## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Sleddogs Club Baltosport, the goals of which are promoting sled dog racing and creating conditions for practising the latter, is a voluntary non-profit organization acting in public interests.
2. Sleddogs Club Baltosport (hereafter referred to as 'Club') unites both legal and natural persons who are practising or interested in dog sled racing (hereafter referred to as 'Sport') or show either self-initiative or collective initiative in developing or supporting the Sport under non-profit terms.
3. The Club operates according to the following acts and documents: legal acts held in the Republic of Estonia, other acts and decisions introduced in compliance with these legal acts; the Non-profit Association Act; the present Constitution; the Estonian Sport Charter; rules established by international organizations ESDRA (European Sled Dog Racing Association), IFSS (International Federation of Sleddog Sports), ISDVMA (International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association); and objectives set by the Estonian Kennel Union.
4. Neither the main objective nor the purpose of the Club is to make profit through economic activities. Profit made through constitutional activity shall be utilized for achieving goals set in the constitution. Profit shall not be divided among the members of the Club.
5. The Club is a legal person according to private law, the legal capacity of which came into being with its inclusion into the register of non-profit associations and foundations.
6. The Club has its own symbols and holds the sole right of commanding and displaying them.
7. The Club is situated at Rapla county, Kehtna parish, Käbiküla village 79062, Raja farm.
8. The Club was founded on the 5th of February, 2012 by signing the foundation agreement.

## II. THE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB

9. The purpose of the Club is to create favourable conditions for practising the Sport and leisure time spending, cultivating and developing various dog sled sports on levels varying from beginner to professional, and raising the physical and collective activity of the community.
10. In order to accomplish its goals, the Club:
10.1. rallies and unites people who are interested in the Sport throughout Estonia;
10.2. promotes doing the Sport and involves the youth, their parents and their supporters in Club activities;
10.3. develops social activities within and outside the Club in order to support the Club's endeavours;
10.4. arranges sportive activities, organizes competitions and participation in the latter, compiles tables within the Club, appoints Club representatives for different competitions both inside and outside of Estonia, supplies instructions for regional and Club competitions, provides participants with methodical training materials, rewards athletes and other members of the Club along with its supporters, hires referees and additional instructors if possible;
10.5. helps with the preparation of children and the youth as well as professional athletes for competitions;
10.6. encourages cooperation with other sports clubs, associations and unions, dog breeding societies, other organizations, the local government, enterprises and individuals both intraand internationally;
10.7. gives the current and future members of the Club self-education opportunities in the particular fields they have been given responsibilities or assignments;
10.8. if possible, sets favourable terms for members when using the Club's equipment, participating in competitions and obtaining new equipment;
10.9. organizes beneficial and sporting events in order to purchase other necessities for organizing the Club's daily activities, accepts donations of property and allocations, conducts transactions with Club's property necessary for achieving its main goals, makes sponsorship and commercial contracts.

## III. MEMBERSHIP

11. Membership in the Club shall be accorded to any legal or natural person which accepts and follows the present Constitution, actively participates in the Club's endeavours and pays the one-time admission fee and regular membership-fees. Natural persons not over seventeen (17) years of age who accept and follow the present Constitution, actively participate in the Club's endeavours and pay the one-time admission fee and regular membership-fees can be eligible for Junior membership. Club members under the age of sixteen (16) are neither granted the rights described in article 17 subsection 3 nor have the obligations described in article 18 subsection 2 . Membership in the Club shall be accorded to any legal person which assists the Club in achieving its goals, actively participates in the Club's endeavours through their representatives and pays the one-time admission fee and regular membership-fees.
12. Membership in this Club may be obtained by submission of a written application. The decision will be made within 30 calendar days of the date the application was submitted. The size of the one-time admission fee and the payment deadline of the annual membership-fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The fees are smaller for Junior members. If the application is denied by the Board of Directors, the applicant has the right to demand a reevaluation of their membership by the General Meeting of the Club.
13. Club membership or execution of the membership rights cannot be passed on or bequeathed. In case of the death of a natural person or termination of a legal person the membership ends. If the membership of a legal person is reformed according to the law, the
membership will not end. Upon merger or distributing, the legal person's membership will end. If a separation occurs within a legal person, the separated legal person will maintain its status as a member of the Club.
14. A member of the Club can withdraw from the Club by handing in a resignation.

