

NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, INC STANDING RULES

The Executive Board shall from time to time establish, amend, and rescind standing rules. They may be adopted without previous notice by a majority vote at any business meeting. However, no standing rule is in order if it conflicts with the By-Laws of the organization.

SECTION A: DUES AND FEES

1. The annual dues for membership in this organization shall be as follows:
 - a) **Individual/Family/Farm Membership \$30**
 - b) Youth Membership \$10
2. Annual dues shall be due on January 1st of each year. Membership will lapse if not paid by February 1st. Memberships expire on December 31st.
3. The Budget Committee shall be responsible for preparing the budget and presenting it to the general membership prior to any funds being spent each year.

SECTION B: MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

1. A minimum of four (4) general membership meetings, including the Annual Meeting, will be held each year at locations determined by the Executive Board.
2. The Annual Meeting will be held in June or July.
3. All verbal reports by officers or chairpersons must be accompanied by a written report. All written reports must be copies to quorum standards so there are copies available for all.
4. The President has the authority to sign contracts with the authorization of the Executive Board. The signatures on ALL written contracts should read as follows:

*“Nigerian Dwarf Goat Club of Florida,
Inc. by: (President’s Name), President*
5. Before additional funds for an event or purchase are allocated through a budget revision, an itemized budget for an event or purchase are allocated through a budget revision, an itemized budget for the event or purchase must be submitted to the Executive Board with the request for additional funding.
6. If spending of allotted funds goes over 10%, then an itemized budget for the event or purchase must be submitted to the membership before additional funds are allocated through a budget revision.
7. Spending of club funds must be for the promotion of the Nigerian Dwarf Goat or in Educational work shops of the same nature.

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SECTION C: DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING CARDS

1. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the distribution of an official membership card.
2. Voting cards shall be handed out at each general membership meeting by the Secretary

SECTION D: GUIDELINES FOR SERVICE

1. The first terms for officers and directors shall end on May 31, 2010.
2. All Committee Chairpersons are appointed by the Executive Committee.
3. Committee members must be members in good standing, attending at least one general membership meeting per year.
4. The immediate Past President may serve as a resource guild for the following year.

SECTION E: JOB DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall:
 - a) preside at all Executive Committee meetings as well as all General Membership meetings.
 - b) be an ex-officio members of all committees except the nominating committee.
 - c) appoint special committees and the temporary chairman of the nominating committee
 - d) have authority to appoint any member of the organization to represent him/her in any of his/her committee duties whenever the need arises.
 - e) Work closely with the Executive Officers to ensure the continuity of the organization.
2. The Vice President shall:
 - a) Act as an aide to the President
 - b) Succeed to the presidency in the event a vacancy occurs in that office.
 - c) Oversee all committee chairpersons.
3. The Treasurer shall:
 - a) Have custody of all funds of the organization.
 - b) Collect and keep a full and accurate account of all monies of the organization.
 - c) Pay out funds only as authorized by the approved budget.
 - d) present a financial statement at each meeting of the membership.
 - e) submit the books to be audited at the close of the fiscal year.
 - f) maintain an up-to-date record of all dues paid by all members
 - g) serve as chair of the Budget Committee

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4. The Secretary shall:

- a) Record minutes of all meetings and post minutes in a timely manner on line at the club web site and have copies for meetings. All minutes shall be preserved for their historical importance to the club.
- b) keep an attendance record at the Executive Committee and general membership meetings.
- c) conduct such correspondence delegated to him/her.
- d) keep an accurate roster of the names and addresses of the membership.

5. All officers shall:

- a) Perform the duties outlined in the Standing Rules and those assigned from time to time.
- b) deliver to their successors all official material within thirty (30) days following the meeting at which the successors are elected, with the exception of the Treasurer.
- c) be active in the club through regular membership meetings and foster the promotion of goats through educational workshops.
- d) In the event that an Officer or Director fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without good cause, than that Officer or Director, at the discretion of the Board of Directors can remove the officer upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors and name a successor in his or her place.

SECTION F: WORKSHOPS AND SHOWS

1. For Shows: The Executive Committee shall choose a Show Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson shall then choose the Show Committee.

- a) The location shall be determined by the show chair in conjunction with the Executive Committee
- b) Code of Ethics for Shows:
 - * Compete in a fair and ethical manner
 - * Display good sportsmanlike conduct at all times.
 - * Abide by and publicly support all positions and decisions of the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Club of Florida, Inc.
 - * Exercise discretion, sensitivity, and sound judgment in accordance with the Organization's Code of Ethics
- c) Disciplinary Action:

Any disputes will be decided by a majority (3/4) vote of the Show Chairperson and Executive Committee.

2. All Workshops need to be approved by the Executive Committee.

SECTION G : ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

1. The Board of Director meetings & General meetings may be done on line.
2. The Secretary shall take minutes of electronic meetings available to the membership.

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SECTION H: COMMITTEES

1. The following Committees shall be Standing Committees:

- a) Show Committee
- b) Membership Committee
- c) Workshops and Education Committee
- d) Youth Activities Committee
- e) Ethics Committee
- f) Newsletter and Communications Committee
- g) Ways and Means Committee (Fund raising, etc)

2. The following Committees are Year Round Committees:

- a) Budget and Finance Committee
- b) Audit Committee
- c) Nominating Committee

3. Ad Hoc Committees:

The President can appoint an ad hoc committee at any time at his or her discretion.

SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership dues are to be mailed directly to the Treasurer. Membership Dues are due by January 1 of each year. If dues are not received by February 1, the membership will be considered as “lapsed”.
2. The Treasurer will deposit the monies and forward all membership applications to the Secretary.
3. The Secretary shall compile and maintain an accurate membership list.
4. The Secretary shall compile an accurate membership directory annually.

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SECTION J: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Nominating Process:

- a) Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee consisting of at least two (2) members of the voting membership with at least one (1) alternate who have actively serviced for one (1) year minimum.
- b) The committee shall be elected by a ballot of the Executive Committee
- c) The nominating committee shall send the list of nominees to the members of the Executive Board at least sixty (60) days before the annual election. The consent of the candidates must be obtained before their name is placed on the ballot. Write in candidates will be allowed provided the consent of each candidate has been obtained before their name is placed in nomination. The committee shall provide a list of candidates to the newsletter editor for publication prior to election.
- d) The nominating committee shall solicit persons interested in standing committee chairmanships and recommend persons to the Executive Committee.
- f) Elections shall be held the Annual Meeting held in June or July of each year.

2. A Vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired terms by a person elected by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President will come forth and fill this position

SECTION K: MEETINGS

1. The Annual Meeting shall be held in June or July of each year for the purpose of reporting the club activities for the past year.
2. General Membership Meetings
 - a) There will be a minimum of four (4) general membership meetings in each year. This includes the Annual Meeting.