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**Constitution of the National Call Breeders of America**

**Article I: Name**

Section 1: The name of this club shall be National Call Breeders of America, hereafter referred to as NCBA.

**Article II: Place of Business**

Section 1: the Post office address of the Secretary shall be considered headquarters of the NCBA.

**Article III: Objectives**

Section 1: To promote the breeding and exhibiting of Call Ducks.

Section 2: To encourage closer relationships and affiliation between Call duck breeders.

Section 3: To promote and protect the interests of Call duck breeding.

Section 4: To prevent and monitor fraudulent practices in breeding, exhibiting and selling of Call ducks.

Section 5: To sponsor National, District, State and Special Meets as funds permit to build up the Call duck organization.

Section 6: To assemble and distribute information on the breeding and husbandry of Call ducks.

**Article IV: Affiliations**

Section 1: The NCBA may be affiliated with any other organization upon two-thirds majority vote of the membership or upon approval of the officers.

**Article V: Membership**

Section 1: Membership in the NCBA shall consist of those who are interested in breeding, raising, and/or exhibiting Call ducks.

**Article VI: Officers**

Section 1: The officers of the NCBA shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Youth Director.

Section 2: They shall be elected for a term of two (2) years that begins February 1st, the year immediately following elections, and ends January 31st, the second year after elected.

Section 3: Should an officer’s position become vacant during his/her term, with the exception of the President, the Board of Directors shall make recommendations and vote on a replacement to finish out the term.

Section 4: Duties of the President - The President shall be a member of and act as chairman of the Board of Directors. He/she shall see that the constitution and by-laws shall be properly executed and that the other officers of the NCBA shall fulfill their duties correctly. He/she shall conduct the NCBA’s business through mail, email, phone, Facebook, or at any special meetings which may be requested by the Board of Directors. He/she shall maintain the NCBA website, or appoint and work with, a webmaster. He/she shall preside at the NCBA’s meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He/she may appoint committees for special purposes to carry on the business of the NCBA. The President shall vote only when there is a tie to broken on a Board of Directors vote. He/she may appoint Directors to fill unexpired terms or to fill vacancies.

Section 5: Duties of the Vice President - The Vice President shall act as presiding officer should the President be absent or be unable to act. In case of disability of both the President and Vice President, the Board of Directors shall select a member of the Board to preside. In the case that the President is no longer able to complete his/her term due to disability, the Vice President shall complete the President’s term of office. The Vice President shall be in charge of collecting/soliciting cash prizes for the National Meet and items/birds for the National Meet raffle table.

Section 6: Duties of the Secretary - Conducting the correspondence of the NCBA. Keeping minutes of all meetings. Serving as editor of the quarterly newsletter unless another person has been appointed in that capacity by the President. The Secretary has the authority to make any and all expenditures necessary to support the running of the NCBA. Forward to the Secretary elect all records and other materials and equipment which are the property of the NCBA within thirty days of the completion of his/her term of office. The cost of the shipment of that material will be the responsibility of the NCBA. Shows that have been selected as meet sites will be sent all materials related to the appropriate meet. After meet reports have been received the Secretary shall see to it that the appropriate awards are sent to members in good standing and record the appropriate points to the appropriate member. All show reports must be received by January 31st of the following year. Shows that do not return the required report by that date shall not be awarded a meet of any kind the following year. The Secretary shall notify the NCBA membership of the names of any shows that are not eligible for NCBA meets in the newsletter.

Section 7: Duties of the Treasurer - Keeping an account of all income and of all expenses incurred. Statements of all NCBA accounts should appear in the newsletter not less than twice in each calendar year. Keeping a correct list of all members and of the dues status of each member. Having charge of all books, records and equipment relating to the office. Serving as caretaker of all inventory which is offered for sale by the NCBA and mailing orders to the purchaser in a timely manner.

Section 8: Duties of the Youth Director - Works closely with the President or Vice President. The Youth Director shall select a Youth Committee. The Youth Committee shall consist of: The NCBA President or Vice President, Youth Director, and two (2) to four (4) NCBA members (preferably a Western member and an Eastern Member). The Youth Director will be in charge of the youth committee meetings as required by email or other methods of communication. The Youth Director, with help from the Youth Committee, will organize two (2) youth contests yearly and writes an article for the newsletter to inform the membership what is happening with the youth of the NCBA. Maintains the youth portion of the website, working closely with the president or web master of the main site – (This job could be delegated to the web master if he/she desired to participate in the youth program by offering to maintain this portion of the website.) Heads the mentoring program. In charge of fundraising monies for the contest awards, Top Youth Exhibitor Award and the Claude McAllister Memorial Award. Works to build membership of the NCBA youth program.