Additionally, a member can resign after the expiration of the two-month advance notice. The expiration deadline is not applied if the member's rights and obligations are severely altered or the membership cannot be renewed due to honest appraisal.
15. A member can be expelled from the Club on a resolution passed by the Board of Directors if the member: fails to follow the rules set in the present Constitution; has inflicted serious material or moral damage to the Club; systematically fails to execute acts established by specific bodies or leaders of the Club; has failed to pay membership-fees for a longer period of time. An expelled member must be informed of his or her expulsion and reasoning behind the latter immediately in writing. An expelled member has the right to have his or her expulsion decision re-evaluated by the General Meeting of the Club.
16. If a membership ends during the financial year, the regular membership-fees must be paid for the whole year. Additionally, the admission fee and membership-fees will not be reimbursed. An individual with a terminated membership holds no property rights.
17. Members of the Club hold the rights to:
17.1. participate in all the activities and events the Club is involved in;
17.2. utilize all the sporting facilities and opportunities according to the rules set by the Club;
17.3. be entitled to vote and participate in the General Meetings of the Club, elect and be elected to various electable bodies of the Club and represent the according bodies in other organizations and events;
17.4. inquire about the activities of the electable bodies of the Club and make suggestions to the latter, receive information of interest regarding the activities of the Club;
17.5. apply for moral and material support via the governing bodies of the Club;
17.6. display the Club symbols according to the established rules and advantageously use the Club's property;
17.7. withdraw from the Club.
18. Members of the Club are obliged to:
18.1. follow the rules set of the present Constitution and execute acts established by specific electable bodies or leaders of the Club;
18.2. participate in ordinary and extraordinary General Meetings and in the work of electable bodies in case of being a member of the latter;
18.3. pay the regular membership-fees duly;
18.4. utilize the Club's property rationally and economically;
18.5. protect and live up to the reputation of the Club and stand for its goals and principles.

Other obligations may be imposed by the Board of Directors if the latter has the permission of the affected members.

