

BADGER GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.
Operating Policies

The following Club policies have been reviewed and condensed by the Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. A complete copy of the Club Policies including dates when they were approved, is available from the Secretary.

The Policies have been made for the betterment of the Club and to facilitate its operation in a smooth and orderly manner. They are placed under the following Articles:

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These Policies are amended and revised from time to time, and will be updated as needed.

The Bylaws Committee
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ARTICLE I - Code of Ethics

- The Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc. follows the current Code of Ethics as adopted by the Golden Retriever Club of America.
- No officer, board member, or member shall cause the circulation of any proposal, suggestion, or resolution to the general membership of the Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc. in the name of the Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc. unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of these Operating Policies is to augment the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III - Administration

Administration of all Club affairs shall be vested in the Board of Directors duly elected by the General Membership.

ARTICLE IV - Club Provisions

The Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc. may hold the following functions and meetings as available workers and participation allows:

- Bimonthly general membership meetings at a location within a 50 mile radius of Milwaukee County boundaries unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors
- Sanctioned conformation, obedience, or other fun matches
- Sanctioned all-breed retriever field trial
- Working Certificate/Working Certificate Excellent text and/or training clinic
- Licensed all-breed retriever field trial (if designated by the Golden Retriever Club of America)
- Various health clinics
- Licensed specialty and obedience trial
- Participation in special publicity events such as "World of Dogs", parades, etc.
- Clinics, seminars, and workshops of interest to members and the general public
- Sanctioned and/or licensed hunting retriever tests
- Sanctioned and or licensed agility trials
- Publication of a bimonthly newsletter

ARTICLE V - Membership

Application for membership is to be obtained from the Membership Chairman, as appointed by the Board of Directors. A person seeking membership in the Badger Golden Retriever Club can apply for one of the following types of membership:

- Voting Membership - either single or family
- Non-voting Membership - either associate or junior

Applicants for voting membership will receive a complimentary copy of the newsletter until their membership is voted on. Persons requesting a membership application will be sent one(1) complimentary copy of the newsletter.

The following rules apply when applying for membership in the Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc.:

Voting Membership

This membership is limited to those willing to put forth productive effort in the progress of the Club through Club activities.

1. A prospective member is required to attend two (2) functions of the Club within the past 12 months prior to applying for membership. **THE PROSPECTIVE MEMBER MUST ATTEND THE GENERAL**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING WHEN MEMBERSHIP IS VOTED ON.

2. After completing requirement (1), the application accompanied by one year's dues, must be submitted to the Membership Chairman for publication in the newsletter and for reading at one membership meeting.
3. After requirements (1) and (2) are completed, the application will be read and voted upon by the membership at the next meeting after submission of the application. A favorable vote by 3/4 of the voting members present and voting at the meeting will approve the applicant for membership. If there is no quorum, and no previous objections have been raised, the applicant will be admitted as if voted upon.
4. Voting members must fulfill the requirement for meeting attendance and participation delineated in the Trophy Requirements for participation in annual awards.

The above policy is intended to result in the acceptance of only those applicants to voting membership who desire to be active and remain so.

Non-voting Membership

There shall be three types of non-voting memberships - associate, junior, and honorary. Of these, only associate and junior may specifically be applied for. These memberships carry NO voting privileges, and may not hold office. Only the junior membership is eligible to receive Annual Awards. All non-voting members may attend all club functions and will receive the newsletter.

1. A prospective non-voting member is not required to attend two function prior to applying for membership.
2. Associate members may be changed to a family or individual membership at any time by paying the difference between the two memberships, and by complying with the balance of the requirements for voting membership. Associate membership carriers no trophy rights. If a membership is changed from associate to family or single during the year, trophy rights are not retroactive for that year.

All new single and/or family membership applications must state on the form what two functions the applicants have attended. These two functions must have been within the last 12 months prior to applying for membership.

Out-of-state applicants, who are moving to Wisconsin and wish to apply for membership in the Badger Golden Retriever Club, may use out-of-state club members for endorsements.

All applications for prospective members will be presented to the Board of Directors by the Membership Chairman for approval to be published in the next issue of the newsletter and then voted upon by the General Membership.

The membership year is from January 1 to December 31.

Voting on new members will be done on written ballots with a Tellers Committee of three to be appointed by the President to count the ballots. Unless an applicant is denied membership, ballots can be destroyed at the conclusion of the membership meeting. If the application is denied, the Secretary will keep the ballots for 3 months.

Dues notices will be mailed to each Club member during the month of October of each year. Payment is to be received no later than January 1 of the following year.

All renewal membership dues will be sent to the membership chairman.

ARTICLE VI - General Membership & Board Policies

All events, licensed or sanctioned must be held within the Southeastern portion of the State of Wisconsin [Nolan, AKC]

Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc. will obtain a listing in any all-breed kennel club's breeder directory program if it

is feasible and within reason for the BGRC to do so.

Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc. will maintain membership in the Wisconsin Association of Field Trial Clubs, Inc. and the Golden Retriever Club of America, and will submit dues annually.

Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc. will maintain liability insurance for all functions of the Club which the public attends or participates in.

An executive committee consisting of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will vote on GRCA issues, and BGRC business when it is not possible to contact the entire Board and/or voting membership.

Board members are to serve the general membership, not dictate their personal ambitions. Acceptance or changes in policy should be binding.

A Board meeting is recommended prior to any special Club function such as a match, specialty, or other event.

A chairman of a committee or function will report to the Membership Chairman the people who worked such committee or function. The Membership Chairman will provide a suitable form to each chairperson.

ARTICLE VII - Club Expenses

1. The Treasurer is authorized to approve for payment, if in order, all bills presented for payment up to an amount of \$50. This does not pertain to expenses normally incurred by the newsletter editor or other routine expenditures for committees.
2. The Treasurer and/or President shall be authorized to sign checks and/or savings passbooks.
3. The Treasurer may transfer funds out of savings into checking if the balance becomes too low.
4. The Club shall place a full page catalog ad and donate an amount determined by the Board of Directors to the Trophy Fund of the club hosting the GRCA National Specialty. The Club shall also place a ½ page ad and donate an amount determined by the Board of Directors to the trophy fund of the club hosting the Central Regional Specialty. The Treasurer will oversee the ads and the donations.
5. All committee chairmen are required to submit a financial report with the Board of Directors. The committee chairman should consult with the Treasurer to provide as accurate a report as possible within two months of the conclusion of the event.

ARTICLE VIII - Newsletter

1. The newsletter editor shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of the year.
2. The newsletter shall be published six times per year with the deadline dates changed appropriate to give enough time for informing members of various functions for the year.
3. The newsletter is to be part of the dues paid for an associate or full voting member. Anyone wishing to subscribe only to the newsletter shall pay the full Associate Membership fee.
4. The newsletter is to be mailed via first class to all members of BGRC. Complimentary copies can be exchanged with other Golden Retriever Clubs. The exchange newsletters should be sent to the President and made available for review at the general membership meetings. A copy of the newsletter should also be sent to the Golden Retriever Club of America President, Central Region Vice-president, and Central Region Directors. Prospective members will be mailed one complimentary copy. Applicants for voting membership will be mailed a copy until their membership is voted upon.

