

2005 REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 PREAMBLE We, the members of Canadian American Sledders Inc., in order to provide an orderly and efficient means by which to accomplish the purpose of the membership do hereby set forth this document, the Constitution of the Canadian American Sledders, Incorporated in the State of New York.

ARTICLE 2 NAME The name of the club shall be Canadian-American Sledders Inc. The address of the club shall be the residence address of the current secretary.

ARTICLE 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT The membership hereby gratefully acknowledges those members who organized the club at Lakefield, Ontario in 1962 and who drafted the original Charter. These Charter Members are:

Sanford Cheney & Family	David Dean	Alfred Riese & Family
Jerry Rouse & Family	Verner Zoschke	Ralph & Beverly Ward
George Smillie & Family	James McCormick	Emerson Riley & Family
Donald Whetung & Family	Tony Jennings	Wally Campbell & Family
Donald Hazlett & Family		

ARTICLE 4 PURPOSE The purpose of the club is to promote interest in the sport of sled dog racing; to encourage participation in the sport by drivers, handlers, officials, spectators and sponsors; to improve racing conditions for teams, drivers, spectators and sponsors; to promote the sport in areas where it is not known; to encourage participation at racing events of allied activities, e.g. weight pulls, obedience demonstrations, ect; to stress proper care and handling of sled dogs among the membership. The club is not organized for pecuniary benefit and shall not make or declare dividends.

ARTICLE 5 AFFILIATIONS The Canadian-American Sledders Inc. as a club may maintain membership in other Sled Dog Racing Associations as benefit the purposes of the club. Whenever possible it shall send delegates to the meeting of such Associations. Individual members may, at their own choosing, become members of these Associations, however, unless appointed as a delegate by the President they shall make no statement or cast any vote in the name of the club.

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP (a) Anyone may become a member of the club if he/she is in full accord with the purpose of the club. To become a member an applicant must complete an application on a form provided. On tendering his application he/she will automatically become an Associate Member and will remain an Associate Member until accepted by the membership

(b) Types of Membership, Single Membership: 18 years of age and over.

Youth Membership: Under 18 years of age (May become Regular Members).

Family Membership: Married couple or married couple with children under 18 years of age. Upon being accepted for regular membership, spouses will become regular members and children will become Associate Members.

ARTICLE 7 DUTIES & PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS Every member must uphold the purposes of the club, should take part in as many club meetings and activities as practical, conduct himself in a sportsmanlike manner, maintain dues on a current basis. He/she must not make any utterance or take part in any activity, which is detrimental to the purpose of the club. Repeated failure to comply shall be grounds for expulsion from the membership. Associate members have the same duties and privileges of Regular members except they may not vote or hold office.

ARTICLE 8 OFFICERS The club shall elect from its membership six Directors; one to be President, one Vice-President, one Secretary and one Treasurer. These, along with the immediate past President, shall form the Board of Directors. When conditions warrant the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at which time an additional Director will be elected. This will be determined by vote at the meeting in which the election to these offices it to take place.

ARTICLE 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Club and carry out the directives of the membership except that the Board of Directors shall not make any disbursement or obligate the Club to any indebtedness in excess of \$50.00 without the approval of the membership. Directors may not be or becomes officers of any similar club, except sled dog racing federations, while a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10 TERM OF OFFICE Term of office of the officers and other directors shall be two years; they may succeed themselves on the Board of Directors once. Election of the officers and other directors shall be by secret ballot at the annual meetings. The President and two Directors shall be elected in the odd ears. The Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer OR Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and one Director shall be elected in the even numbered years. Successful candidates will take office during the meeting at which they are elected at a time designated by the presiding President, and books of report shall be turned over to new officers within thirty days.

ARTICLE 11 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Board of Directors. He shall be a member of all committees. He shall make all appointments. In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Directors he shall, with the approval of the Board, appoint a member to complete the term.
- b. The Vice-President shall be responsible for all club equipment. In the absence of the President he shall exercise all the duties of the President.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and Board of Directors and present these records at succeeding meetings for approval. He shall handle all correspondences and send all notices and announcements of the Club.
- d. The Treasurer shall collect all Club revenues and make all disbursements. He shall keep and accurate account of all transactions and shall make a report of all transactions at each meeting.

