

## **1. LEGAL NATURE AND STATUS OF THE CLUB**

1.1. The European Poodle Club - EPC (hereinafter referred to as the "club" or "EPC") is a civil association established under Act no. 83/1990 Coll. on association of citizens as amended. It is a non-political, voluntary and independent organization that is not established for the purpose of making a profit.

1.2. EPC can commit and acquire rights in its own name. EPC is not responsible for the obligations of its members.

1.3. EPC is a voluntary association of natural and legal persons founded for an indefinite period. The club can join international cynological organizations.

## **2. NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, AUTHORITY**

2.1. NAME: European Poodle Club - EPC

2.2. REGISTERED OFFICE: Ovocinárska 198/20, 949 01 Nitra-Kynek

2.3. STATUTORY BODY: EPC President

## **3. OBJECTIVES AND MISSION OF THE CLUB**

3.1. Cooperation between breeding clubs with the aim of improving awareness of the poodle breed (hereinafter referred to as "the breed"), promoting it and protecting its genetic heritage.

3.2. Cooperation between breeding clubs on activities that will lead to a positive perception of the breed and contribute to improving its health, which will lead to improving the viability of the breed.

3.3. Systematic work on the exchange of information between breeding clubs.

3.4. Within the possibilities of the EPC, support national poodle clubs - members of the EPC.

3.5. Organization of the main exhibition activity "EPC show" with the awarding of the European club winner title. The exhibition joins some important cynological events, such as world, European or international exhibitions. The exhibition can also be organized independently, if the Presidium of the EPC so decides. The organization of the exhibition is entrusted to the national club, a member of the EPC. The Presidium of the EPC decides on this.

3.6. Presentation of the breed externally.

3.7. Provision of interpretation and comments on the FCI standard (Fédération Cynologique Internationale, hereinafter referred to as "FCI").

## **4. MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

4.1. EPC membership is voluntary. Legal entities and natural persons (supporters) can become EPC members. All breeding clubs that meet the conditions of these statutes can be members of the EPC and can apply for this membership in writing to the address of the President of the EPC or electronically to his email address [president@poodleclub.eu](mailto:president@poodleclub.eu). If there are several breeding clubs in one state, all these clubs can apply for membership. Applications for membership are approved by the EPC presidium at its next meeting after the application is submitted. More than 75% of the affirmative votes of the EPC Presidium are required for admission as a member.

4.2. EPC membership is differentiated into:

- regular members
- fans – supporters

4.3 Regular members

4.3.1 The EPC strictly requires the EPC Code of Ethics to be part of the binding standard of every national member that is a full member of the EPC. The EPC Code of Ethics is adopted and possibly modified by the EPC General Assembly at the initiative of the EPC Presidium.

4.3.2 Regular members are listed in the organizational rules, which are updated at each meeting of the EPC General Assembly.

4.3.3 Regular members have the right to participate in all elections and voting and can organize the annual EPC show.

4.3.4 Regular members have the right to participate in EPC policy.

4.3.5 The application of a national breeder club for admission to the EPC must be sent to the address of the President of the EPC and must contain the current constitution of the specific club applying for membership, signed and stamped by the statutory officer(s) of the national club applying for admission, confirmation from the national umbrella organization that the breed club or the section is through its FCI member and the EPC Code of Ethics is signed by the statutory body as confirmation that it has been adopted as a binding standard for all members of national clubs.

4.3.6 The amount of the mandatory payment for each legal entity is determined by the EPC General Assembly and the annual fee is payable to the EPC bank account. The last day for making the payment is the last day in February of the relevant calendar year.

4.4 Fans - supporters

4.4.1 They can actively participate in club activities.

4.4.2 They have an advisory vote.

4.4.3 They do not have the right to vote for the country of which they are members.

4.4.4 They are kept on a list of supporters maintained by the club secretary and published on the EPC website.

4.4.5 The amount of their membership fee is approved by the EPC General Assembly and the annual fee is payable to the EPC bank account. The last day for making the payment is the last day in February of the relevant calendar year.

4.4.6 They cannot be elected to EPC bodies.

4.4.7 They cannot represent the country or the club with statements unless it is a full member of the EPC.

#### 4.5 Member discipline

4.5.1 Each member must comply with the EPC statutes. Non-compliance with the standards required by the statutes and behavior that is not in accordance with good morals and damages the name of the regular member or the EPC will be reported to the body of regular members at the discretion of the Presidium of the EPC.

4.5.2 Violations of the EPC statutes are to be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the statutes of the respective full member of which the individual is a member.

4.5.3 Based on a proposal by the EPC Presidium, the EPC General Assembly may exclude an individual from EPC activities.

4.5.4 The membership of a regular member can be canceled by a decision of the General Assembly at the proposal of the EPC Presidium.

