any member of the association may be suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined by a majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot for conduct by word, deed, or act detrimental to said association.</p> <p>2. Any Associated Club may be suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined by a majority of the Executive Committee voting by secret ballot if such club has failed to host a hunting retriever trial open to all Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. members for a period of two years, or for conduct by word, deed, or act detrimental to said association by the Club.</p> <p>3. An individual member or associated Club so expelled shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors for reinstatement. The said appeal shall be filed in writing, with the Secretary of this association within seven consecutive calendar days after said expulsion. The appeal for reinstatement shall be acted upon at the next annual Board of Directors meeting. Reinstatement shall be granted upon a two-thirds majority vote of the voting Directors present at the meeting. Voting on said appeal to be by secret ballot.</p>

Rationale: As written, the Executive Committee only has authority to expel clubs and members. The Executive Committee should have flexibility to handle or manage a lesser violation.

Submitted by the Bylaws Committee and recommended for adoption.

Amendment 2. Amend Article V. Committees, by adding a new Section D and renumbering the existing sections.

SECTION D – COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Complaint Review Committee (“CRC”) shall consist of 5 persons appointed by the President. Each member shall serve for four years. Should any member of the committee be removed or unable to SERVE their term, a replacement shall be selected by the President. Any person replacing an elected member shall serve until the original member’s term would have expired. TERM LIMITS: No member of the CRC may serve more than two consecutive 4-year terms.

The President shall designate one of the members as the chairman of this committee. The Chairman shall select a member as Committee Secretary, charged with faithfully recording minutes of all meetings of the Committee.

The Executive Committee may forward any complaints filed with it to the CRC for investigation. The minutes shall be available for inspection at the Board of Directors Meeting, PROVIDED all names and personal identifying information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) of any persons contained in the minutes shall be redacted and may not be released without the written consent to such release by the person so identified.

Upon receipt of a formal complaint from the Executive Committee, the CRC chairman shall distribute copies of the complaint to each member of the CRC electronically as soon as practicable. A brief email, electronic or telephone conference of the committee shall be held within 3 days of the receipt of the complaint to ensure its receipt by all members and to schedule a meeting to formally review the complaint. The chairman, or another committee member at the chairman’s direction, may contact the person filing the complaint, the responding party, and/or any member of the Hunt Committee of the club where the complaint was filed, if the committee feels further or clarifying information is needed. Within 31 days of the chairman’s receipt of the complaint, the CRC shall present the results of its investigation via email to the Executive Committee, including: a brief summary of the allegations, a complete list of steps taken by the CRC in its investigation, and the conclusions of its investigation.

Rationale: Responses to complaints by an independent committee allows for a more thorough investigation. The ultimate decision is still in the hands of the Executive Committee after the findings of the CRC.

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Amendment 3. Amend Article III, Section A, second paragraph by inserting “or until their successors are elected” after “two years.”

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
All elected officers shall hold office for a term of two years: except for a term to fill a vacancy which term shall be until the next regularly scheduled Election of Officers. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two full two-year consecutive terms in the same office.	All elected officers shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected: except for a term to fill a vacancy which term shall be until the next regularly scheduled Election of Officers. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two full two-year consecutive terms in the same office.	All elected officers shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected: except for a term to fill a vacancy which term shall be until the next regularly scheduled Election of Officers. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two full two-year consecutive terms in the same office.

Rationale: Suggested language from *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th Edition, to ensure officers can stay in place in the event of an emergency situation until new officers are elected.

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Amendment 4. Amend Article X, Parliamentary Procedure, by substituting a new paragraph.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
<u>ARTICLE X:</u> <u>PARLIAMENTARY</u> <u>PROCEDURE</u> <u>SECTION A.</u> Robert’s Rules of Order shall be accepted as a basis of Parliamentary procedure in all meetings of the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.	<u>ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY</u> <u>PROCEDURE</u> <u>SECTION A:</u> Robert’s Rules of Order shall be accepted as a basis of Parliamentary procedure in all meetings of the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. <u>ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY</u> <u>AUTHORITY</u> The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order.	<u>ARTICLE X:</u> <u>PARLIAMENTARY</u> <u>AUTHORITY</u> The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order.

Rationale: Updated language from *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th Edition.

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Amendment 5. Amend Article XI, Number 9 in the Order of Business by striking out “Old Business” and inserting “Unfinished Business (if applicable)”

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	WOULD READ
<u>ARTICLE XI. ORDER OF BUSINESS</u> 9. Old Business	<u>ARTICLE XI. ORDER OF BUSINESS</u> 9. Old Business 9. Unfinished Business (if applicable)	<u>ARTICLE XI. ORDER OF BUSINESS</u> 9. Unfinished Business (if applicable)

Rationale: “Old Business” is outdated and no longer used. This language is from *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th Edition.

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