**Article VII: District Directors**

Section 1: A Director shall serve on the Board of Directors and respond to requests for votes and/or opinions regarding NCBA business. Repeated failure to do so may be grounds for removal from office.

Section 2: A Director shall place the District Meet in his/her district each year. It is his/her responsibility to place the meet at least thirty days prior to when it will take place and to notify the Secretary and/or President in writing of the location.

Section 3: A Director shall place State & Special Meets in his/her district each year. It is his/her responsibility to place the meet prior to the shows entry deadline, and to notify the Secretary and/or President in writing of the location.

Section 4: The Director shall make every effort to attend the District meet and whichever other meets take place within that District.

Section 5: At meets which the Director attends he/she is the official representative of the NCBA in the absence of an officer. The Director should assure that the conditions under which the meet has been placed are being met and should accept and forward to the Secretary the dues of any new members.

Section 6: A Director shall submit a report/message on activity in his/her district for the newsletter/yearbook at least twice annually.

**Article VIII: Districts**

District 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

District 2: Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware

District 3: Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

District 4: Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

District 5: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota

District 6: Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

District 7: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas

District 8: Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Hawaii

District 9: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

District 10: Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

International: All non-USA Members (Canada, United Kingdom etc.)

**Article IX: Board of Directors**

Section 1: The Board of Directors of the NCBA shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Director and all ten (10) District Directors.

Section 2: Unless otherwise stipulated, all matters before the Board of Directors will be decided by a simple majority vote. A quorum shall consist of 1/2 plus one.

**Article X: Meets**

Section 1: National Meet - The NCBA will hold a National Meet at least once a year. Requests/bids for the National Meet will be accepted by the Secretary from any club interested in holding the National Meet. Bids must be submitted by April 30th of the prior year. The final placement of the National Meet will be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors based on the best location and the best representation with the most number of call ducks to be shown by the NCBA members along with a documented geographic rotation of the Districts. The country shall be divided into three sections, the East (Eastern Time Zone), the West (Mountain and Pacific Time Zone) and Central (Central Time Zone). As much as it is beneficial to the NCBA members and by approval of the Board of Directors, National Meets should be rotated between time zones if it is not detrimental to the NCBA’s finances. An Annual Meeting will be held at the National Meet.

Section 2: District Meets - District Director’s are responsible for placing a District Meet within his/her district each year. It is his/her responsibility to place the meet at least thirty days prior to when it will take place and to notify the Secretary in writing of the location.

Section 3: State Meets - District Directors are responsible for placing a State Meet within his/her state each year. It is his/her responsibility to place the meet the shows entry deadline and to notify the Secretary in writing of the location.

Section 4: Special Meets - Special Meets can be requested by the Show’s secretary or any NCBA Officer, Director or State Representative. Special Meets should be placed prior to the shows entry deadline and the NCBA Secretary must be notified with the dates and show contact information.

Section 5: All specials, awards and points offered at these meets shall be open to membership competition only, unless otherwise specified. Members must be in good standing to receive any awards or points.

Section 6: Any representative from the show hosting a meet OR a NCBA member may complete a show report accurately and return to NCBA secretary by January 31st deadline.

**Article XI: Publications**

Section 1: The NCBA shall publish a Yearbook annually or when financially possible. This publication is to contain reports on the National Meet, adjacent subjects, pictures of interest, advertisement, and articles submitted of interest to Call Duck breeders and exhibitors. The cost of this publication shall come from the income generated from the advertisements sold. Deficit to be taken from the NCBA’s treasury. The Secretary shall be the Yearbook editor or a person appointed by the Officers. The Yearbook shall contain a list of members and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall be the duty of all officers to secure advertisement for the Yearbook and to forward this to the Yearbook Editor. The closing date for advertisement shall be December 31st for the Yearbook to be published as early as possible.

Section 2: The NCBA may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, issue such monthly, quarterly, or annual publications as they deem advisable and financially possible.

**Article XII: Amendments**

Section 1: Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any time upon endorsement of ten (10) members, after which a mail vote shall be taken. The amendment shall be incorporated in the constitution provided, (1) at least sixty percent (60%) of the membership vote; (2) at least (30) days elapse between mailing of ballots and closing of vote, and (3) that the majority of vote cast favor for the amendment.

