

Marion Alachua Dog Training Association, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

President Joan Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM with Mary Riley, Sue Veres, Brenda Allison, Cindy Elliott Deak, and Donna Hamm in attendance. A quorum was declared with 6 members present. Aline Brisendine, Carol Harrison, Pat Paulding, and Robin Stewart and were absent.

Mary Riley presented the proposed by-laws as recommended by the By-Laws Review Committee.

The attendees reviewed and edited the proposal.

MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded to accept the by-laws through Article II, Section 1 as revised at this meeting. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

The approved by-laws follow: This is verbiage only, the document still requires proper formatting.

MARION-ALACHUA DOG TRAINING ASSOCIATION, INC.
CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 1
NAME AND MISSION

Section 1 The name of MADTA shall be Marion-Alachua Dog Training Association, Incorporated; hereafter referred to as MADTA.

Section 2 The mission of MADTA shall be:

A. To foster and to promote the welfare of dogs, to hold performance events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club; hereafter referred to as AKC, and to promote other dog-related events.

B. To promote good sportsmanship among its members and the community in the training and exhibition of dogs.

Section 3 MADTA shall not conduct or operate for profit and no part of any profits or remainder shall accrue to the benefit of any member. MADTA will not engage in any lobbying or political activities.

Section 4 The members of MADTA shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out the MISSION.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE I
Membership

Section 1 - Eligibility: While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, MADTA's primary MISSION is to represent the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate geographic area. Membership is open to all persons who are in good standing with the AKC and who subscribe to the MISSION of MADTA.

- A. Voting Membership: Adult members (individuals eighteen years of age or older) who are in the membership categories defined below may vote and hold office.
1. Single: Membership for 1 eligible adult individual.
 2. Household: Up to 3 adult family members living in the same house; i.e. spouse/partner, parents/adult children.
 3. Honorary lifetime membership: Members who have met the requirements and are approved by the general membership or the Board of Directors.
 4. Non-Voting Membership: Membership categories defined below may be members, but may not vote or hold office.
 - A. Junior Membership: Open to all persons under eighteen years of age.

B. Household Members who are under eighteen years of age.

Section 2 Dues:

A. Membership shall be annual: The amount of dues to be determined by the Board at a meeting prior to elections.

B. Dues shall be for the period of January 1 through December 31. New members voted in after October 1 will be granted membership for the following year.

C. Notice shall be sent by electronic mail not later than November 15 of each year to each member notifying that annual dues are due and payable.

D. Annual dues are due by December 31. A grace period to January 31 will be granted. If dues are not paid by January 31, the person(s) will have to reapply for a new membership.

Section 3 Election to Membership:

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of MADTA.

A. A person interested in becoming a member must attend two(2) consecutive club meetings as a guest. Exceptions to this sub-section may be granted by the Board of Directors.

B. Prior to being voted upon for full membership, the applicant must complete at least one volunteer activity.

C. Upon completion of the membership requirements, the completed application and appropriate dues will be submitted to the membership chair.

D. The Membership Chair will present the application to the members. An affirmative vote of 50% of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required to elect the applicant.

Section 4 Termination of Membership:

Memberships may be terminated:

A. By resignation: Any member in good standing may resign from MADTA upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary.

B. By Lapsing: A membership will be considered automatically terminated if a member's dues remain unpaid after the January 31.

C. By Expulsion: A member may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

Meetings and Voting

Section 1 Club Meetings:

General Meetings of MADTA shall be held in the Greater Gainesville/Ocala, Florida area.

MADTA will meet at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors but not less than six times a year. Membership shall be notified of the meetings. The quorum for each meeting shall be a minimum of 20% of MADTA's total membership. The quorum for general meetings may be determined by the Board of Directors at a meeting prior to the elections.

A Special Meeting was called for Wednesday, February 15 at 6 PM to continue to work on the remainder of the proposed changes.

MOTION by Cindy Elliott Deak was seconded to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Hamm, Recording Secretary