

# AMERICAN KUNEKUNE PIG SOCIETY BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I NAME, PURPOSE AND MISSION

History of changes  
02/16/2018 – highlighted in red.

### **SECTION 1.1 NAME**

The name of the organization shall be American KuneKune Pig Society.

### **SECTION 2.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Society shall be to provide a nonprofit, membership driven registry for KuneKune Pigs in the United States. The Society shall be governed solely by the membership and for the membership.

### **SECTION 3.1 MISSION**

It shall be the mission of the Society to encourage a spirit of collaboration amongst breeders, to promote and improve the breed of KuneKune swine through ownership, breeding, exhibition and education and to protect and preserve the breed and the breed standard by maintaining a permanent and ongoing record of their lineage.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

### **SECTION 2.1 ELIGIBILITY**

Membership in the Society shall be open to all who share the philosophy of the Society's Mission. Membership is not limited to residents or citizens of the United States of America.

### **SECTION 2.2 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION**

The Society shall have the following classes of membership:  
Individual

(\*02/16/2018 removed Youth and Family memberships)

### **SECTION 2.3 DUES**

Dues are payable on or before the member's official join date each year.

### **SECTION 2.4 MEMBERS RIGHTS**

Each member in good standing shall have the right to vote on all issues put before the membership. Each member shall have a voice in the future growth, formation and governing of the Society.

### **SECTION 2.5 REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

A Member who is causing harm or slander towards the AKKPS or any AKKPS member(s) may have their membership revoked by a unanimous vote, less, no greater than two, abstaining votes, of the members of the Board of Directors. The vote shall be conducted in a closed-door session to protect the privacy of the Member. The Member shall be privately notified in advance of a proposed vote to revoke their membership, and privately informed of the result of the vote. The member will have an opportunity to address the Board of Directors before any vote occurs. There shall be no public notification of revocation of membership. Should a membership be revoked, any remaining dues shall be calculated and refunded to the former member.

(Added 4/9/2018 a Step Program to help buyers get pig registered).

For a Buyer to file a complaint against an AKKPS Breeder/Seller both the Buyer and

Seller/Breeder must be a current member of AKKPS.

If the Seller/Breeders membership has lapsed, the Seller/Breeder must have been a member on the date the pig was sold.

The Buyer must complete the Complaint form with as much information as possible in addition written proof with dates that the pig was sold with Full Registration Papers with AKKPS is required for the BOD to hear the complaint. All this information will be emailed to the Buyers Director. The AKKPS Director will be in contact with the Buyer to go over the complaint within 10 business days via email or phone.

The Buyer is responsible for providing all information on the pig if Step #3 is reached. The registrar nor the AKKPS BOD will investigate as to who the pig is or who the pigs parents are - this is the responsibility of the Buyer. The herd book is a great resource for the information needed.

The following STEP PLAN TO HELP GET PIGS REGISTERED is effective 4/15/18 for all pigs sold on or after this date. For all pigs sold prior to 4/15/18 breeders/sellers have until 6/15/18 to complete paperwork - after 6/15/18 Buyers may fill out a Buyer Help Registration Form.

#### **STEP 1**

1 - The AKKPS Director brings the Buyer complaint to the AKKPS bi-monthly board meeting.

2 - The AKKPS BOD looks at all the written evidence from the Buyer and determines if there is enough written evidence to prove the pig was sold as registered through AKKPS.

3 - AKKPS notifies the Seller/Breeder via email and phone that they have been reported to the AKKPS Board for not registering a pig that was sold registered. The Seller/Buyer has two weeks to respond to the complaint with their side of the complaint.

OR

AKKPS notifies the Buyer via email that the AKKPS BOD has not found there is not enough evidence that the pig was sold registered through AKKPS and explains the reasoning. At this point the complaint is dropped.

4 - If the breeder responds within the 2-week time frame: The AKKPS BOD reviews the Sellers side of the case and determines by using the buyers complaint and the response from the Seller/Breeder if the pig was sold registered.

5 - If the Seller/Breeder does not respond with in the 2-week time frame they go to Step 2

6 - If the AKKPS BOD finds the Seller/Breeder is at fault for not registering the pig sold:

1 - The Seller/Breeder is notified via email the BOD's decision and they are notified that they have 3 weeks to Transfer the pig or 6 weeks to register a new pig.

2 - The AKKPS BOD emails the Buyer to let them know that the BOD found enough written evidence to prove the pig was sold registered through AKKPS and that the Seller/Breeder is on the step program to rectify the registration

issue.

## **STEP 2**

1 - The AKKPS BOD sends a certified letter and email to the Seller/Breeder informing them that due to non-compliance they are being removed from the Breeders List for 6 months and are being placed on Step 2.

2 - The Seller/Buyer is allotted 2 more weeks to respond to the complaint email sent by the AKKPS BOD.

3 - If within the allotted 2 weeks the Seller/Buyer does not respond they move to Step #3

4 - If the seller responds the AKKPS BOD reviews the Sellers side of the case and determines by using the buyer's complaint and the response from the Seller/Breeder if the pig was sold registered.

5 - If the AKKPS BOD finds the Seller/Breeder is at fault for not registering the pig sold:

1 - The Seller/Breeder is notified via email that they have 3 weeks to Transfer the pig or 6 weeks to register a new pig.

2 - The AKKPS BOD emails the Buyer to let them know that the BOD found enough written evidence to prove the pig was sold registered through AKKPS and that the Seller/Breeder is on the step program to rectify the registration issue.