**By-Laws of the National Call Breeders of America**

**Article I: Membership**

Section 1: Membership in the NCBA shall be open to all who are interested in breeding, raising, and/or exhibiting Call ducks and are current on their membership dues.

Section 2: Several membership options will be offered. Youth Membership, which is open to children ages 18 as of January 1st and under; Individual Membership, which is open to any age; Family Membership which is open to a family with 2 or more active people showing and raising call ducks; and an Individual Lifetime Membership.

Section 3: Annual membership dues shall be as follows (all in US dollars): Youth (18 and under) - $8.00; One (1) Year Individual Membership - $15.00; Two (2) Year Individual Membership - $29.00; One (1) Year Family Membership - $17.00; Two (2) Year Family Membership - $33.00; Individual Lifetime Membership - $200.00. All dues are payable upon admission to the NCBA.

Section 4: The annual dues shall be the amount decided by members by majority vote or by mutual consent of all officers.

Section 5: Members whose name appear on the records as not having paid their dues three (3) months after date of expiration, will be automatically dropped from membership and lose any accumulated points. Members in arrears are not eligible to compete for special prizes offered by the NCBA at any show. They shall also be deprived of all privileges accorded members in good standing including the right to vote in elections.

Section 6: Any member willfully violating the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, or in any way by his conduct tending to injure the standing of the NCBA, shall be indefinitely suspended, if the officers so decide.

Section 6: It is considered by the NCBA that all officers and members are duty bound to put special efforts at all times to do all within their power to secure new members and give all possible publicity in behalf of the NCBA.

**Article II: Selection of Officers and Directors**

Section 1: The selection of Officers and Directors shall be done by membership vote.

Section 2: Only members in good standing as of the nomination deadline of September 15th shall be eligible to vote.

Section 3: An Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the President and will be in charge of all ballot counting by tally votes and will send ballots and tally to the Secretary for record keeping.

Section 4: A Call for Nominations announcement will appear in the Summer edition of the NCBA Newsletter. All Nominations must be filed with the Secretary, in writing, by September 15th. Nominees must get their biographies/photos to the Secretary by September 30th. Biographies/photos for the Nominees will then appear in the Fall edition of the NCBA Newsletter. Ballots will be mailed with the Fall edition of the newsletter by the Secretary and will include two envelopes; one for the ballot to be placed and sealed; and one for the ballot envelope to be placed and returned to the Secretary. Ballots must be returned to the Secretary with a post marked date no later than December 31st. The members name must appear on the return envelope as to verify the members status and which district they reside. After membership verification by the Secretary, sealed ballot envelopes will then be forwarded by the Secretary to the Election Commissioner for counting.

Section 5: In the event there is no contest on any of the Officer or Director’s positions and in order to save the NCBA money, a ballot will appear in the Fall Newsletter for members to copy or cut out and return to the Election Commissioner.

Section 6: In the event two candidates receive the same number of votes, the Board of Directors will hold a vote to determine the winner. The two candidates involved will not be permitted to vote during the tie breaking procedure even if they are currently a member of the Board of Directors.

**Article III: Point System**

Section 1: Points will be recorded for Best of Breed, Reserve of Breed, Best of Variety and Reserve of Variety at Special Meets, State Meets, District Meets and the National Meet. There must be at least 20 Call Ducks entered OR 3 exhibitors for the Meet to qualify and for member points to be recorded. Only Call Ducks and exhibitors shown in the open show are to be counted to meet the 20 duck minimum. Youth exhibitor entries are not to be included in the count.

Section 2: Only standard varieties (accepted by the APA & ABA) will be counted/recorded as individual varieties (ie. Gray, White, Snowy). All non-standard varieties will be counted as individual varieties, but recorded together as “Non-Standard”. Non-standard and will qualify for the same achievement levels.

Section 3: Points are determined by the number of Call Ducks and exhibitors physically at the show.

Section 4: For Best of Breed (BB) points, all Call Ducks entered are counted and that number shall be the points awarded to the member who has won Best of Breed. The member who wins Reserve of Breed (RB) will be awarded 1 point less than the total number of Call Ducks entered.

Section 5: For Best of Variety (BV) points, all Call Ducks entered in that particular variety are counted and that number shall be the points awarded to the member who has won Best of Variety. The member who wins Reserve of Variety (RV) will be awarded 1 point less than the total number of Call Ducks entered in that particular variety.

Section 6: Master Exhibitor - Achieved when a member reaches 800 points in all varieties added together. Member receives a Certificate.

