

**CONSTITUTION
of the
PIONEER BEAGLE CLUB, INC.**

**ARTICLE I
Name, Incorporation, Office**

SECTION I

This corporation shall be known as the PIONEER BEAGLE CLUB, INC. and is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York pursuant to the membership Corporation Law. Its principal office shall be located at 1710 Flint Hill Rd., Leroy, N.Y.

**ARTICLE II
Objects and Purposes**

SECTION I

The purpose of the Corporation is the advancement of the breeding of Beagle hound dogs, and other dogs, and the dissemination of knowledge regarding the same; the encouragement and fostering of dog shows, exhibitions, matches, field trials; the protection of the interests of breeders and owners and the securing of legislation favorable to them. Also, to promote and cultivate interest in hunting, to teach proper behavior in the fields and woods and to uphold the dignity of the hunting sport generally.

**ARTICLE III
Membership**

SECTION I

Any desirable person may become a member of the Pioneer Beagle Club upon acceptance by the existing membership.

SECTION II: Application for Membership

All applications for membership in the club must be in writing to the Membership Committee and endorsed by a member in good standing and in all cases accompanied by a deposit of an amount equal to the yearly dues, and if the applicant is voted for membership by the members after September 1, shall have their membership dues paid up to December 31 of the following year.

SECTION III

All applications approved by the Membership Committee shall be presented to the membership present at a regular meeting and by a majority vote the applicant may be granted membership.

SECTION IV: Suspension

A member may be suspended for a period or expelled for cause such as violation of the constitution or by-laws of the club. Such suspension or expulsion shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors provided that a statement of the said charges shall have

been mailed by registered post to the member under charges at his last recorded address at least fifteen (15) days before final action is taken thereon; this statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time when and place where the Board of Directors is to take action, provided that the said member shall have been given an opportunity to present a defense at the time and place mentioned in such notice.

SECTION V

Any member in good standing may resign from the club by presenting his or her resignation to the President or Secretary, in writing who will forward same to the club at its first regular meeting. A majority vote of acceptance by the members present shall terminate all obligations of the club.

ARTICLE IV Meetings

SECTION I: Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of the club shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month. In the event that a regular meeting night falls on a holiday the Secretary shall arrange to hold the meeting prior to or after the holiday.

SECTION II: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held on the fourth Thursday of January each year.

SECTION III: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the club may be called by the Board of Directors at their discretion or upon the written request of ten (10) members of the club. The Board of Directors shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. Notice for any special meeting to be given by the secretary. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members of the corporation.

ARTICLE V Directors

SECTION I: Number

The property, affairs, and concerns of the club shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of selected members of the club and the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer.

The number of elected members of the Board of Directors shall be determined by the number of voting members in good standing in the Club as of December 31 of the year preceding the Annual Meeting.

Voting Members	Elected Directors
25 to 100	4
101 to 160	6
161 to 220	8
221+	10

The members of said Board shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performances of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

**ARTICLE VI
Officers**

SECTION I

The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and one individual elected thereto.

**ARTICLE VII
Committees and Delegates**

SECTION I: Committees and Delegates

There shall be the following committees and delegates to function on club activities:

- Nominating Committee
- Membership Committee
- Social Committee
- Field Trial Committee
- Clubhouse Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- Grounds and Game Distribution Committee

- Delegates to the Eastern Lake Erie Association
- Delegates to New York State Federation of Beagle Clubs

**ARTICLE VIII
Amendments**

SECTION I

No amendment to the Constitution or by-Laws or any part thereof shall be made until it has been presented in the form of a motion by a member in good standing at a regular meeting of the club. Providing the motion is seconded, the originator will give to the chairman of the resolution committee, in writing, the exact wording of the motion. The resolutions committee will communicate to all members of the club two weeks prior to a

regular meeting, at which time the proposed changes or amendments will be read and accepted or rejected, as determined by two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION I

The Seal of the Club shall be in the form of a circle containing the legend "A filo corona" and shall bear the name of the corporation and the year of its incorporation.

BY-LAWS of the PIONEER BEAGLE CLUB

ARTICLE I Duties of Officers

SECTION I: President

The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors and shall be a member ex-officio, with the right to vote, of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He shall also, at the Annual Meeting of the Club and such other times as he shall deem proper, communicate to the Club or to the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions as may in his opinion tend to promote the prosperity and welfare and increase the usefulness of the Club, and shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of President of the Club.