## IV. LEADERSHIP AND SURVEILLANCE

19. The governing body of the Club is the General Meeting. All members of the Club participate in the General Meetings. The Board of Directors calls the General Meetings at least once in a calendar year. The Board of Directors is obliged to call a General Meeting if it is in the best interests of the Club, or a sufficiently grounded requisition is submitted with the approval of at least $1 / 10$ of the members of the Club. If a General Meeting is not called under the aforementioned circumstances, the applicants hold the right to call one themselves. Members must be noticed of the General Meetings at least seven days in advance and specifics such as time, place and project on the agenda need to be included in the notice.
20. Resolutions concerning the leadership of the Club are adopted at the General Meetings, apart from amendments which are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors (or other bodies of the club). Under the jurisdiction of the General Meetings are:
20.1. amending the Constitution;
20.2. redefining the objectives of the Club;
20.3. decisions regarding the termination, distributing and merger of the Club as well as entering or stepping out of a union;
20.4. establishing admission and membership-fees of the Club and imposing payment deadlines;
20.5. confirming the annual report;
20.6. confirming the budget and policy paper of the year;
20.7. electing the members of the Board of Directors, setting each member's term of office and confirming the exact number of members for that period of time;
20.8. appointing a Club auditor;
20.9. concluding transactions with the Board of Directors or the auditor, filing claims against the latter and appointing the Club representative in the claim or transaction;
20.10. deciding on transferring the immovables or movables entered into a register, whether to encumber the movables with property right and setting the corresponding conditions;
20.11. requesting and granting loans.
21. General Meetings are conducted by the chairman of the Board of Directors or a chairman selected at the meeting on the initiative of the members. General Meetings are conducted according to the rules and regulations established in the meetings. The voting procedure is set in the rules and regulations. If a member of the General Meeting demands a secret ballot then the corresponding decision must also be made by a secret ballot. Minutes, signed by the chairman of the meeting and the minutes-secretary, are recorded of the General Meetings.
22. Resolutions can be adopted by the General Meeting if more than half of the eligible members are present. If the aforementioned rules for a quorum are not met, a new meeting with the same agenda will be called by the Board of the Directors within the following three weeks. Resolutions can be adopted in the new General Meeting irrespective of the number of represented or present members, only if at least two members are present or represented. Resolutions cannot be adopted by the General Meeting if the constitutional articles have been breached while calling the meeting, unless all the members are represented or present in the meeting. Only the resolutions proposed in the agenda of the meeting can be adopted. Resolutions which have not been proposed in the agenda can be adopted in case all the members of the Club are represented or present in the meeting. A Club member or their representative is eligible to vote in the General Meeting if they have been given an unattested proxy. The representative with the acquired right to vote can only be another Club member.
23. Resolutions are adopted only if more than half of the members represented or present in the meeting vote for its adoption. Members who are not present or represented in the meeting must provide their consent in writing. A resolution will also be adopted in case all the members of the Club provide their consent in writing. Each member has one vote. A member is ineligible to vote if they, or a person of equal economic interest, are involved in transactions with the Club or if the latter is in the commencement or termination of a court action against him or her. If a member's dissimilar right is to be altered or terminated or a dissimilar obligation is imposed on him or her, the consent of the corresponding member is required. A member who is also a member of the Board of Directors or the auditor does not have the right to vote in the process concerning claim against him or her. These votes shall not count when determining the representation.
24. Resolutions regarding alterations to the Constitution can be adopted if more than $2 / 3$ of the members are present or represented in the meeting. Resolutions regarding alterations to the Constitution are adopted if more than $2 / 3$ of the members present or represented in the meeting vote for the adoption. In order to redefine the objectives of the Club activities, the consent of all the members of the Club is needed. The alterations of the Constitution take effect on the day they are entered into the register.
25. Resolutions adopted by the General Meetings can be declared invalid by court if it contradicts the laws or the present Constitution and a corresponding petition has been submitted by a member of the Club or the Board of Directors within three months of the adoption of the resolution.
26. The Club has a Board of Directors that governs and represents the former. The minimum amount of members in the Board of Directors is three and the maximum amount is five. A
member of the Board of Directors must be a person with active legal capacity. The residences of at least one half of the members of the Board must be in Estonia.
27. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected amongst the nominated candidates by majority vote. If two or more candidates receive equal amount of votes, additional elections will be held or new candidates will be nominated. One of the members of the Board is the chairman who governs the Board's activities. The chairman is elected among the Board members by open or secret ballot. The chairman of the Board shall be elected amongst the nominated candidates by majority vote. If two or more candidates receive equal amount of votes, additional elections will be held or new candidates will be nominated.
28. The members of the Board represent the Club jointly concerning all the legal acts, apart from the chairman who shares that responsibility with no one.
29. Board members may be removed from the Board by a resolution adopted by the General Meeting in the cases of failing to meet his or her obligations, inability to govern the Board's activities or any other good reason. A member of the Board has the right to resign before the expiration of the term on the basis of petition. Resigned and removed Board members shall be substituted according to the election procedure set by the General Meeting. A member of the Board may not assign his or her obligations to a third party. A Board member has the right to receive compensation for club related expenses.
30. The Board of Directors must provide other Club members necessary information concerning administration and draw up an account if required. The Board is responsible for managing the registration and is obliged to provide the registrar with corresponding data.
31. Board members are solidarily responsible for wrongfully caused damage to the Club in the cases of contradicting the present Constitution or laws, or if they fail to meet their obligations or do so insufficiently. Board members, who are responsible for wrongfully caused damage in the case of failing to meet their obligations or do so insufficiently in regard to the obligees of the Club, will jointly and separately take responsibility with the Club. A claim can be filed against the corresponding member within five years of the infraction or the beginning of the infraction process.
32. The Board adopts resolutions concerning the leadership of the Club. The Board of Directors has the power to:
32.1. elect the chairman of the Board;
32.2. organize General Meetings and adopt resolutions;
32.3. accept members and decide on their resignation;
32.4. arrange property in accordance with resolutions adopted by the General Meeting and conditions set by corresponding resolutions;
32.5. appoint an accountant;
32.6. compile policy papers, annual reports and budgets, submit the aforementioned documents to the General Meeting;
32.7. confirm the names of the Club's commissional and institutional leaders;
32.8. organize and coordinate foreign relations;
32.9. confirm statutes and designs of Club symbols;
32.10. resolve general issues connected to: the schedule of the Club's competitions and events, instructions and budgets of the competitions, the representative team, confirmation of instructors and representatives, and collective endeavours;
32.11. open accounts and issue invoices with credit institutions, conclude transactions and issue authorisation documents.
33. Board meetings are called by the chairman as appropriate but not less frequently than once per quarter. The Board can adopt resolutions if more than half of the Board members are present. Board meetings are conducted by the chairman of the Board. Resolutions are adopted if more than $2 / 3$ of the participating members vote for its adoption. Board members are ineligible to vote if they, or a person of equal economic interest, are involved in transactions with the Club or if the latter is in the commencement or termination of a court action against him or her. Adopted resolutions are fixated and signed by the chairman of the meeting and the minutes-secretary. Additionally, all the meetings are minuted.
34. The General Meeting carries out surveillance over the activities of other bodies. For that purpose the General Meeting appoints an auditor. The auditor is appointed for a term on the basis of the resolution adopted by the General Meeting. The resolution must be in accordance with the rules and regulations brought forth in article 27 of the present Constitution. The auditor must be a person with active legal capacity and must not belong to the Board of Directors or operate as an accountant of the Club. The Board must provide the auditor with all the necessary documents and information for carrying out an audit. The auditor compiles a report on the basis of the audit and presents it to the General Meeting.

