Midland Afghan Hound Club Constitution

1. NAME AND OBJECTS
The Club shall be called 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club' and its objects shall be:

a) To promote the furtherance of the Afghan Hound according to the Breed Standard as issued by the Kennel Club
b) To hold shows for the purpose of exhibiting and, at the discretion of the Committee, to guarantee classes at shows held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations
c) To further the interests and standards of the Breed, especially in the Midland's area
d) To promote the interests of responsible dog breeding

2. CONSTITUTION
The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and a Committee of 6 and an unlimited number of Members, with no restriction placed upon where they reside.

3. ELECTION OF MEMBERS
Candidates for membership shall be accepted on payment of subscription, subject to approval and election by a majority at a Committee Meeting.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS
The Single and Joint annual subscription shall be determined by Members at a General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. No-one shall be deemed a Member, nor entitled to the privilege of membership, until his/her subscription has been paid, except in the case of the President, who shall be entitled to Honorary Membership with all the privileges of membership, without payment of subscription, for the duration of his/her office.

In the event of any Member/s failing to pay the annual subscription on, or before 31 January, it shall be necessary for the Committee to approve that membership as in Rule 3 above.

Members wishing to resign from the Club shall express their wish in writing to the Club Secretary.

5. NOTICE OF SUBSCRIPTION
The Secretary shall, before 31 January in each year, give written notice to any Member who has not paid his/her subscription due on 1 January and after 31 January shall apply Rule 4.

6. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS
Any Member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11.i (5) and/or Kennel Club Rule A11.i (9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the 'Midland Afghan Hound Club'.

If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club', be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club', the Committee may convene a Special General Meeting, the notice of which gives an object that includes the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determining that a Special General Meeting of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club' shall be called for the purpose of a passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall be erased from the list of Members. He/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club' except he/she may within 2 calendar months from the date of such a Meeting appeal to the Kennel Club, upon and subject to, such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

7. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the following Officers of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club': President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and a Committee consisting of 6 Members, all of whom shall retire annually at the General Meeting.

All Officers shall be Members of the Committee and shall retire every year at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election at the Meeting.

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE
All Members of the Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election at that Meeting.

In the event that vacancies for Officers and/or Committee posts are contested, voting at the Annual General Meeting shall be by paper ballot.

All Officers and Committee shall have full voting rights at Committee and General Meetings.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt Members onto the Committee in the event of positions becoming vacant between General Meetings.

Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Society at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.

Co-opted Committee Members shall have full voting rights at Committee Meetings.

No person whilst an un-discharged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment.

9. POWER OF THE COMMITTEE
Where the use of the word 'Committee' occurs in the Rules, it is read to include Officers.

The Committee shall have powers to form Sub Committees or Sub Committees of Members not elected at a General Meeting.

Where a Sub Committee includes Members of the Club who have not been elected to office at a General Meeting, those members of that Sub Committee shall have no voting powers when reporting to the Committee. The Sub Committee should have at least one member of the current elected Committee who should act as Chairman on that day.

The Committee in its conduct of affairs of the Club shall have full power to deal with all matters not provided for in the Rules of the Club.

10. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary and not less than twice within the year of office.

No Committee Meeting shall be held during the 2 weeks before an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

The quorum for any Committee meeting and vote must be one half (rounded up to a whole number) of the complete membership of the Committee**,** excluding vacancies**.** A minimum of 5 Members must be present: Committee Members: 12 or 11 = 6 10 or 9 = 5

Three consecutive absences from duly convened Committee Meetings, without apology or reason, shall be deemed a resignation of Officers, or Committee Membership.

11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting will be held as near to the second Sunday in March as is practical for the following purposes:

a) To receive from the Committee its Annual Reports, Balance Sheets and Statement of Accounts, duly audited. The certified Accounts will be made available on request to Members fourteen days prior to the AGM.
b) To elect Officers in accordance with Rule 7
c) To elect the Committee in accordance with Rule 8
d) To appoint an Auditor
e) To discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Secretary.

No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those, which in the opinion of the Chairman of the General Meeting are urgent.

Notice of an Annual General Meeting will be outlined by this Rule.

The Committee's Reports and Balance Sheet shall be in the hands of all Members prior to the Annual General Meeting together with the Agenda and detailed resolutions submitted as below.
Members eligible to receive Reports and Balance Sheets shall all be fully paid up Members for the year of that Balance Sheet, along with newly elected and fully paid up Members.

Notice of any motion to be tabled at an Annual General Meeting shall be signed by a Proposer and Seconder and given in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days before the date appointed for such a meeting.

A Quorum shall be **12** members present and entitled to vote.

12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee and only then by a majority of its Members, including Officers **or** by written requisition signed by 25 Members, duly paid up and presented to the Club Secretary.

No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting.

The notice to convene the Special General Meeting shall be issued to all Members at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Any decision shall be on a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

The Quorum shall be **20** Members present and entitled to vote.

13. VOTING RIGHTS
Each Member shall be entitled to one vote immediately upon approval of membership.

Joint Members will be allowed and there shall be one vote for each Member of the partnership.

Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Voting shall be by show of hands as decided by majority at the Meeting, except in instances of contested Committee vacancies, which will be held by paper ballot, as outlined in Rule 8.

There is currently no provision for junior membership, or voting rights.

14. MEMBERSHIP
An up-to-date list of Members shall be maintained and if so requested, made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Society.

A declaration of the number of Members of the Club shall be made with the Annual Returns to the Kennel Club.

15. PROPERTY OF THE CLUB
All revenue of the Club shall be lodged in a bank account approved by the Committee and shall be in the name of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club'.

The Committee must pass all accounts and all cheques must be signed by any 2 Officers.

All cups and other items relating to the Club Shows shall be vested in the Committee, who shall be Trustees thereof, as will any other miscellaneous items of property.

In the event of the winding up of the Club, its property will be disposed of by the Trustees appointed at a Special General Meeting called for such a purpose.

Trophies shall, where possible, be returned to the donors.

16. BANKING AND AUDITING
The Treasurer shall keep the Accounts and an independent Auditor, unconnected to the Committee, shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting, who shall audit the Club's Accounts for the past year before the next Annual General Meeting.

17. FINANCIAL YEAR
The financial year of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club' shall be from 1 January to 31 December each year.

18. SECRETARY
All communication to the Club will be addressed to the Secretary at all times and matters requiring the attention of the Committee will be presented at the next Meeting.

19. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB
The Club shall not be dissolved except by majority vote in favour by three-quarters of the Members present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

One calendar month's notice convening such a Meeting shall be sent to all Members.

20. AMENDMENTS TO RULES
The Rules of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club' may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the notice for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules.

Any proposed alterations to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration, which will be sent to the Kennel Club within one month from the date of the General Meeting.

New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

21. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB
The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, the Maintenance of Title Fee will be paid by Direct Debit to the Kennel Club by the Treasurer for continuance of Registration and that by 31 July each year, other Returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities will be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club which may occur during the course of the year.

22. KENNEL CLUB FINAL AUTHORITY
The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules of 'The Midland Afghan Hound Club' in all cases relative to canine or society matters.

23. NON-FEDERATION
'The Midland Afghan Hound Club' will not join any federation or Societies of Clubs.

A COPY OF THE CURRENT CLUB RULES SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS!

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