SECTION II: Vice-President

In case of the death or absence of the President, or his inability from any cause to act, the Vice-President, shall perform the duties of his office.

SECTION III: Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice of special meetings and attend all meetings of the Club and its several divisions and all committees and keep a record of their doings; to conduct all correspondence and to carry into execution all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed; to keep a list of the members of the Club; to notify members of their election to serve on standing committees; to furnish the chairman of such committee as necessary, a list of members elected to serve on his committee, and at his request send out notices of committee meetings; to prepare under the direction of the Board of Directors an annual report of the transactions and condition of the Club, and generally to devote his best efforts to forwarding the business and advancing the interests of the Club. In case of absence or disability of the Secretary, the Board of Directors may appoint a Secretary pro-tem. The Secretary shall be the keeper of the Seal of the Club.

SECTION IV: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and expended for the benefit of the Club. He shall deposit all monies received in a bank, or banks, or Trust Company approved by the Board of Directors, and make a report at the Annual Meeting or when called upon by the President. Funds may be drawn only upon the signature of the Treasurer. The funds, books, and vouchers in his possession shall at all times be under the supervision of the Board of Directors and subject to its inspection and control; and at the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor all books, monies, and other property of the Club, or, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Board of Directors may appoint a Treasurer pro-tem. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

SECTION V: Bond of Treasurer

The Treasurer, shall if required by the Board of Directors, give to the Club such security for the faithful discharge of his duties as the Board may direct.

SECTION VI: Vacancies

All vacancies in any office shall be filled by a vote of the Club membership without undue delay at its regular meeting, or at a meeting specially called for that purpose.

**ARTICLE II
Board of Directors**

SECTION I: Duty of Directors

The Board of Directors shall convene once each month, unless by consent of Directors at the previous meeting, and shall have power to hold other meetings at such times and places as they think proper; to suspend or expel Club Members by ballot of two thirds of the total Board of Directors; to appoint committees on particular subjects from the members of the Board or from other members of the Club; to audit bills and disperse the funds of the Club; to print and circulate documents with other members of the Club; to purchase, lease and seal property, with exception of real estate. (All real estate transactions of the Club must be done at a special meeting of the membership of the Club. All members must be notified by regular post, at the last recorded address, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the special meeting); to employ agents; appoint standing committee liaison from the Board of Directors and to devise and carry into execution such other measures as they deem proper and expedient to promote the objects of the Club and best protect the interest and welfare of the Club.

SECTION II: Quorum

Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the President and Vice-President the quorum present may choose a chairman for the meeting. If a quorum be not present, a less number may adjourn the meeting to a later day, not more than ten days later.

SECTION III: Absence

Should any member of the Board of Directors absent himself unreasonably from three consecutive meetings of the Board without sending a communication to the President or Secretary stating his reason for so doing, and his excuse should not be accepted by the members of the Board, his seat on the Board may be declared vacant.

SECTION IV: Vacancies

Whenever any vacancy may occur in the Board of Directors, the same may be filled by a majority vote by ballot of the Club at a regular meeting of the Club or at a special meeting which shall be called for that purpose.

SECTION V: Removal of Directors

Any one or more of the Directors may be removed from office either with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION VI: Security Requirements

The Board of Directors may require the Treasurer and all other officers, agents, and employees charged by the Club with responsibility for the custody of any of its funds or property and before handling funds or securities amounting to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or were in duty one year to give an adequate bond to be approved by the Board of Directors with sufficient securities for the faithful performance of their duties as such officers.

ARTICLE III

Dues

SECTION I

The annual dues for adult voting members shall be Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per year.

SECTION II

The annual dues for Junior members up to the age of 18 shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per year.

SECTION III

A member's wife and children up to the age of 18 may hold an associate membership in the Club, the dues for each shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per year.

SECTION IV

The annual dues to be in effect January 1st until the following January 1st and are payable in advance.

SECTION V

Any member whose dues are not paid at the time of the annual meeting shall not be entitled to a vote and thereafter shall lose all membership privileges.

