

By-Laws of the Kleine Münsterländer Association International (KIM-I)

1. Goals, purpose (of KIM-I)

1.1 The Kleine Münsterländer Association International (KLM-I) is a voluntary association of national KIM breed clubs, which breed and manage the affairs of the Kleine Münsterländer hunting dog. The goal is to secure the F.C.I. standard of the breed internationally, to promote the being, health and hunting abilities of the Kleine Münsterländer, and to unify the breeding, training and conditions to preserve the breed.

Breed, training and conditions are country specific and are based on national hunting traditions and trail conditions. Thus, The Scandinavian countries encourage the national countries to vote for a deletion of: *"and to unify the breeding, training and conditions to preserve the breed"*.

The interests of this breed of hunting dog shall be represented consistently and effectively before national and international organizations and associations.

Above paragraph must be deleted. KLM-I cannot not disregard national and international cooperation agreements. Breed of the Kleine Münsterländer is a matter of national affairs.

Practical experiences shall be exchanged across borders, international tests shall be conducted together and basic breed, utility and organizational matters, as well as the national KIM breed clubs, shall be discussed together.

The Scandinavian countries cannot accept KLM-I to interfere with national affairs and organizational matters and therefore we propose deletion of *"and organizational matters, as well as the national KIM breed clubs"*.

1.2 The Kleine Münsterländer is an old breed of hunting dog. The preservation and promotion of the versatile hunting abilities of the breed under humane conditions is the most important purpose of this International Association.

From a Scandinavian perspective we see the main purpose of an international cooperation to exchange knowledge across borders and to ensure a healthy Kleine Münsterländer population going forward. Country specific laws and national hunting and trial conditions must be acknowledged. The Scandinavian countries propose following change *"The Kleine Münsterländer is an old breed of hunting dog. The preservation and promotion of the versatile hunting abilities of the breed under humane conditions and*

with respect for national laws and hunting and trial conditions is the most important purpose of this International Association”.

1.3 The International Association shall support the supervision of the KIM breed in close and trustful cooperation with the national breed clubs. It shall focus on fundamental and international issues and respect the sovereignty and relationships of the national breed clubs which have their own particular historical roots.

2. Assignment of Names

2.1 The International Association is called the “Kleine Münsterländer Association-International”(KLM-I), is a registered association under German law, and is based in Nürnberg.

2.2 The association pursues exclusively non-profit objectives defined in the German tax code section entitled "tax-privileged activities". The association is a non-profit organization. Profit-oriented business is explicitly barred from its activities. Funds of the association may only be used for purposes stated in its by-laws. The members receive no financial gain from the association. No person may benefit from expenditures which are alien to the purpose of the corporation, or receive disproportionately high compensation.

2.3 The financial year is the calendar year.

3. Membership

3.1 All national breed clubs of the Kleine Münsterländer, whose national statutes oversee the breed on the basis of FCI standard Nr. 102, can become members of this International Association.

The Scandinavian countries would like to include following in the paragraph 3.1 “All national breed clubs of the Kleine Münsterländer, whose national statutes oversee the breed on the basis of FCI standard Nr. 102 or has a cooperation agreement with F.C.I or is loyal to the F.C.I standard Nr. 102, can become members of this International Association”.

3.2 After the creation of the International Association, national organizations or breed clubs wishing to join will receive a membership application from this office (in Nürnberg). Then, a decision on the membership application will be made by the Board of the KIM-International. The decision shall be approved at the General Assembly of KIM-International.

3.3 Termination of membership is possible after a twelve-month notice to the end of a

calendar year. A summary dismissal by KIM-International is permissible if there has been a serious violation of the rules and objectives of KIM-International. The decision shall be made by the Board. This decision must be approved by the next General Assembly meeting. Termination without notice shall be, however, effective immediately.

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3.4 Each Member is responsible for strengthening the KIM breed through mutually practicable, uniform rules in fundamental and international issues, as well as in representing the interests of their national breed club. By January 31st of each year, the members of the KLM International must state the number of its members, kennels, litters and puppies from the previous year.

3.5 Meetings, documents and negotiations shall be conducted in German. Correspondence is also possible in English and French.