### 5. BODIES OF THE CLUB

#### 5.1. EPC AUTHORITIES:

- General Assembly
- Presidium
- President
- Auditors

#### 5.2 General assembly

5.2.1. It consists of two representatives of each of the regular members. Each representative of a regular member has 1 vote, with the fact that if the EPC has more than two members based in one country, these regular members vote by way of 2 representatives from each of them, 2 representatives with voting rights. If these regular members do not agree on their 2 representatives for the given state, they will be determined by lot carried out by the EPC Presidium among the 2 representatives nominated by each of them.

5.2.2. The list of representatives with the right to vote for a regular member will be sent (by mail with the signature of the statutory representative of the regular member or by email from an authorized email address) no later than 5 weeks before the day of the EPC General Assembly to the address of the EPC President.

5.2.3. The EPC general meeting is usually held once a year, preferably on the occasion of the EPC show.

5.2.4. The agenda is drawn up by the EPC Presidium.

5.2.5. A proposal for discussion points can be made by a representative of a regular member no later than 4 weeks before the EPC General Assembly.

5.2.6. In case of ambiguity or controversy, the agenda item may not be included in the discussion of the EPC General Assembly. The Presidium of the EPC will decide on this. The negative opinion will be communicated to the proposer no later than the moment of the opening of the EPC General Assembly.

5.2.7. The EPC General Assembly is quorum with any number of delegates.

5.2.8. Decisions are adopted by a majority of affirmative votes, unless these statutes stipulate otherwise.

5.2.9. The choice can only be made in person. Representation based on a power of attorney is inadmissible.

5.2.10. The EPC General Assembly can also be convened in an extraordinary manner, on the basis of a written request of more than 75% of regular members, which is submitted to the EPC President. The extraordinary general meeting must be convened no later than 4 months after the receipt of the request. Signatures on the request for the Extraordinary General Meeting must be notarized.

5.2.11. The General Assembly is chaired by the President or a person authorized by him.

5.2.12. The expenses of representatives of regular members connected with participation in the General Assembly are covered from the own resources of regular members.

### 5.3. General assembly - Activity and tasks

5.3.1. She participates in the planning of the activity and the direction of the EPC.

5.3.2. It elects the Presidium for the next 5-year election period.

5.3.3. Approves the annual report.

5.3.4. Updates the EPC Code of Ethics.

5.3.5. It is authorized to change the EPC statutes.

5.3.6. Approves membership fees.

5.3.7. It decides on the exact number of the EPC presidium from 6 to 11 people.

5.3.8. Based on the proposal, the Presidium decides on the expulsion of members. More than 75% of affirmative votes are required to expel a member.

5.3.9. It elects two auditors of accounts for the relevant 5-year period.

5.3.10. At the proposal of the Presidium, it adopts and approves the internal regulations of the EPC, which must not be in conflict with these statutes.

#### 5.4 Presidium of the EPC

5.4.1. In accordance with the statutes, he manages the EPC between individual sessions of the General Assemblies.

5.4.2. It is elected for a 5-year term.

5.4.3. Convenes and prepares the program of the General Assembly.

5.4.4. Prepares documents for the approval of the annual report for the General Assembly.

5.4.5. It cooperates with the management of regular members for the purpose of international uniformity of the basic standards of breed breeding.

5.4.6. It establishes working groups that have the task of solving specific problems related to breeding, health and possession of the breed and ensures their presentation and publicity.

5.4.7. Convenes the General Assembly.

5.4.8. Organizes professional, educational activities, e.g. symposium, talks, which are also open to non-members.

5.4.9. Nominates judges for the EPC show.

5.4.10. Provides continuous professional information and information about EPC activities through publications and articles in selected media.

5.4.11. Appoints organizing committees for EPC activities.

5.4.12. It ensures the collection of data from regular members of the EPC.

5.4.13. It has 6 to 11 members, the exact number is decided by the EPC General Assembly.

- President
- Vice President
- Economist
- Secretary
- PR manager
- Manager for special projects
- Presidium members

#### 5.5 Presidium members – Activities and tasks

##### 5.5.1. President

- He is the statutory representative of the EPC.

- He is authorized to handle the EPC bank account.
- Represents the EPC within the meaning of the statutes.
- Responsible for meeting EPC goals and compliance with statutes.
- It requires an active and responsible approach to EPC activity from all members of the Presidium.
- Convenes the General Assembly.
- In case of equality of votes in decision-making, the Presidium has the deciding vote.
- Can make statements on behalf of the EPC.
- It may at any time require detailed information on the activities of each member of the Presidium.
- In case of inactivity of any member of the Presidium, he can propose his temporary representation, if necessary, he submits a proposal for a change to the General Assembly.
- The EPC economist can be authorized to represent the EPC, based on a written mandate.

#### 5.5.2. Vice President

- Cooperates with the President.
- He is authorized to handle the EPC bank account together with the president
- In case of absence or impossibility to participate in the meeting, represents the President.
- Representation of the President is possible only with his knowledge and on the basis of his consent.
- Ensures the updating and running of the EPC show.