SECTION VI

Any member in good standing may by reason of leaving the Rochester area and establishing residence elsewhere apply for and obtain a demit. No dues shall be assessed against him during the period of his demit. He shall withdraw his demit within 3 months after his return to the Rochester area.

SECTION VII

Any member who is delinquent for non-payment of dues on March 1st shall be contacted by the membership chairman relative to their membership in the Club. If upon investigation it becomes apparent that a delinquent member does or does not want to continue his or her membership in the Club, the membership committee shall report their findings to the members present at a regular meeting who shall make the final decision in the matter. Any delinquent member whose dues are not paid by May 1st shall be suspended.

ARTICLE IV Fiscal Year

SECTION I

The fiscal year of the Club shall be from annual meeting to annual meeting.

ARTICLE V Standing Committee Duties

SECTION I: Duties of the Nominating Committee

Their duties are to nominate candidates for each elected Club office or position to be voted on at the annual meeting and to nominate candidates to fill vacancies occurring during the year, the number thereof as prescribed under Article VIII entitled, "Election Procedure."

They shall notify the Secretary in writing at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the annual meeting, of the names of the candidates.

The Secretary, except as herein otherwise provided, shall mail a copy thereof to the last recorded address of each member simultaneously with the notice of the meeting.

SECTION II: Field Trial Committee

The Field Trial Committee shall follow the American Kennel Club Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures as outlined and published by the American Kennel Club Inc. The Chairman of the Field Trial Committee shall furnish each Field Trial Committee member with a current edition of these rules and procedures: he shall also purchase and distribute available editions at all field trial committee meetings. The chairman of this committee shall also preside at meetings of the committee and to have present at all trials the required number of committee members.

The Chairman of the Field Trial Committee shall see to it that the committee fulfills its duties, which are as follows:

1. At the regular November meeting of the Pioneer Beagle Club, to submit to the club and association delegate a tentative field trial schedule for the following year.
2. To advertise field trials.
3. To execute work or action within its province as directed by club members at any regular or special meeting.
4. To select and procure all judges for all trials.
5. To care for and maintain communication equipment and other items such as special training signs or directional arrows used only at the time of trials.
6. To set up, plan and execute all field trials, and fulfill all the duties thereof, some of which are as follows:
 - a. To arrange for a kennel man for the licensed trials, or for other trials if necessary.
 - b. To appoint field marshals.
 - c. To have available the communication equipment and to erect the special signs and arrows (aforementioned) before each trial and remove and store such items after each trial.
 - d. To equip and care for kennels before and after each trial.

SECTION III: Game and Grounds Committee

It shall be the duty of this committee to supervise the purchase and distribution of all game that the club may desire to obtain. It shall be also the duty of this committee to supervise the planting of vegetation (trees, seedings for feeding, etc.)

The committee shall also supervise cutting of vegetation (brush, trees, etc.) and shall bring back to club any evidence of anything of monetary value to club.

It shall be the duty of this committee to inspect posters and to see that the area is properly posted by October 1 of every year as required by law.

The club should budget this committee to the extent of \$50.00 to defray any ordinary expenses such as seed for feed, corn, posters, fencing, hardware, paint, etc. Also, that if any major expenditure is required it must be done by the sanction of the club per annum. It shall be the duty of this committee to supervise, search out and render safe all hazards of the club's grounds such as old wells, cisterns, dangerous areas in the stone fence.

It shall be the duty of this committee to supervise and construct, locate, and maintain feeding stations to the best of their ability.

It shall be the duty of this committee to keep the welfare of the club foremost in their minds and to make any recommendations for the betterment of our grounds. These recommendations should be referred to the club for passage or approval.

SECTION IV: Membership Committee

The duty of this committee is that, when the member or endorser of the applicant feels that the prospective member has read and thoroughly understands the provisions set forth in the Qualifications for New Members and agrees to them, he should then forward the application and the completed questionnaire to the Membership Committee Chairman.

The Membership Committee Chairman shall then arrange for a meeting with the applicant and the endorser with his committee, prior to a regular meeting.

After the Membership Committee has interviewed the applicant and have reached a decision be it pro or con they shall notify the applicant of their decision, if their decision is favorable shall notify the applicant to be present at the next regular meeting. The Membership Committee Chairman shall arrange to file the approved application with the club secretary for presentation at the regular meeting of the club where a majority vote will elect or reject said applicant.

