

CONSTITUTION OF THE DELMARVA POULTRY FANCIERS CLUB

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be called the Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club (here-in-after the club).

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Club membership shall be open to any person of good character who is interested in Exhibition Poultry (chickens, waterfowl, turkeys, etc.) and who applies for membership, and agrees to support the objectives of the club.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVE

This club shall be non-profit, and shall have the objective of promoting the raising, breeding and showing of Exhibition Poultry and of providing a means of communication, mutual encouragement and exchange of information regarding Exhibition Poultry among its members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Club officers, who shall be elected at each Annual Meeting, are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary and two Directors. The term of office shall be one year, except that each shall serve until his or her successor takes office.

Members shall serve in only one elective office at a time but may succeed themselves in office. Elected officers shall be at least eighteen years of age. After June 1978, only members who have served at least one year as an elected officer shall be elected President.

Appointive Club Officers, whose term of office shall be until the next Annual Meeting following their appointment, are Membership Chairman, Nominations Chairman, Show Chairman, Show Superintendent, Show Secretary, Publicity Chairman, Awards Chairman, Premium List Chairman and Food Booth Chairman and Decorations Chairman.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The two Directors, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President or either Director may call a meeting of this Committee. Three members shall constitute a quorum. This Committee shall have the power to act on all matters reserved for the membership in the absence of an Annual Meeting, or of a quorum at an Annual Meeting; to remove members from office

and from the Club rolls for cause; and to act on all matters not specifically covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCES

The Club funds shall be derived primarily from membership dues, entry fees and donations. No Club money shall be paid or be committed to be paid without specific authorization by the membership at a Regular or Annual Meeting. Club funds shall be kept in a checking account and/or savings account, payments from which shall require the signature of the Treasurer. Dues shall be on a calendar year basis and must be paid by April 1 of each year for a member to be in good standing.

ARTICLE VII – MEETING

The Club shall hold an Annual Meeting each June, at a central location in the Club's area, for electing and installing officers, hearing reports and for such other matters as may be brought before the meeting. Additional Regular Meetings shall be held as the membership may decide and in content shall emphasize matters related to the objectives of this Club. Current (2011) meeting schedules are monthly, every second Tuesday of the month during October, November, December, February, March, April, May and June. The September meeting is usually held at the annual club picnic, and the January meeting is regularly held at the annual Christmas Dinner. There are no meetings in July and August. All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – ANNUAL SHOW

The Club shall endeavor to hold an Annual Poultry Show which shall be open to the public and which shall accept entries of Exhibition Poultry under terms and rules generally applicable at poultry shows and as published in the Premium List.

ARTICLE IX – RATIFICATION

The Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective upon receiving the signatures of ten members of the present organization of the same following receiving the affirmative vote of three quarters of the present organization's members present at a meeting announced for that purpose. Upon ratification, all members, property, assets, liabilities, and records shall become part of the Club.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by a member submitting a proposed amendment in writing to the presiding officer at a Regular Meeting, by its receiving an affirmative vote of three-quarters of members in good standing present at that meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE DELMARVA POULTRY FANCIERS CLUB

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint members to fill such positions as are not elective, and shall appoint committees necessary to help accomplish Club objectives. They shall see that the Club works effectively toward its objectives, that the Constitution and By-Laws are followed, that the Clubs assets and monies are properly handled and accounted for and that others with responsibility to the club know and fulfill their duties. They shall arrange for the Club's meeting place and meeting programs, and shall represent the Club in activities and programs outside the Club.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall act for the President at the Latter's request, and shall conduct meetings of the Club in the absence of the President. They shall serve as President for the remainder of the term upon the office becoming vacated. Additionally, they shall study the Constitution and By-Laws and propose needed amendments for consideration by the membership.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary shall send and receive the official correspondence of the Club and shall notify the membership of regular and special meetings; record the minutes of all meetings of the Club; maintain and keep current a list of Club members and their addresses; maintain a permanent file of all minutes, correspondence, reports and other papers or materials relating to the Club's activities; notify candidates for office of the election results.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive money due or donated to the Club; record, hold and account for the Club's money and other assets; issue membership cards; pay Club bills subject to approval by the Club; and prepare and present a Treasurer's report at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE APPOINTED OFFICES

- Nominating Chairman – shall after consultation with members of the Club, present a slate of candidates for elective office at the Annual Meeting; This Chairman will normally be one of the Directors.
- Show Chairman – shall have over-all responsibility for the Club's Annual Poultry Show and shall make recommendations to the President and the Club regarding regulations governing the show, the date, the judges to be obtained and the

- members to be appointed to the show positions. They shall also be responsible for hospitality to visitors and exhibitors at the show.
- Show Superintendent – shall have responsibility for the general physical set-up and conduct of the Annual Poultry Show.
 - Show Secretary – shall be responsible for sending out the premium lists requested after the initial mailing, receiving the entries, preparing the cooping assignments and exhibitors' lists, assigning the judges, receiving judges' reports, reporting the show results and accounting for the entry fees and sale cage fees involved. They shall also see that the show results are reported to Poultry Press.
 - Publicity Chairman – shall be responsible for publicizing Club activities, including the Annual Poultry Show.
 - Awards Chairman – shall make recommendations about and be responsible for procurement of the awards to be given by the Club at the Annual Poultry Show.
 - Premium List Chairman – shall prepare, have printed and send out the initial mailing of the Premium List for the Annual Poultry Show.
 - Food Booth Chairman – Shall be responsible for running the food booth at the Annual Poultry Show.
 - Decorations Chairman – Shall be responsible for decorating the show hall at the Annual Poultry Show.

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND VOTING

A nominee for elective office must be a member in good standing and have stated his willingness to serve. Members must be at least eighteen years of age in order to vote or to nominate.

ARTICLE VII- DUES

Annual dues shall be as follows unless otherwise voted at an Annual Meeting: Family (including legal dependents under 19 years of age) \$7.50; Individuals (Over 18 years of age) \$5.00. Suggested amounts for dues should be decided at a club meeting by the membership.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT

These By-Laws may be amended by a member submitting a proposed amendment in writing to the presiding officer at a regular meeting, by its receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing present at that meeting.