

Association of Gloster Breeders ~ Bylaws
January 1, 2016

Article I ~ Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Association of Gloster Breeders.

Article II ~ Mission Statement

Section 1: The objective of this organization shall be as a non-profit avicultural organization, to promote the breeding, care, exhibiting and improvement of the Gloster Canary in a non-political platform.

Article III ~ Membership and Dues

Section 1: Any person who is interested in the objective of this organization shall be eligible for membership. Exception, if any member in good standing questions the intent or character of an individual or potential member, the Officers and Trustees will investigate the allegations and make a timely decision.

Section 2: Any person applying for membership or any current member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the good of the club, the Fancy, (i.e. who brings disgrace, discredit, exploits the club or any of its members for personal gains, or has or threatens legal action against a member or members of any bird fancy club will be subject to either expulsion from the club or denial of membership. This action will be determined by review and vote of the Officers and Trustees. A decision based on a simple majority vote by the Officers and Trustees is final.

Section 3: A member in good standing is a person whose annual dues are paid on or before January 1 of the membership year. Yearly membership will begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of that same year. There shall be a charge against and payable by all members of the organization in the form of yearly dues. Members who fail to pay this annual charge by March 1 of the membership year will be have their membership automatically suspended and must reapply for reinstatement. Officers of the organization so delinquent will vacate the office they hold and will not be reinstated to their vacated position if they reapply for reinstatement of membership.

Section 4: Any new member joining the club from November through the end of the year shall be considered as being paid through the following year.

Section 5: The annual dues for members shall be in an amount established and voted on by a simple majority of members in good standing present at general meeting or if this does not occur by a simple majority vote by email.

Article IV ~ Meeting

Section 1: The organization will hold a general meeting once a year. At this meeting, only members who have paid their dues for the current year shall be entitled to vote on issues brought up at the meeting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote except in a dual membership where a maximum of two (2) votes shall be allowed, but both of those members must be in attendance.

Section 2: If the annual meeting cannot be held, then the Officers and Trustees shall have the authority to conduct all necessary business for the organization by electronically. A record of any business handled in this manner will be maintained.

Section 3: Club actions via electronically communication:

Recognizing that from time to time there is a need for the Club to take action on some matters of business other than at the prescribed Annual Meeting the following shall be the procedure for handling Club's business electronically: The Club's business can be conducted electronically as a need arises

This requires the following:

- a) Secretary shall send an electronic communication, usually e-mail, initiating the subject of consideration to the members,
- b) Any final results, will be sent to the members by the Secretary,
- c) On a matter requiring a vote only a simple majority of returned votes is required,
- d) Any vote already designated in the bylaws, such as a two-thirds majority required, remains unchanged.
- e) The Secretary shall maintain a record of the correspondence and result.

Article V ~ Officers, Board of Directors

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) elected members, three (3) being the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and the other four (4) being Trustees. No officer shall be able to hold two (2) positions simultaneously.

Article VI ~ Duties of Officers and Trustees

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the annual general meeting of the club, to maintain an orderly meeting, to see that the bylaws are adhered to and enforced, and is responsible for the execution of all motions passed by its members. The President may appoint committees as needed to facilitate the accompaniment of various sundry projects and tasks. All committees will present their facts to the Board of Directors for their decision and presentation to the membership for their decision if necessary.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assume the President's responsibilities in the absence or disability of the President.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to be responsible for the minutes at the annual general meeting and execute the correspondence of the club. The Secretary/Treasurer will have charge of all funds of the club, keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures and make a full report at the annual general meeting or when necessary. The Secretary/Treasurer may use club funds to any routine expenses as the need arises and without specific approval.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Officers and Trustees to see to the welfare of the club and to see that the bylaws are strictly adhered to and enforced.

Section 5: All retiring or outgoing officers or trustees shall deliver to their successors all properties belonging to the club within two (2) weeks of vacating their positions.

Article VII ~ Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers and Trustees

Section 1: At the yearly general meeting, nominations of officers and trustees may be made by any member in good standing present at that meeting or by any member in good standing in writing to the Secretary in advance of the regular general meeting.

Section 2: Officers and trustees whose names are placed on the ballot, must be members in good standing for the period that they will serve their term in.

Section 3: Election of officers and trustees shall be by ballot sent to all members in good standing and a majority of returned ballots shall elect.

Section 4: Newly elected officers and trustees shall take office in January following the election.

Section 5: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, shall serve for one (1) year and Trustees shall serve for one (1) year.

Section 6: If the yearly general meeting cannot be held for any reason, the task of holding an election will be defaulted to the Secretary, who must solicit from the membership nominations for candidates for the expiring positions. A ballot is then to be sent to all members in good standing before the end of the current year. This may be done electronically.

Section 7: Vacancies in any Office or Trustee position shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors, for the remainder of that term.

Article VIII ~ Bands

Section 1: Only members of the club who have paid their annual dues shall be eligible to purchase club bands of the same year. To ensure traceability no member shall give or sell club bands to any other member whatsoever unless the Secretary/Treasurer is notified of band numbers and club member involved.

Article IX ~ Complaints

Section 1: All complaints must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary, who will then in turn make sure that all members of the Board of Directors receives a copy of the written complaint. The Board of Directors will then investigate the complaint, render a written decision to those individuals involved in the complaint, and do so in a timely manner.

Article X ~ Recall of Officers, Trustees

Section 1: Any Officer or Trustee is subject to recall as a result of a signed petition of 20% of the current year members in good standing of the club. Copies of said petition are to be sent to all Board of Directors to initiate the process. Board of Directors not affected shall be assigned the task of reviewing and acting on said petition. A final decision to be determined by a majority vote of said board and the position filled by an appointment of the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term, if so indicated.

Article XI ~ Amending of the Bylaws

Section 1: The Bylaws of the club may be amended, repealed, altered or a new one adopted at the annual general meeting of the club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present or by mail, or electronically, when approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of ballots returned by the members in good standing for that current year.

Article XII ~ Dissolving of the Club

Section 1: If the club changes for any reason; i.e. from the current name (Association of Gloster Breeders), from the current form, by a simple majority vote of the officers and Board, or a merger, then the club will be declared dissolved and the monies in the treasury will be distributed back to the members as follows:

a. The Secretary/Treasurer will pay any outstanding financial obligations and then distribute the remaining balance, via shares, to current paid members as follows:

The value of a share will be determined by taking a count of the current paid membership, a count of the current board members, and a count of the officers. The treasury will be divided by this total of members, board and officers* to determine the value of a share.

Share dollars will be rounded down to the nearest dollar. Shares will be paid as follows:

- 1 share to each current paid member
- 2 shares to each member currently serving as a Trustee.
- 3 shares to each member currently serving as an officer.

b. * A member shall only claim one status.

c. Any remaining treasury balance shall become the property of the Newsletter Editor in consideration for services rendered in the preparation of the quarter newsletter on the clubs behalf.