Due to German not being an international language The Scandinavian countries propose the following changes *“3.5 Meetings, documents and negotiations shall be conducted in ~~German~~ English. Correspondence is also possible in ~~English~~ German and French”.*

4. Bodies

4.1 The supreme body of KIM-International is the General Assembly. Business is managed by the Board. The Board may appoint additional persons or committees which prepare and support business between the meetings of the General Assembly.

5. Meetings of the General Assembly

5.1 Annual meetings of the General Assembly shall be held at least every two years. At these meetings all fundamental matters of KIM-International shall be discussed and decided or approved, Board members shall be elected and released, and changes can be made to the by-laws by a two thirds majority vote. All other decisions require a simple majority.

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5.1 Annual meetings of the General Assembly shall be held at least every two years. At these meetings all fundamental matters of KIM-International shall be discussed and decided or approved, Board members shall be elected and released, and changes can be made to the by-laws by a ~~two thirds majority vote~~ simple majority. All other decisions require a simple majority.

The meeting of the General Assembly is convened by the Board in writing.

5.2 Each national member has one vote. The authority to represent the member club shall be managed and confirmed by the national meeting of the General Assembly. In addition, the President of KIM-International has one vote. All voting is open, in the case of a tie, the vote of the President decides. Applications must be submitted two months before the effective date. Written votes shall be conducted at the request of at least five members. Resolutions on applications that are not on the agenda are not possible.

The Scandinavian countries would like to propose that ~~vote by proxy~~ is possible

5.3 Minutes shall be taken on the resolutions which have been made. The minutes shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting. Minutes from these meetings must be delivered to all members in a timely fashion.

6. Board of Directors

6.1 The Board is to implement the goals and purposes referred to in Nr. 1 of these by-laws, taking into account the autonomy of the national breed clubs and thereby also promoting cooperation of the national breed clubs with each other.

6.2 The Executive Board consists of the president, two vice presidents and a Business Manager. The election takes place at a duly convened meeting of the General Assembly and is effective for four years. The motherland of the KIM breed provides the President. The Business Manager is appointed by the President and confirmed by the General Assembly. Under German law for associations, KIM-International is represented by the President and Business Manager - each qualified alone - as authorized representatives of the Board according to § 26 BGB. The Board is authorized by § 26 BGB to make editorial changes in the by-laws and changes which are necessary because of objections by the commercial register court or to achieve non-profit status.

The Scandinavian countries would like to add following amendment "The Vice Presidents in the executive board in KLM-I must be approved by the boards in their national club".

6.3 The Board may invite non-voting guests to attend meetings in an advisory capacity

or entrust other persons with important tasks. Voting is by simple majority, in the case of a tie vote, No. 5.2 shall apply.

6.4 The Board shall conduct the business affairs of the association in a cost-effective manner and in keeping with the non-profit status of the club. An annual financial statement and business plan shall be submitted to the General Assembly. Membership fees must also be determined by the General Assembly.

7. Amendments, termination of the association

7.1 Amendments to the by-laws must be identified on the agenda of the invitation to the relevant meeting of the General Assembly. The agenda must be received by the members six weeks before the meeting, at the latest.

The Scandinavian countries would like to propose following amendment in the end of the paragraph. *“Invitation needs to be submitted at least twelve weeks prior the General Assembly. Proposal for amendment to the by-laws must be assigned to the President of KLM-I no later than eight weeks prior the meeting. Agenda must be published no later than four weeks prior to the meeting”.*

7.2 The termination of the association can only be decided by a two thirds majority of the members. The General Assembly may decide to terminate the association for other reasons. It concurrently appoints a liquidator and decides on the use of the association's assets.

Upon termination of the association or loss of tax-exempt status, the assets of the association would be transferred to another non-profit, versatile hunting dog organization, which must use the funds solely and directly for non-profit purposes as defined by the provisions of these by-laws.

8. Transitional and final provisions

8.1 In the case of the annulment of individual provisions of the by-laws, the Board shall retain the remaining by-laws and make the necessary changes to the association register, as long as this does not change the stated meaning and purpose of the original provisions of the by-laws. The same applies to editorial changes.

8.2 These by-laws were unanimously decided upon in Fulda-Almendorf on May 22, 2006 and signed by the founding members and further amended by the General Assembly on September 30, 2012.

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