



## **THE HAMPSHIRE GUNDOG SOCIETY**

### **RULES - 2018**

#### **Name and Purpose**

1. The Society shall be called the Hampshire Gundog Society
2. The main objects of the Society shall be to promote the general welfare of dogs, encourage breeding to the standards laid down by the Kennel Club and the training of gundog breeds. To provide facilities for tests of field work and Field Trials.

#### **Constitution**

3. The Society shall consist of a President, Hon. Vice Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Field Trial Secretary (Retrievers), Hon. Field Trial Secretary (Spaniels), Hon. Field Trial Secretary (HPR), Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Auditors, Committee and an unlimited number of members whose names and addresses shall be recorded by the Hon. Secretary.

A list of members and their addresses shall be available for inspection if so requested by Members of the Society or the Kennel Club.

#### **Executive**

4. (i) The business of the Society shall be conducted by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Field Trial Secretary (Retrievers), Hon. Field Trial Secretary (Spaniels), Hon. Field Trial Secretary (HPR) and a committee of up to eighteen members (in addition to ex-officio members) who shall have the power to co-opt other members of the Committee if necessary (see Rule 11). The Chairman of the Society shall be the Chief Executive Officer at Committee meetings and all other meetings at which he is present, except Social meetings and A.G.M.'s when, if present, the President shall preside. The Hon. Secretary, Hon. Field Trial Secretary (Retrievers), Hon. Field Trial Secretary (Spaniels) and Hon. Field Trial Secretary (HPR) shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

(ii) One half of the Committee (consisting of the longest serving members) and the rest of the executive shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. The other half of the Committee shall continue in office for the following year.

#### **Election of Executive and Society Members**

5. Society members shall be elected by the Committee upon application to the Secretary, unless they may be ineligible for membership under rules 12 (i) and (ii). All new candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded

by paid up members of HGS which shall include members not lapsed by the application of rule 9 (ii).

6. The election of members to the executive shall be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations of Society members who it is proposed to put up for election of Officers or Committee must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary not later than three weeks preceding the Annual General Meeting. A nomination must be approved by the nominee and have a seconder. A Society member, to be eligible for election to the Executive must have been a Society member for a minimum of twelve months immediately prior to the election to the Executive.

### **Finance**

7. (i) The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st January to 31st December of each calendar year. All revenue of the Society shall be paid into the Society's banking accounts and withdrawals shall only be made on the signatures of two of the following officers: Hon. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer.

(ii) The Accounts will be certified annually and presented to the members at the AGM. Certification of the accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. A copy of the annual Statement of Accounts to be made available, on request, to members 14 days prior to the AGM.

### **Meetings**

8. (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held as soon as convenient after 1st January each year and fourteen days notice calling the Meeting shall be given in writing.

(ii) The Annual General Meeting shall receive and examine the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the previous year. It will complete the election of Officers, Committee and Auditors and transact such business as may be necessary. Twenty members shall form a quorum. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda. All items for inclusion on the Agenda to be notified in writing to the Hon. Secretary not later than three weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(iii) Seven clear days notice shall be given of a Committee meeting, which may be called by the Chairman and in his absence the Secretary. Seven members shall form a quorum.

(iv) A special Committee meeting may be called by the Chairman or Secretary on an application formed by four members of the Committee.

(v) A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee and must be called by the Committee or the Secretary on receipt of a requisition signed by fifteen Society members, within one calendar month of such notice. No business other than that named in the requisition shall be brought before a Special General Meeting. Twenty members shall form a quorum.

(vi) Membership must have been paid for the current year before Society members are allowed to vote or voice at any meeting or be entitled to the privileges of membership.

### **Subscription**

9. The annual subscription shall be £4.00 per member, £5.00 for partnership and £2.00 for Vice Presidents. Life membership is available at £30.00 single and £40.00 partnership. No other form of payment shall entitle any person to membership.

### **Alteration to Rules**

10. The rules of the Society may not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the rules. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations.

### **Power of the Committee**

11. (i) In addition to the powers conferred on them by previous Rules, the Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees for any special object and also to deal with any matter not provided in the Rules. Sub-committees shall be answerable to the main Committee and the Chairman of the Sub-committee shall be a member of the main Committee who will report the Sub-committee activities to the main Committee.
- (ii) At the discretion of the Committee, any Committee member who fails to attend three consecutive Committee meetings and fails to notify the Hon. Secretary of valid reasons shall have his or her name struck off the Committee.

### **Expulsion**

12. Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Society for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification.

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Society, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society may, at a meeting the notice of which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of Members, and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions the Kennel Club may impose.

**Disbandment of Society (Disposal of Assets)**

13. Upon the disbandment of the Society the question of disposal of any assets shall be placed before a Special General Meeting of the Society for decision.

**Settlement of Disputes**

14. The Society recognises the Kennel Club as the final court of appeal in all matters.
15. The Society shall not join any federation of Societies or Clubs.

**Annual Returns to the Kennel Club.**

16. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by the end of the month next following that in which the Annual General Meeting is held, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Registered Societies be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of the month in which the Society's Annual General Meeting is held and to notify the Kennel Club of any subsequent amendments to that date.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.

17. No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.