If the AKKPS BOD finds there is not enough evidence that the pig in question was sold on full AKKPS Registration Papers then AKKPS notifies the Buyer via email that the AKKPS BOD has not found there is not enough evidence that the pig was sold registered through AKKPS and explains the reasoning. At this point the complaint is dropped.

6 - If the Breeder/Seller does not register the pigs within the allotted time the Breeder/Seller Moves to Step 3.

7- If a Breeder/Buyer reaches step 2 a third time, the Breeder/Buyers membership from AKKPS is revoked for a period of 1 year. No refunds in dues will be made.

## **STEP 3**

1 - The Buyer/Seller is notified that their membership with AKKPS is being revoked for One Year. No dues will be refunded.

2 - The Buyer is notified that the AKKPS BOD has been provided enough written evidence that the pig was purchased AKKPS registered and that the BOD President and Vice President will help them register the pig without the Buyer/Breeders involvement. All Costs associated with the registration at this time will be the Buyers responsibility. It is the responsibility of the Buyer to provide all important/needed information about the pig to have it registered.

## **ARTICLE III MEETINGS, ELECTIONS AND BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**

### **SECTION 3.1 MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Society shall be called by:  
The President of the Association  
The Chairman of the Board of the Association  
A majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Society  
Petition of 20% of the Members of the Society

All meetings, in person or virtual, shall be preceded by a minimum of 30 days' notice. Notification shall be made either online or through regular mail. Notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting. Provisions shall be made for members, who so desire, to attend the meeting.

### **SECTION 3.2 ELECTIONS AND BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**

In the absence of an annual meeting, elections and business transactions of the Society shall be carried out through mail ballots, email or online voting.

## **ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 4.1 DIRECTORS**

Directors shall report directly to the membership whose interests they represent on the Board of Directors. Each Director shall be responsible for bringing all members business forward for consideration. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall assume the duties of calling periodic meetings of the Board of Directors and appointing interim Directors.

### **SECTION 4.2 OFFICERS**

The Society shall have, in service to the membership, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These Officers shall serve on the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint Volunteer Officers assigned to specific duties. These appointments shall not serve on the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 4.3 VACANCIES**

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall appoint an interim member of the Board of Directors, upon majority agreement of the members of the Board of Directors, to fill a position vacated by a Board Member.

### **PRESIDENT**

The President shall be chief executive officer of the Society and shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, and shall direct the business and officers of the Society. The President shall preside at all meetings of the executive officers, meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of members.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the President. The Vice President shall also assume other such duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

### **SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall keep a book of the minutes of all meetings of the executive officers, the Board of Directors and the members. The minutes shall record the time and place of the meeting, the purpose of the meeting, the officers and members in attendance and the proceedings of the meeting. The minutes, as recorded, shall be provided to the Board of Directors upon request. The duties of the Secretary shall include reports to the membership of the business conducted by the Society.

## **TREASURER**

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a full and accurate accounting of all funds received and all funds dispersed and to make a regular and detailed report of such accounting to the Board of Directors and to the membership. The Treasurer shall perform other such duties in connection with the administration of the financial affairs of the Society as assigned by the Board of Directors.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Society shall have a Board of Directors consisting of seven elected members. They shall include the four executive officers and three Directors. The Board of Directors shall serve as members representatives in conducting the business of the Society.

## **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In addition to duties as a member of the Board of Directors, the Chairman shall cast the deciding ballot in all matters in which the Board of Directors' votes result in a tied decision.

## **SECTION 4.4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the majority of ballots cast by the members. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the majority of ballots cast by the Board of Directors.

02/16/2018 amendment accepted: (1.) Only a board member that has served a full term would be qualified to run for the President or Vice-President position. (full amendment posted below)

## **SECTION 4.5 TERMS OF OFFICE**

The founding President's term shall end December 31, 2015. After December 31, 2015 the terms for the President shall be two years.

The Founding Vice President's term shall end December 31, 2016. After December 31, 2016 the term for the Vice President shall be two years.

The Founding Secretary and Treasurer terms shall end December 31, 2014. After December 31, 2014 the term for the Secretary shall be two years.

Founding Directors' terms shall end December 31, 2013. After December 31, 2013 the terms shall be two years. There shall be no limit upon the number of consecutive terms of service to the Society.

## **SECTION 4.6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy of the offices of Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next regular election.

## **SECTION 4.7 REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

Any Director shall be removed from office by a majority vote of Board of Directors at a special meeting of the Society called for that purpose.

## **02/16/2018 AKKPS BYLAW AMMENDMENTS**

**The Board voted unanimously to amend bylaws concerning BOD members.**

(1.) Only a board member that has served a full term would be qualified to run for the President or Vice-President position.

(2.) It would be mandatory for all future board members to register and litter notify all pigs with AKKPS that are registerable with AKKPS.

(3.) Board members must register all intact pigs sold, including pets with AKKPS. Designated meat pigs should be listed on the correction form on the website. Crossing KuneKunes with other swine breeds is prohibited.

## **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS, VOLUNTEERS, APPOINTED JOB POSITIONS**

### **SECTION 5.1**

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint members to help with any business the Society may require. These individuals shall be subject to deletion, alteration, replacement or removal at any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors, by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 6.1 POWERS OF MEMBERS**

Members may make proposals to adopt, amend or repeal Bylaws by putting forth such request to any Director.

### **SECTION 6.2 POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

Directors shall serve the interests of the members of the Society in the adoption, amending and repealing of Bylaws. Amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting. Ballots may be cast either through regular mail, email, teleconference or online voting.

**Amendment Added 08/08/2018**

**In the event an AKKPS owner of a pig dies, heirs to the owner of the pigs can submit a death certificate to the BOD and will be allowed to transfer to the current owner's name.**