Section 7: Master Breeder - Achieved when a member reaches 1,000 points in one specific variety. Member receives a Certificate or other award chosen by officer team.

Section 8: Grand Master Exhibitor - Achieved when a member reaches 5,000 points in all varieties added together. Member receives a certificate or other award chosen by officer team.

Section 9: Supreme Grand Master Exhibitor - Achieved when a member reaches 10,000 points in all varieties added together. Member receives a certificate or other award chosen by officer team.

Section 10: Top Exhibitor of the Year - Member who accumulates the most points in a year (January 1st to December 31st) will be awarded a customized award chosen by the officer team.

Section 11: A member must be in good standing to receive points from any Meet.

**Article IV: Youth Point System**

Section 1: Points will be recorded for Best of Breed, Reserve of Breed, Best of Variety and Reserve of Variety at Special Meets, State Meets, District Meets and the National Meet. Only Call Ducks shown in the youth show are to be counted. Open exhibitor entries are not to be included in the count.

Section 2: Points are determined by the number of Call Ducks physically at the show.

Section 3: For Best of Breed (BB) points, all Call Ducks entered are counted and that number shall be the points awarded to the member who has won Best of Breed. The member who wins Reserve of Breed (RB) will be awarded 1 point less than the total number of Call Ducks entered.

Section 4: For Best of Variety (BV) points, all Call Ducks entered in that particular variety are counted and that number shall be the points awarded to the member who has won Best of Variety. The member who wins Reserve of Variety (RV) will be awarded 1 point less than the total number of Call Ducks entered in that particular variety.

Section 5: Junior Master Exhibitor - Achieved when a Junior member earns 100 points in all varieties added together, does not need to be earned all in one year. Junior member will be awarded a certificate.

Section 6: Junior Master Breeder - Achieved when a Junior member earns 400 points in all varieties added together, does not need to be earned all in one year. Junior member will be awarded a certificate.

Section 8: Junior Top Exhibitor of the Year - Junior Member who accumulates the most points in a year (January 1st to December 31st) will be awarded a customized award chosen by the officer team.

Section 9: A Junior member must be in good standing to receive points from any Meet.

**Article V: Awards**

Section 1: The Board of Directors may change award/point system at any time as deemed necessary, but the change will not take effect until January 1st of the following year.

Section 2: Awards for State and District meets shall be chosen by the officer team and awarded when financially possible.

Section 3: All Best of Variety and Reserve of Variety at the National meet will be given an award chosen by the officer team and when financially possible. BV & RV will be given any monetary award that is donated for the respective variety.

Section 4: An customized award, chosen by the officer team, will be presented to the Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed at the National Meet as well as any monetary award that has be donated.

**Article VI: Rules of Order**

Section 1: The NCBA shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Article VII: Amendments**

Section 1: Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any time upon endorsement of ten (10) members, after which a mail vote shall be taken. The amendment shall be incorporated in the constitution provided, (1) at least sixty percent (60%) of the membership vote; (2) at least (30) days elapse between mailing of ballots and closing of vote, and (3) that the majority of vote cast favor for the amendment.

**Youth Program Constitution and By-Laws**

**Article I: Goal**

Section 1: To raise youngsters in the “Call” fancy and to promote excitement and excellent self-esteem in those youngsters.

**Article II: Purpose**

Section 1: The purpose of this youth program is to meet the needs and challenges of our junior members. This youth program would be under the leadership of the Youth Director.

**Article III: Outline**

Section 1: Youth members may participate in the Youth Program if they are a member in good standing with either a Junior membership or Family Membership and are 18 years of age or younger.

Section 2: One page of the quarterly newsletter shall be devoted to the youth to inform the membership and announce contests.

Section 4: Mentor program - Adult members sign on for a one (1) year commitment to mentor one (1) youth. The youth will submit a portfolio which the adult mentors will review and select the youngster that they feel would make the best match.

Section 5: The Claude McAllister Memorial Award - The Youth Director and Committee contact all Officers and District Directors for nominations of deserving Youth Members for the Award. Nominees should be active members who excel in Call Ducks and have participated in the NCBA Youth programs (the Junior Master Exhibitor, Junior Master Breeder, NCBA Mentor Program and the NCBA Youth Contests). Nominees should also be working on a personal Call Duck breeding program, running the family incubator, sponsored or donated to raffle tables and help promote Call Ducks and the NCBA. The Youth Committee takes the nominees and figures which member best exemplifies the qualities they are looking for. The honored youth will receive an engraved box at the National Meet.