

# *Alaska Mini Goat Cache*

## *Club By-Laws*

(as amended March 20, 2008)

### **ARTICLE 1 NAME**

The club name shall be: Alaska Mini Goat Cache and may be abbreviated as AkMGC.  
The club address is the Presidents Office.

### **ARTICLE 2 OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE**

The AkMGC is open to anyone interested in miniature goat breeds. Breeders of registered and unregistered goats, show enthusiasts and single pet owners alike, regardless of age, race or creed, are all welcome.

#### **The objectives of The AkMGC shall be:**

1. To function as an official club, with coordinated and organized efforts to provide reliable information on goats; to promote miniature goat breeds and goat products; and to educate the general public about the breeds, and their value beyond being novel pets.
2. To advertise the breeds more efficiently than is possible to do individually, and to publicly provide for and service the goat industry.
3. To support well-equipped and well-managed miniature goat farms as one of the best means of introducing the goat and related products.
4. To promote good will and understanding among its members and to discourage destructive thoughts and acts. To these ends we pledge our greatest efforts.
5. To assist its members and others, whether show or pet breeders, in producing the best goats of their chosen breeds and to breed for healthy, productive goats.
6. To study and encourage balanced rationing and the cooperative buying of suitable feeds at a reasonable cost.
7. To encourage all available assistance from City, County, and State, and to protest undesirable laws that would injure the industry.
8. To assist the "herdsperson" (politically correct) and breeders in dispersing of their products at a price that will tend to build up the industry through truthful advertising, and further, to reject and call attention to advertising found to be misleading or otherwise less than truthful.

9. To provide a means for a group of people who share a common interest in goats to come together in spite of geographic location, in order to learn more about the breeds, exchange ideas and knowledge about raising, maintaining, breeding, improving, and promoting goats and goat products.

10. Through the strength of a club to foster and support the development of miniature goats in 4-H, and State fairs, as a means of helping the youth of our communities.

11. Through the membership of a club, and fundraisers, to sponsor annual shows, where individuals will have a means of gauging progress in their own breeding program and thereby contributing to the continued overall improvement of goats as a whole.

12. And through the memberships of the club functions, to offer everyone ways to enjoy their animals.

### **ARTICLE 3 DUES AND MEMBERSHIP**

Dues for this organization are 20.00 per year for individual or 25.00 for family membership. The year being the calendar year. Any person/household interested in the purpose of the club is eligible for membership. Members must be 16 years of age to vote and 21 years of age to hold office. (amended 3/20/2008)

1. a. A membership shall be any person/household paying dues to the club.

b. A membership entitles the holder to a copy of the club By-Laws, the club newsletter, and recognition on the web-site.

c. Single memberships are entitled to one vote.

d. Family memberships are entitled to two votes

2. Complaints against any Member or other person must be made in writing and signed by the Complainant, and, unless made by the Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which shall be forfeited if the Board of Directors determines the complaint unjustified. If the complaint is determined to be justified, the deposit shall be returned to the Complainant.

3. The membership may be terminated by:

a. Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary. The Club is not obliged to refund any dues to the resigned member.

b. Lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid by the end of the first quarter of the calendar year of which they are due. No person may vote on any Club business whose dues are unpaid as the date of that vote. (amended 3/20/2008)

c. Expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion. Expulsion shall be made when the Board of Directors (by 2/3 vote) determines that such action is warranted by a complaint filed through the Compliance Procedure. (amended 9/21/2006)

4. Dues paid the last quarter of the Calendar year will be applied to the following calendar year. (amended 3/20/2008)

## **ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS**

When membership numbers are adequate to support an election and nomination of officers an election of officers shall take place. When numbers are not adequate to support and election the organization shall be governed by the membership and known as the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE 5 ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Newsletter, and Webmaster.

**PRESIDENT:** Will preside over the meetings-issue the called regular meeting, special meetings and scheduled or special elections, and shall review the Treasure's financial reports.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Will perform all duties of the President in his/her absence. Notify club members of special events and shows in the area.

**SECRETARY:** Will record and maintain the minutes of the meeting and maintain membership records, scrapbook, memorabilia and club activities.

**TREASURE:** Will collect dues and other income due. Maintain accounting books. Sign all checks and make reports of the clubs financial status at meetings.

**NEWSLETTER:** A minimum of 6 newsletters shall be published yearly. The position of editor will be voluntary.

**WEBMASTER:** Maintain and update website. The position of Webmaster is voluntary.

All nominations for officers must be members in good standing. Ballots for officers will be mailed out one month prior to the election meeting. Ballots for votes of offices must be postmarked within seven days from election notification or delivered in person at the election meeting. Proxy voting is not allowed. Installation of new officers will be held at the election meeting. Any officer not performing their duties to benefit the club after a period of 3 months can be removed from office by a vote of 51% of the voting membership. (amended 1/24/06)

## **ARTICLE 6 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of officers & members
3. Introduction of visitors
4. Reading and approval of minutes
5. Treasure report
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

## **Article 7 FUNDS**

All funds shall be deposited into the account of the organization and said funds shall be dispersed as needed for the expenses of the club.

The active Treasurer shall be the primary authorizing agent in handling this account. In the event that the club treasurer is unavailable then the president becomes responsible for the funds.

All withdrawals from the account shall be in the form of a check.

No reimbursements will be paid without accompanying receipts unless an itemized cash draw is presented in lieu of a receipt.

Members will be liable for the amount of their returned personal checks along with any and all bank fees.

### **ARTICLE 8 STANDING RULES**

These shall be standing rules as needed by the club. Standing rules may be amended, rescinded or suspended providing a quorum has been established.

A quorum is not less than one officer and two members.

Voting will be conducted at the monthly meetings by the members in attendance as long as a quorum is present. (amended 3/20/2008)

On all questions of parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of order shall govern, unless the Board of Directors shall provide otherwise. (amended 1/24/06) (amended 9/21/06)

### **ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS**

The by-laws may be amended at a regular or called meeting by a quorum of members. After approval by the attending quorum a copy of the revised amendments shall be given to all members. Amendments must be published at least 30 days of revision. (amended 1/24/06)

### **ARTICLE 10 LIABILITIES**

Club members agree not to hold the Alaska Mini Goat Cache, its members, officers, family or heirs liable for any loss or injury of any kind while participating in any club functions or conducting any club business. (amended 1/24/06)

### **ARTICLE 11 DISSOLUTION**

The Alaska Mini Goat Cache may be dissolved with a 51% vote of members in a good standing. All funds shall be dispersed as needed to cover all debits acquired by the club with the remaining balance to be used to set up a 4-H livestock scholarship. (amended 1/24/06)

#### ***Amendment record***

*January 24, 2006*

*September 21, 2006*

*March 20, 2008*

ATTEST: Rayna L. Fritcher, President  
**March 20, 2008**