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STANDING RULES FOR THE STANDARD SCHNAUZER CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

For purposes of this document his/him/he may be substituted with her/she when appropriate.

1. Annual Dues

- a. Family members: \$25.00 / Single \$20.00
- b. Lifetime members: No Dues are assessed

2. Publication

- a. The club newsletter is entitled "The Stripper"
- b. The Secretary (or other Board Appointed member so appointed) is responsible for publishing the Stripper 6 times per year (or every other month)
- c. The Stripper shall include a quarterly Brags and Boasts intended for:
 1. Members to share photos and AKC Title work earned the previous quarter;
 2. Other milestone events achieved by members and their dogs.
 3. Milestone events may include non-titled work such as Search and Rescue or Therapy work by the dog AND non-AKC title work (e.g. ASCA Agility or Herding titles)
 4. Published photos shall be sent via email by the members if they wish to include the photo with the accomplishments.
- d. The Stripper and Brags and Boasts shall be sent via email to all members except those who in writing have asked to receive the publication via U.S. Postal service.
- e. The Stripper shall be used only as an informational and educational publications and not a forum for discussion or disagreements between club members or committees or other "political" or private agendas;
- f. The Stripper will not publish formal photos of SSCNC dogs except in the Brags and Boasts quarterly supplement.

3. Specialty

- a. Second Vice President shall be the Chair of the SSCNC Regional Specialty and shall form any Committees needed to perform the duties as Specialty Chair;
- b. Specialty Chair shall work closely with the Board to set a budget and fund-raising events to support the Specialty;
- c. Judge Selection shall be as attached Guidelines indicate;
- d. Specialty chair shall be the liaison with outside vendors and hosting facilities for the event and may enter into any contract to secure vendors and facilities for the Club and shall from time-to-time delegate this responsibility to Specialty Committee Chair persons;
- e. Specialty Chair shall be the liaison for SSCNC and All-Breed club Specialty chairs as required and may from time-to-time delegate this responsibility to other Specialty Chair Committee members;
- f. Specialty Chair shall be the liaison for SSCNC and all hired Judges and ring stewards and may from time to time delegate this authority to Specialty Committee Chairs
- g. Specialty Chair shall be the liaison between SSCNC and the Superintendent with full authority for planning and scheduling

4. Rescue

- a. The Rescue Chair shall sit as an ex-officio member of the Board and as such has no voting authority on Board decisions;
- b. Rescue efforts shall be limited to those dogs determined to be Purely Bred Standard Schnauzers and not those of possible mixed breeding;
- c. Rescue funds shall be limited to \$1,000.00 per dog to include medical, re-housing, travel to new home, professional evaluation;
- d. No member of SSCNC who voluntarily accepts a rescue dog into their home as a foster dog shall be reimbursed for any expenses the dog may cause to their home or other animals while in their custody and control;
- e. SSCNC may remove an animal from a shelter or home situation in which the animal is in immediate harm, in need of urgent medical care or is in a short term-kill situation or shelter;
- f. SSCNC will not be financially responsible for any animal in which the Standard Club of America (SSCA) or a Breeder, has requested a intervening/ or rescue, except under situations listed in 4e;
- g. Any owner surrender shall be referred to the Breeder of the animal as first recourse;
- h. Any member of SSCNC may be called on by the Rescue Chair to verify the status and breeding of a possible dog in a shelter and report back their findings for SSCNC Board approval, prior to removing the animal from the shelter (except under 4e of this section);
- i. Any person, not a member of SSCNC, who removes an animal from a shelter when 4e above is not invoked, shall not be reimbursed for expenses or costs for removing the animal without prior Board approval.

- j. SSCNC shall charge a fee of not less than \$450.00 for each rescue dog to be paid by the Adopting person(s) when the animal is brought into SSCNC Rescue auspices.
- k. No fee shall be collected if SSCNC is an intermediary to introduce potential Adopters directly with the Shelter or private parties holding a Standard Schnauzer for re-homing.
- l. SSCNC recommends to their members, who are re-homing a dog, to contact their Breeder of record first to return the animal.
- m. SSCNC recommends collecting a stipend fee from the Adopting party on all re-homed Standard Schnauzers whether via private re-homing, breeder re-homing or other re-homing actions.

5. Misc. Expenditures

- a. The Board shall from time-to-time authorize the expenditure of floral arrangements for ill SSCNC members – an amount not to exceed \$100.00
- b. The Board shall from time-to-time authorize the expenditure of General Funds for the day-to-day operations of the club – items such as stamps, printing, office supplies, etc. shall be included in these Operational Expense categories;
- c. The Board may from time-to-time make donations “in memoriam” for persons who are members of SSCNC, SSCA or are long time dog fanciers within the local communities. This donation is limited to \$50.00;
- d. The Board may make any donations so authorized by the majority of the SSCNC Membership present at a Members Meeting that was so voted upon and noted in the official Minutes for said Members Meeting.
- e. The Board shall not make donations to Political Action groups or organizations in any sum that could place SSCNC non-profit status at risk or risk Tax consequences at the State or Federal level for the Club;
- f. The Board does not make donations for SSCNC member dogs *in memoriam*.

6. SSCNC Web Site

- a. SSCNC shall maintain a web site under stdschnauzers.com
- b. SSCNC shall from time-to-time update the site to reflect current club activities, contacts, events, etc... (at least quarterly);
- c. In the absence of a Club Volunteer, a member of the Board shall act as liaison between SSCNC and the Web designer to update and maintain the site;
- d. SSCNC shall maintain the web server and web domain name registration as part of their Operating budget;
- e. SSCNC Board shall from time-to-time allocate funds for upgrading and protection of the web site against phishing, fraud, mal-use, and to remain current with technology changes on the World-Wide-Web.

7. SSCNC Member Events

- a. SSCNC Events shall include a Fun Day and an Educational Event to meet the AKC requirements for our club to have their annual regional specialty
- b. Additional member events may be included from time to time
- c. Member events shall include a Members General Meeting with each event
- d. At least THREE SSCNC Board Members shall be present at any Member Events and must include the President (or 1st VP in his Absence) and the Secretary (or designee) and at least one other Board Member or Member-at-Large.
- e. Committee chairs for Education and Fun Day events shall be named by the President at first meeting of new calendar year after the election
- f. SSCNC Board shall propose or accept proposals of ideas for Fun Day and Educational Event at the first meeting in January
- g. Committee chairs shall submit plans for educational and fun day events with proposed expenditures and dates by the April Board Meeting for final approval (or sooner if money or reservations must be made to secure an event, instructor, place or other reasons)

8. Committees

a. To ensure compliance with AKC rules for holding Specialty Club events and to ensure continuity of Club planning and operations, the following Committees are Standing and serve at the pleasure of the SSCNC Executive Board and may be replaced upon resignation of the Chair or mutual decision by Chair and Executive Board

1. Rescue / Breeder Referral Chair
2. Legislative Liaison
3. SSCNC Web Site design and Operations Liaison

b. To involve members more closely with the day to day operations of SSCNC and to aid the SSCNC Executive Board, executive Committees may be established by the SSCNC Board with the Chair appointed by the President by April of each year.

c. These executive committee chairs serve at the pleasure of the current President and may be replaced by incoming President, resignation, mutual agreement between the Chair and the Executive SSCNC Board, or upon completion of their task for a given year or event. These committees should include at least one member of the Executive Board among their members but not necessarily as the Chair for that committee.

1. Education Chair
2. Fun Day Chair
3. Specialty Judges Selection Committee Chair
4. Way n Means Chair
5. Any others from time to time as need(s) arise