It shall also be the duty of the Membership Committee Chairman to collect the fees and annual dues and turn them over to the Club Treasurer; to furnish the Club Secretary with a list of delinquent members prior to the annual meeting; to furnish the Club Secretary a current roster complete with addresses; to contact delinquent members after March 1st and report his finding to the Club.

SECTION V: Duties of the Publicity Committee

It shall be the duty of the publicity committee to arrange for and to have released for publication all pertinent information in connection with the activities of the club such as field trial results, field trial dates, notices of meetings, advertising in connection with coming events and to generally promote the welfare of the club. Any expenditures in connection with the preceding functions is to be approved by the members present at a regular meeting.

SECTION VI: Social Committee

It shall be the duty of this committee to make arrangements for all social activities as required by the members of the club; to report on the progress of such activities at regular meetings and to generally promote the social activities in the club.

SECTION VII: Duties of the Resolutions Committee

It is the duty of this committee to prepare for presentation of all matters for legislation favorable to the club, to correctly phrase all proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and present them for approval at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for such purpose. This committee is to be appointed by the Board of Directors and to consist of at least three (3) members.

SECTIONS VIII: Duties of the Field Trial Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Field Trial Secretary to attend to all communication to procure field trial judges as directed by the club and the field trial committee, to attend all field trial committee meetings to record proceedings and report to the club when requested, to be present at all field trails conducted by the club and if unable to attend, to secure a competent substitute, to receive all entries and collect all entry fees, to conduct trials in accordance with A.K.C. rules, to pay all expenses incurred at such trials, to keep records of all placed hounds, to provide the publicity committee, upon request, helpful information, to report to the members present at a regular meeting the results of said trial and a financial statement thereof, to order ribbons and prizes for all trials and distribute them to the winners, to purchase, order and maintain an adequate supply of the following field trial supplies:

1. Entry books.
2. Judges books.
3. Trial record books.
4. Road signs.
5. Pencils.
6. Other material incidental to the running of field trials.

SECTION IX: Duties of the Clubhouse Committee

It shall be the duty of this committee to maintain and repair the physical properties of the clubhouse and all equipment pertaining thereto; to submit recommendations for clubhouse improvement, to maintain clean and sanitary conditions in and around the clubhouse; to enforce "clubhouse rules" and request for aid to fulfill any of the above prescribed duties. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the committee to supervise and be responsible for the purchase, preparation and distribution of all food and beverages for all club functions excluding those prescribed elsewhere in the current By-Laws of the Pioneer Beagle Club; to maintain accurate records of income and expenditures, submitting them at all regular club meetings; to receive the club treasurer on the first February each year necessary money for a total aggregate of one hundred (100) dollars working capital; to maintain a working capital fund for the purchase of food and supplies of not more than one hundred (100) dollars and to turn over to the club treasurer all money over the maximum amount; to submit a complete written yearly financial statement to the secretary of the club in the month of December each year.

SECTION X: Duties of the Delegates

It shall be the duty of all delegates to attend all meetings of the organizations that they have been elected for and to present all resolutions or other matters concerning the club to these organizations and to report all activity on these and other matters to the members present at a regular meeting. Resolutions to be approved by membership at large as drawn or written by the Resolutions Committee who will turn them over to the respective delegates. Delegates are to turn over to the Treasurer in writing an account of their expenses which will be paid.

SECTION XI:

Junior members may serve on any appointed committee.

ARTICLE VI Elections

SECTION I: Method of Elections

The members of the Club shall (at the annual meeting) elect the Board of Directors, Officers, Standing Committees by Ballot for the fiscal year.

SECTION II: Voting

Voting shall be by Club members in good standing and the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

SECTION III: Proxies

No vote by proxy shall be permitted.

SECTION IV: Inspectors of Elections

Two inspectors of elections shall be chosen by vote of the members present at the annual meeting. It shall be their duty to act as Inspectors of election at the annual meeting and/or at any meeting where voting is required.