## V. CLUB'S RESOURCES; PROPERTY AND REPORTING

35. The Club's resources and property are formed by:
35.1. admission and membership-fees;
35.2. the donations made by legal and natural persons;
35.3. benefits from the budget of the local government;
35.4. state benefits and grants from various funds and foundations;
35.5. resources acquired for performance of the functions prescribed by the present Constitution through benefit events, sponsorship and commercial contracts, and other proceeds in accordance with the Non-profit Association Act.
36. The Club's property and resources belong to the Club. They are not to be divided among the members and they are arranged and utilized for non-profit purposes in accordance with valid legal acts and the present Constitution. The Club may allot (rent, lend etc.) its resources and property to the members and vice versa (members to the Club) for non-profit purposes under the terms of a contract. The Club is not materially liable for liabilities of its members and the members are not materially liable for liabilities of the Club, apart from instances described in articles 31, 34 and 37 of the present Constitution. The Club assumes responsibility for liabilities with its own property and resources.
37. The Club's financial year begins on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December. The Club organizes the keeping of accounts according to the Accounting Act. After the financial year has ended the Board compiles the annual accounting and management reports and presents the latter to the General Meeting within six months of the end of the financial year. The ratified report of the financial year is signed by all the members of the Board. An audit report shall be added to the annual report in case an audit has been carried out. The Board presents a statistical report concerning its activities in accordance with the rules and regulations set in the legal acts. The Club pays fees to the state and local budgets and presents a tax return to the local institution of the Tax Board of the location in accordance with the legal acts.

## VI. DISSOLUTION

38. The Club will be dissolved under the following circumstances:
38.1. on the basis of a resolution adopted by the General Meeting if the dissolution is added to the agenda of the Club as an independent item, the Club members have been notified according to the implications described in article 19 of the present Constitution, more than $2 / 3$ of the Club members are represented or present at the meeting and more than $2 / 3$ of the aforementioned members vote for the dissolution;
38.2. on the basis of a bankruptcy petition which is submitted by the Board in case the Club possesses less property and resources than incurred obligations. In case the petition is not submitted or the process of submission is delayed, the accountable Board members are solidarily responsible for the damage caused to the Club or third parties;
38.3. if less than two members remain in the Club;
38.4. if the General Meeting is not capable of electing the Board members prescribed in the present Constitution or an auditor;
38.5. in case of compulsory dissolution at the request of the Minister of Internal Affairs or any other interested person decreed by the law.