ARTICLE 12 MEETINGS There shall be two regular meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors each year; one in May or June and one in September or October. Selection of the date, time, and place shall be made by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet at least one hour prior to the Club meetings. The May or June meeting shall be the Annual Meeting. The fiscal year of the Club shall be from annual meeting to annual meeting. Special meetings of the membership may be called when necessary by the Board of Directors or at the request of at least ten members. Notice of regular meeting shall be sent to the members no less than three weeks prior to the day of such meeting and of special meetings, ten days.

Location of the two regular meetings shall be determined by the residency of the greater proportion of members with voting status. When membership residency is between forty and sixty percent in one country, one meeting shall be held in the United States and one in Canada. When membership residency is sixty or greater percent in one country, that country shall host both meetings. At all regular and special meetings of the club a quorum shall consist of one Director, a recording secretary with voting status, and five additional voting members.

ARTICLE 13 COMMITTEES

- a. A Membership Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting by the President. This committee shall receive all applications for membership and present them at the next annual meeting. This committee shall also have such other duties pertinent to membership as directed by the President.
- b. A Nominating Committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the President at the fall meeting. It shall prepare a slate of candidates, two if possible, for each office to be vacated and present it to the Secretary in time to be incorporated in the notice of the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- c. An Auditing Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting at which the term of Treasurer Expires. This committee shall audit the financial records of the Club and present a report at the next regular meeting.
- d. A Race Coordinator shall be appointed by the President at each fall meeting. This coordinator shall coordinate and regulate the activities of persons wishing to manage individual races.
- e. Other committees or individuals may be appointed by the President as becomes necessary or expedient.

ARTICLE 14 DUES AND ASSESSEMENT Membership dues shall be in the amount stipulated in the By-Laws subject to change by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable annually prior to the Annual Meeting. Applicants for membership shall submit on year's dues with their application. A member's privileges will be suspended whose dues are in arrears. Assessment may be made in cases of extreme necessity by approval of the membership at a regular or special meeting. United States or Canadian currency will be accepted at face value.

ARTICLE 15 SALARIES The officers of the Club may be paid an annual salary commensurate with their duties in amounts stipulated in the By-Laws. Offices to be paid salaries and the amount of the salary shall be decided by the membership at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE 16 AMENDMENTS Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be presented in writing in substantially their proposed form at a regular meeting of the Club. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the members present at that meeting and the following regular meeting will be required for acceptance.

ARTICLE 17 DISSOLUTION This club may be dissolved at any time by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the general membership in good standing either at a meeting or the club or by signed, mailed ballot. After payment of all debts and liabilities of the Club, the property and assets of the club shall be divided equally among these members.

BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
CANADIAN AMERICAN SLEDDERS INC.

1. THE ANNUAL DUES SHALL BE \$20.00 Family, \$15.00 Single, \$5.00 Youth
2. Directors and duly appointed members shall be reimbursed for all reasonably expensed incurred directly incidental to the performance of their duties. These expenses shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors or the Club. In general they shall include postage, telephone and the like. Travel expenses shall require prior approval. They shall not include expenses of Race Managers or expenses incurred in attending regular meetings.
3. The Canadian-American Sledders, Inc. may maintain membership in the International Sled Dog Racing Association.
4. All Club races will be conducted in accordance with the current Club Race Kit.
5. The Club may host or co-sponsor open or invitational races in which members and non-members may enter. The conducting of any such race shall be managed by a committee of no less than three members appointed by the President. All activities and arrangements of this committee must be approved by the Board of Directors before entering into any agreement with a sponsor and before inviting entries to the race.
6. PAST PRESIDENTS SHALL RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT DUES PROVIDED THEY DO NOT COMPETE AS A DRIVER OR OWNER IN ANY CANADIAN-AMERICAN SLEDDERS RACES & CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLUB IN SOME WAY WITHIN A TWO YEAR TIME FRAME.