#### 5.5.3. Economist

- Maintains EPC income and expenses thoroughly and transparently.
- He is authorized to handle the EPC bank account together with the president
- Prepares documents for the Auditors to hand every month before the General Assembly.
- Prepares documents for the purpose of fulfilling EPC tax obligations.
- Leads the economic agenda and is responsible for the archiving of economic data. It archives the economic agenda in accordance with the relevant tax regulations.
- He has a signature model in the bank and the authority to independently handle the EPC account.
- Makes the financial accounting management available to the Auditor for inspection without delay, at the latest within 4 weeks of the request.

#### 5.5.4. Secretary

- Prepares and archives the minutes of the official sessions of the Presidium and the General Assembly. He prepares the minutes within 2 weeks of the event and archives the ones signed by two verifiers. He files 1 copy in the archive and sends 1 to the EPC President.
- Maintains the EPC archive, which, in the event of a change in the occupation of the position, is handed over to the new secretary
- Maintains and updates the List of Regular Members and the Register of Supporters with complete addresses and contacts. The register is maintained in compliance with the rights to the protection of personal data.

- Responsible for updating forms.
- Ensures standard communication within the Presidium, between regular members and EPC supporters.

#### 5.5.5 PR manager

- Responsible for the dissemination of professional information and information about EPC activities.
- Responsible for the up-to-dateness and attractiveness of the website.
- Responsible for updating the results of club competitions
- Responsible for prompt publication of information and balance of promoted events (without favoring selected members).
- In case of requests from regular members, it ensures the promotion of national activities.
- Facilitates and motivates the preparation of professional articles for publication media.
- Provides a positive image of the breed in accordance with these statutes.
- Presents joint opinions in accordance with the EPC statutes and in no case presents his personal opinions.
- For PR activities, he can choose collaborators who must be approved by the Presidium. Support team members can only be representatives of regular EPC members or registered EPC supporters.
- PR activities are financially covered by EPC.
- Reports on activities to the General Assembly.

#### 5.5.6 Manager for special projects

- Responsible for the preparation, running and updating of projects approved by the General Assembly or the Presidium.
- For approved projects managed by him, he can assemble a team of collaborators, which must be approved by the Presidium.
- Support team members can only be representatives of regular EPC members or registered supporters of EPC.
- Special projects are financed by EPC.
- Reports on the status of projects to the General Assembly.

#### 5.5.7 Presidium members

- They help in fulfilling the EPC goals of the EPC Presidium

### 5.6 Presidium - method of performing the function

- The presidium meets at least twice a year, the use of electronic communication means (programs intended for meetings) is also considered a full-fledged negotiation.
- The meeting of the presidium is called by the President of the EPC.
- In the event of an obstacle on the part of the President, it can be called by the Vice-President.
- If the Vice-President is obstructed, he can be summoned by 3 members of the Presidium.

- If a personal meeting is not possible, or if a quick decision is necessary, a correspondence meeting is also possible. In the case of a correspondence session, only email communication from an authorized email address is accepted. All communication must be in a copy with all members of the Presidium and archived by the Secretary.
- Voting is always public.

## 5.7 AUDITORS

5.7.1 The club has 2 auditors.

5.7.2. They are elected by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Presidium for a 5-year term.

5.7.3. They approve the Economist's economic report, which is submitted to the General Assembly.

5.7.4. They present a brief review report to the General Assembly.

5.7.5. They carry out a review of the period January 1 - December 31 of each calendar year.

5.7.6. They can request to see the Economist's agenda at any time during the year.

5.7.7. Requesting an inspection of economic accounting beyond the need for revision for the General Assembly must be justified and joint from both Auditors (not individual). The Presidium must be informed about it at least one week before the request.

## 6. PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

6.1. EPC manages according to the approved budget.

6.2. The property of EPC serves to ensure its mission and development.

6.3. EPC income consists of membership fees, donations, subsidies and grants from natural and legal persons and income from EPC activities.

6.4. Management and accounting of EPC is governed in accordance with the valid legal order of the Slovak Republic. All income must be used to fulfill the objectives and statutes of the EPC. Any rewards must be approved by the General Assembly based on the proposal and justification of the Presidium.

## 7. CANCELLATION OF THE EUROPEAN POODLE CLUB

7.1 The EPC is cancelled:

- By the decision of the General Assembly on the cancellation of the EPC by at least 2/3 majority of the regular members of the EPC.
- By a valid decision of the authority responsible for EPC registration on its dissolution.

7.2 In the event of cancellation of the EPC by voluntary dissolution, the liquidation of the club's property will be carried out according to generally applicable legal regulations.

7.3 The liquidation of the EPC is carried out by a person authorized by the Presidium of the EPC.

## **8. FINAL PROVISIONS**

8.1 All facts not regulated by these statutes are governed by the relevant legal regulations of the Slovak Republic and the EU.

8.2 These statutes were adopted at the meeting of the preparatory committee in Nitra on December 17, 2023 and are valid from the date of EPC registration by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic.