

THE DELCO BIRD CLUB BY- LAWS

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ARTICLE I - Name

Sec. 1 The Club shall be known as the Delco Bird Club. This will be a non-profit organization.

Sec. 2 The Club known as Delco Bird Club was founded the month of January of the year Nineteen hundred and Ninety Seven.

Sec. 3 The founder and co-founder of the Club known as Delco Bird Club are Christine Phelps and Sue Grosso.

ARTICLE II - Objectives

Sec. 1 The purpose of the Club will be to create and maintain lasting friendship among owners and breeders of caged birds.

Sec. 2 To help members with problems concerning their birds.

Sec. 3 To encourage the interest and educate the general public about birds as charming and loving pets.

Sec. 4 To become more informed of the dietary requirements and promote better nutrition in pet birds.

Sec. 5 To encourage and assist anyone in their aviculture interest through the exchange of knowledge.

Sec. 6 To keep members informed through the monthly newsletter.

Sec. 7 To keep abreast of and participate in state and national legislation and health issues pertaining to the keeping of birds.

ARTICLE III - Meetings

Sec. 1 Meetings will be regularly held on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month and called to order promptly at 7:00 PM. If the business meeting extends longer than 1/2 hour, business will be tabled until after the program.

Sec. 2 There must be a minimum of 5 meetings held by the Board of Directors per year.

ARTICLE IV - Officers and Board of Directors

Sec. 1 The Board of Directors of the Club shall be; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Outreach Director, Fundraising Director, and Senior Membership Representative all voted on by the membership for a (2) year term.

Sec. 2 The Club shall have an Executive Board consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 3 Only one (1) member per household may serve on the Board of Directors at a time.

Sec. 4 Up to but no more than 5 Membership Representatives will be appointed by the Board of Directors on an "as needed" basis. The appointment of the Membership Representatives shall take place after the election of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5 No one shall be eligible to run for a Board position if they also hold a Board position with another club, but can be so appointed by the Board of Director's if needed.

ARTICLE V - Duties of Officers and Board of Directors

Sec. 1 The President shall call the meeting to order and serve as coordinator of all activities.

Sec. 2 The President shall act as Club representative or appoint a member.

Sec. 3 The Vice President shall assist the President, as needed and shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall assume the office and duties of the President in the event the latter can no longer continue in his/her office. The Vice President is responsible for obtaining guest speakers/entertainment, and room set up for monthly meetings.

Sec. 4 The Secretary shall attend all general and Board meetings or arrange for a suitable replacement and keep a full and correct record of the proceedings and submit this record to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. S/he shall also handle all Club correspondence, and will keep an accurate record of membership status and dues. All dues collected will be submitted to the Treasurer.

Sec. 5 The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all monies belonging to the-Club and shall disperse it at the direction of the Board of Directors. On the expiration of his/her term of office, s/he will turn all monies and accounts (including records) over to the incoming Treasurer.

Sec. 6 The Fundraising Director shall be responsible for all club fundraising activities. All monies raised by fundraising activities will be submitted to the treasurer.

Sec. 7 The Outreach Director shall be responsible for coordinating all outreach activities. All monies raised by outreach activities will be submitted to the treasurer.

Sec. 8 The Senior Membership Representative shall be responsible for presenting the opinions, views, and

suggestions to the Board for the general membership. S/he shall assist any officers in fulfillment of the club duties as required. S/he shall also be responsible for coordinating opportunities for membership drives.

Sec. 9 The Board of Directors shall exercise, conduct, and account for the property and affairs of the Club. In order to be an officer on the Board, said officer must be a member in good standing. A member shall be considered a member in good standing if their yearly dues are paid up-to-date' and they have' attended 50% of the meetings in the previous year. A member of the Board of Directors missing 3 or more consecutive Board meetings will be reviewed for dismissal from the position and said position will be open to appointment by the Board for the completion of term if needed.

ARTICLE VI - Election and Officers

Sec. 1 Any member that has been in good standing for a minimum of 1 year may be nominated at the November meeting. Election will be held at the December meeting.

Sec. 2 Any nominee with unpaid dues will automatically be withdrawn prior to the vote count.

Sec.3 All ballots will be opened and counted at the meeting by an unbiased party appointed by the Present Board of Directors members. If a nominee is running for an office that is uncontested that person will automatically assume said office.

Sec. 4 The newly elected officers will assume their duties at the January meeting.

Sec. 5 When an officer leaves their position before their term is up, the position will be appointed by the Board for the completion of the term, and then filled by the regularly scheduled election.

Sec. 6 There will be no absentee ballots, unless you are a member in good standing and are unable to make the meeting due to illness or catastrophe.

ARTICLE VII - Dues

Sec. 1 Annual membership dues for all members will be the following: \$20.00 for individuals or family, \$10.00 for members under the age of 18 or over the age of 65. This entitles you to 1 vote, 1 newsletter, and one free classified in the monthly newsletter. All family members are invited to the monthly meetings, but are not entitled to vote. Additional" voting" memberships can be added to the family membership at \$5.00 per person per vote.

Sec. 2 All dues will be paid by members between September and December of each year.

Sec. 3 Any member in arrears after January's general membership meeting, will have their newsletter subscription terminated and will not be entitled to vote on any club matters until said dues are paid.

Sec. 4 Visitors are welcome at any meeting. After two (2) such visits, they must be advised that further attendance will require their applying for membership. This does not apply, however, to any member's immediate family.

Article VIII - Bills

Sec. 1 All non-operating expenses or bills must be presented to the President who shall authorize payment through the Treasurer.

Sec. 2 No officer or member shall incur any bills without having received prior authorization for the expenditures from the President and Treasurer. Total expenditures shall not exceed \$100.00 in a month period without authorization from the Board of Directors excluding operating expenses, including but not limited to: newsletter printing, postage; hall costs and photography. Exception is made for speaker costs though not to exceed \$250 without approval vote of general membership.

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Sec. 3 No officers or members shall receive salary, wages, or inurement for their contributions to the Club.

ARTICLE X - Grievances

Sec. 1 Any member wishing to lodge a grievance against another member shall do so to the Board of Directors, in care of the Secretary, and in writing or alternately, may make a motion to be heard at a general meeting. The

Board of Directors shall immediately notify that member in writing through the Secretary and request written rebuttal to the charges within (30) days of notification. If the grievance was filed verbally in a general meeting, then the rebuttal shall be read at the next general meeting and floor be opened for discussion. Upon the presentation of both the grievance and the rebuttal, the Board of Directors shall investigate, discuss at the general meeting, and render a decision within (30) days.

ARTIVLE XI - Authority

Sec. 1 Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be parliamentary authority on all questions not covered by bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - Disbandment of Club

Sec. 1 In the event of total disbandment of the Club, all outstanding bills will be paid by the Treasurer and monies held in the Treasury over \$500 will be donated to a tax exempt avian organization that qualifies under section 501 C of the IRS code. The final Board of Directors shall decide on it. The remaining balance will be held in a trust fund for no more than 3 years for possible use in' the restart of the Club in the event a new Club is formed, said \$500 will be dispersed to the newly formed Club.

Sec.2 After 3 years any money that is still held in trust will be donated to the previously defined avian organization.

ARTICLE XIII - Amendments

Sec. 1 The Board of Directors or a member in good standing may propose Amendments to the bylaws at any regular meeting. Any revisions shall be printed and made available for members to review in the monthly newsletter. The revised bylaws shall then be voted on a quarterly basis, at the March, June, September and December meetings.

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