

# 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 1/19/2021) Step Program for aid buyers in getting Registrations Completed. 1.1**

### **AKKPS STEP PLAN**

**Getting your pig AKKPS registered when the AKKPS buyer/seller has not completed the paperwork in a timely manner of 3 months from date of pick up**

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- The buyer must be a member of AKKPS.**
- The seller/breeder must have been a member of AKKPS at the time of contract origination.**
- The buyer must have a contract from the seller/breeder stating that the pig is being sold fully AKKPS registered (not Pet registered). Text message or emails will be accepted as proof as long as it is clearly stated that the intent of the breeder/seller was to sell the pig with full registration rights(not Pet registered). If it is stated on the contract that the pig was being sold on PET papers AKKPS can not issue Full Registration papers.**
- It must be 3 months from the time the pig was picked up to the time of the complaint being filed.**

## **STEP 1**

- Go to the AKKPS website and fill out the Form Smart with all the information asked and attach any and all documents.sam**

**- This form will be sent to the AKKPS President and the Step Plan Co-ordinator.**

**- The Step Plan Co-ordinator will contact the buyer via email and telephone to go over the information given with in 10 business days of form submittal.**

**- The Step Plan Co-ordinator will contact the seller/breeder to get information. This contact will be made through email, phone call, text and certified mail.**

**- The seller/breeder has 2.5 months to respond to the email, phone call, text or certified mail by either completing the registration paperwork or contacting the Step Plan Co-ordinator**

**with their information regarding the registration of the pig. (Possible 2.5 month process although often much faster - Litter notification 4 weeks, UC Davis 2 weeks, Registration 4**

**weeks)**

## **STEP 2**

**- The Step Plan Coordinator will submit all information to AKKPS Board of Directors and get approval on how to proceed if the breeder/seller responds with contradiction information.**

**Both the buyer and seller/breeder will be notified for the AKKPS Board of Directors decision via certified letter and email.**

**- If After the 2.5 month time frame, the seller/breeder has not come forward with more information on the the case or has not completed the registration paperwork then the AKKPS**

**Board of Director will approve to allow the buyer to register the pigs.**

**- If the seller/breeder is found at fault by the AKKPS Board Of Directors for not registering the pig in question the seller/breeder will be have 1 warning. On a second offense the seller/**

**buyer will be suspended from AKKPS for 6 months with no dues refund. If there is a 3rd offense the seller/buyer will be permanently suspended from AKKPS.**

**- If a complaint is brought forward and the seller/breeder is no longer a member of AKKPS because of a second or third offense the new complaint will be honored and the pig will be registered.**

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**If the AKKPS Board of Directors allows the pigs to be registered by the buyer all costs for registration will be incurred by the buyer.**

**It is not a guarantee that the pig in question will be eligible for registration if parentage can not be confirmed via DNA through UC Davis.**

## **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 and must be USA Residents. 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 an USA 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. 6 Directors must be USA residents and no more than one Canadian Director. 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)

01/28/2020 amendment accepted: (1) it a requirement for any future members applying for Director positions to first be on the AKKPS Breeders List and to have applied for DNA through UC Davis.

Directors need these necessary skills to assist our members.

## **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 VicePresident 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 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.