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Article I. Name:

This organization shall be known as NATIONAL SIAMESE CAT CLUB.

Article II. Affiliation:

This organization shall be a nonprofit club affiliated with The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. No part of any profit, dues or donations to the organization shall be used to the benefit of any member or individual.

Article III. Objectives:

The objectives of this organization shall be:

- to promote the welfare of all cats
- to promote the breeding of Siamese cats to the standards as accepted by CFA and to protect the purity of the breed,
- to promote Siamese cats through the sponsorship of cat shows, exhibits, displays and breed booths,
- to promote sportsmanship and friendship among Siamese fanciers,
- to sponsor awards for Siamese as decided by the membership,
- to promote Siamese through a club newsletter.

Article IV. Membership:

Persons interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership.

Article V. Officers and Directors:

The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. In addition to the four officers, there shall be five board members. These nine individuals shall be elected by the membership and serve as the executive board and board of directors.

Article VI. Meetings:

The annual meeting of this organization shall be held during the first 90 days of the calendar year. Other meetings shall be held as noted in the By-Laws.

Article VII. Dues:

Annuals dues shall be payable on January 1 of each year. The amount of the dues shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

Article VIII. Dissolution:

In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any property and assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization consistent with the policy of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. In no events shall any such property or assets be distributed to any member of the organization, or to any private individual.

Article IX. Amendments:

This constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members returning ballots on a mail ballot, provided that the text of the amendment shall have been sent to all members 45 days prior to the deadline for ballot return.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Membership

Section A. Types of Membership

1. Regular members – Regular membership is open to individuals interested in the objectives of the organization. Regular members have all privileges of membership, including the right to vote and elect officers and directors.
2. Honorary members – Honorary membership may be granted from time to time to deserving individuals by a majority vote of the organization. Honorary members cannot vote or hold office.
3. Life Long Membership – Life membership may be granted from time to time to individuals who have held longtime membership and have made significant contributions to the organization. Life membership may be granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Life members have all the privileges of regular members, but pay no dues.

Section B. Application for Membership

1. Application for membership must be made in writing and be accompanied by one year's dues.
2. All applications must be signed by a sponsor. Regular and life members in good standing may act as sponsors.
3. Applications must be sent to the secretary.

Section C. Membership Committee

1. The president shall appoint at least 3 individuals to serve as the membership committee.
2. The committee will review all applications for membership and recommend acceptance or rejection of the application to the board of directors.
3. The committee will seek new members from individuals interested in the objectives of the organization.

Section D. Membership Acceptance

The board of directors shall vote on applications. A two-thirds majority vote is needed for acceptance into membership.

Article II. Meetings

Section A. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held each year during the first 90 days of the year. On even number years the ballots for election of officers and directors shall be opened and counted.

Section B. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the organization will be of two types, pre-notice and impromptu.

- Pre-notice meetings can be called by the president to conduct business of the club. The secretary will notify members at least two weeks in advance and supply each with an agenda, the date and place. Members unable to attend can notify the secretary of comments and/or votes on agenda items.
- Impromptu meetings can be held at shows provided five members and one officer or director are in attendance. If the secretary is not present, a member appointed by the officer or director present shall take notes and provide a copy to the club secretary. These meetings are for discussion only and can not be used to determine club policies.

Section C. Quorum

Six members and two officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual meeting, and pre-noticed special meetings.

Article III. Elections

Section A. Balloting:

- Elections will be held by mail ballot on even numbered years.
- The secretary will prepare the ballot, listing all nominees and providing space for write-in candidates.

Section B. Nominations

- In September of odd numbered years, the president shall appoint a nominating committee of three members.
- The committee will nominate at least one person for each office and at least five individuals to run for the positions of director. In years when there is a change in the presidency, the immediate past president will serve one term on the board and the committee will select at least four candidates for director.
- The committee must report their selections by November 1.

Section C. Voting Eligibility

All regular and life long members in good standing will receive ballots.

Section D. Eligibility to Hold Office

Officers in this organization must be Siamese breeders. Directors may be selected from Siamese breeders, past Siamese breeders and owners of Siamese.

Section E. Term of Office

The term of office shall be two years or until a successor is elected.

Section F. Vacancy

A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the balance of the term.

Article IV. Duties of Officers

Section A. President

- shall serve as chief executive officer and conduct all meetings.
- shall appoint special and standing committees as needed.
- shall serve as ex officio member of all committees
- shall serve as Delegate to the CFA annual meeting and any CFA special meetings. In the event the president can not serve as delegate, he/she shall appoint an alternate.

Section B. Vice President

- shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president.

Section C. Secretary

- shall be the recording and corresponding officer.
- shall keep records of all meetings.
- shall inform all applicants of election to membership.
- shall serve as the contact person for CFA.
- shall have custody of all moneys of the organization.
- shall keep records of all receipts and expenditures.
- shall open a bank account in the name of the organization.

Section D. Treasurer

- shall have custody of all moneys of the organization.
- shall keep records of all receipts and expenditures.
- shall open a bank account in the name of the organization.

Article V. Duties of the Board of Directors

The board of directors shall manage the affairs of the organization between meetings.

Article VI. Dues

1. The annual dues of this organization for regular members is \$20.
2. The annual dues of this organization for family membership (two members – one address) is \$30.
3. Honorary members shall pay no dues
4. Life members shall pay no dues.

Article VII. Audit

1. The president shall appoint at least 3 individuals to serve on the audit committee.
2. The committee shall conduct an annual audit of the books and report to the membership at the annual meeting.

Article VIII. Newsletter

1. The president shall appoint the Newsletter Editor.
2. The Newsletter will be published and mailed to all members by the editor.
3. A copy of the Newsletter will be sent to CFA central office.
4. If the budget permits, copies of the Newsletter will be sent to CFA judges and the CFA Board.

Article IX. Discipline

Section A. Enforcement

It shall be the duty of the Board to enforce the Constitution and by-Laws of this organization. The Board may reprimand, suspend or expel from membership any person who, after a fair hearing, is found guilty of conduct detrimental or harmful to this organization or the welfare of cats or the cat fancy.

Section B. Procedure

All charges must be made in writing and a copy of the charges shall be furnished the accused at least 45 days prior to the hearing date. The Board may conduct a hearing itself or appoint a committee to conduct the hearing. The decision of the Board or the committee shall be binding on all parties.

Article X. Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended as provided for in the constitution. The By-Laws may also be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting of the organization.