



By-Laws

Art. 1 MEMBERSHIP

Application for all membership (except passive and honorary membership) shall be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary, with the applicant being sponsored by one member of the Club.

All prospective members should have access to a computer and the Internet as most communication will be through electronic ways to keep costs at the minimum.

All applicants for active breed membership must be in good standing with CFA.

Art. 2 DUES

Members not paying their dues shall be dropped from the rolls. Such members shall be reinstated after full payment of their dues.

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Active Breed	40	30	40
Active non Breed	40	30	40
Associate	30	25	30
Passive	20	15	20

*The basis for calculating foreign currencies is CHF (Swiss Francs).

Art. 3. MEETING AND ADMINISTRATION

Communication between members will take place via an e-mail list maintained by the secretary and in Chat group forums if available.. Only members can join the forum.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at the request of five or more members.

Meeting minutes shall be made available in the club's electronic library

All members shall be entitled to attend meetings and participate in any discussion.

Three officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 4. ELECTION AND VOTING

Election for directors-at-large may be held in November if necessary. The term of office is four years a minimum, and will be automatically prolonged for the same period of time if nobody declares candidacy to run for such office.

The Club Secretary shall in such case call for declarations to run for office within the time period of October 1-15. The names of all candidates shall be posted on the electronic bulletin board on the club website by October 30. Uncontested offices, as well as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, shall be considered to be elected by acclamation and need not be on the ballot.

Election Procedures shall be as follows: Ballots for the elections of Officers shall be sent by electronic mail to each club member by November 1. They must be returned to a teller selected by the Board who is not involved in the election by November 30. Winning candidates shall be posted on the club website as soon as the results are available. All winning candidates shall take office on January 1 of the odd-numbered year.

A vacancy occurring in any office may be filled by board members.

Art. 5. OFFICERS

President

Shall preside at all meetings, appoint all necessary committees, and perform all functions of the Club requiring executive action.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during the absence or disability of the President, and shall assist the President in such manner as the President may direct.

Secretary

The Secretary shall serve as the contact person for CFA, shall keep the minutes, handle correspondence, collect the dues and turn them over to the treasurer, and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the President.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and hold all monies received by or on behalf of the Club, and keep a correct account thereof.

Art. 7. SHOWS

When ABCE holds a show, all members are not required to attend, but all members should - in some fashion - support the show either by volunteering time, donating raffle or ring prizes, by sending an entry or otherwise help the Club in organizing the show.

Art. 9. DISCIPLINE

It shall be the duty of the Officers to enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of this Club. The Officers may – by a 2/3 vote - reprimand, suspend or expel from membership any person who - after a fair hearing - is found guilty of conduct detrimental or harmful to this club, or the welfare of cats or the cat fancy.

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