ARTICLE VII Order of Business

1. Call to order by the President.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Reading of minutes of the last previous meeting.
4. Reading of applications for membership.
5. Reports of officers.
6. Report of the Board of Directors, not minutes.
7. Reports of standing committees:
 - Field Trial Committee
 - Club House Committee
 - Game Distribution and Grounds Committee
 - Entertainment Committee
 - Publicity Committee
 - Delegate reports
 - Lake Erie Association
 - New York State Federation
8. Reports of special committees.
9. Report of the Membership Committee.
10. Voting on new members.
11. Reading of Communications and bills.
12. Election of officers (Annual Meeting only).
13. Unfinished business.
14. New business

15. Welfare of the club and the breed
16. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII Election Procedure

SECTION I: President

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION II: Vice-President

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION III: Secretary-Treasurer

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION IV: Board of Directors

Minimum of six (6) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect two [2] of the prescribed number, as set forth under Article V, Section I, of the Constitution, for a period of two [2] years. The remaining number to be elected for a period of one [1] year.) *Effective as of the 1977 Annual Meeting all directors will be elected for a term of 2 years.*

SECTION V: Field Trial Secretary

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION VI: Field Trial Committee Chairman

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION VII: Field Trial Committee Members

Minimum of five (5) members to be appointed by the Field Trial Committee Chairman.

SECTION VIII: Game and Grounds Committee Chairman

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION IX: Game and Grounds Committee Members

Members to be appointed by the Game and Grounds Chairman.

SECTION X: Clubhouse Committee Chairman

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION XI: Clubhouse Committee Members

Six (6) members to be appointed by the Clubhouse Committee Chairman.

SECTION XII: Social Committee Chairman

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION XIII: Social Committee Members

Two (2) members to be appointed by the Social Committee Chairman.

SECTION XIV: Publicity Committee Chairman

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION XV: Publicity Committee Members

Two (2) members to be appointed by the Publicity Committee Chairman.

SECTION XVI: Nominating Committee

(February Meet)

At the regular stated meeting in the month of February each year a nominating committee of five (5) members will be elected from the floor. After election, the President will appoint one as temporary chairman. The permanent chairman to be elected by the committee at its first meeting to be scheduled in the month of March.

SECTION XVII: Membership Committee Chairman

Minimum of two (2) nominees to be read as submitted by the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1].)

SECTION XVIII: Membership Committee Members

Minimum of four (4) nominees to be read as submitted by the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect two [2].)

SECTION XIX: Delegates

Eastern Lake Erie Association of Beagle Clubs

Minimum of four (4) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1] delegate and one [1] alternate.)

New York State Federation of Beagle Clubs

Minimum of four (4) nominees to be read as submitted by the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect one [1] delegate and one [1] alternate.)

SECTION XX: Inspectors or Elections

Minimum of four (4) nominees to be read as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor, all members in good standing eligible. (Elect two [2].)

ARTICLE IX Method of Finance

At such time as deemed necessary to procure funds the issuance of promissory notes to be used. The interest on these notes to be pro-rated from date of purchase until following September and that in a case of death of a note holder the Board of Directors is to authorize the club to redeem said notes.

ARTICLE X Welfare of the Club

That our dues card, now furnished to paid-up members, be sufficient proof of the right to use the training area. All members should be prepared to show this card upon request.

That the club will not tolerate any commercial dog training.

That when crowded conditions exist, all members limit the number of hounds being trained at (2). It is also suggested that all club members use discretion when on the area.

That closing of area shall only be at such times that the general club membership might desire, except as before stated prior to trials and after restocking of rabbits.

That voluntary patrols be organized to check our area during hunting season.

That when new posters are printed, include a factor pertaining to reward for violators.

CLUB HOUSE RULES

It is up to us as individual members to abide by them.

- No littering.
- No boisterous profanity.
- No misconduct of any kind.
- All members are responsible for the club house and grounds.
- No dogs in the club house.
- Last member leaving club house shall lock all doors, windows and set alarm.
- No one shall construct or remove anything from the club house or outside area without proper authority from the club house chairman.
- All material donations to the club house must be approved by the club house chairman.
- Only persons authorized by the club house committee will be permitted in the kitchen at any club function.
- No fire-arms to be carried manually or discharged on the club grounds except when authorized by the club for hunting predators or deer.

- Anyone running dogs shall mandatorily be required to be in attendance on the area at all times. If the dog is running loose, the owner's name should be given to the Chairman of the Grounds Committee, who will inform the owner to catch his dog. If no action is taken on the part of the owner – he will be subject to being expelled from the club.