

MEETINGS are generally held on the first Thursday of each month.

The website will have details of meeting location and any changes in time. You are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings before you are officially elected to membership. ([Http://www.luckiamute.org](http://www.luckiamute.org))

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. *Eligibility.* There shall be two types of membership open to persons eighteen (18) years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club:

a) Individual membership and

b) Household membership which shall be open to two adults residing in the same household. Both adult members in a household membership shall be eligible to vote and hold office.

Junior membership shall be open to individuals 10 through 17 years of age. Junior members may not vote or hold office. They may automatically convert to regular membership upon reaching their 18th birthday.

While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area.

Section 2. *Dues.* Membership dues shall be \$15.00 for one year for individual memberships and \$20.00 per year for household memberships. Dues for Junior membership shall be \$2.50 per year. Members elected after October 1 shall not be required to pay dues for the next year. Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of February. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of December, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his/her dues for the ensuing year.

Section 3. *Election to Membership.* Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by these constitution and by-laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the Club following its receipt. At the next Club meeting, the application will be voted upon by secret ballot and affirmative votes of 3/4 of the membership present and voting at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Club may not re-apply within six months after such rejection.

Section 4. *Termination of Membership.* Memberships may be terminated:

(a) *by resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the Club with written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.

(b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year. However, the Board may grant an additional 60 days grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

(c) *by expulsion.* A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these by-laws.