



Military Order of the Devil Dogs

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To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog PDD Evelyn Remines
Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws
Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article XIII Section 1301 Amending of Bylaws

Like to recommend the following Proposed Bylaw Change for consideration.

Article I Section 103 – Election, Notification, Obligation and Rejection;

Currently Reads:

Election

A. Under the Order of Business "Election of Candidates" the Unit Dog Robber shall read all applications for obligation and initiation, certifying as to their correctness and as to the amount of membership dues and/or election fees accompanying each application.

1. Voting shall be by secret ballot, either by a show of hands or written, and shall be under supervision of the Smart Dog and Police Dog, with the Pound Keeper, Worthy Pack Leader, or Honorable Chief Devil Dog (the presiding officer having jurisdiction) confirming the results of the ballot.
2. It is permissible to vote for the candidates as a group. When the vote is taken for the group, a simple majority will determine the acceptance or rejection of the group. Rejection shall require a ballot for each and every candidate.

Notification

B. The Unit Dog Robber shall promptly notify all successful candidates of the time and place for obligation and it shall be the duty of the candidates to be present.

1. Should the successful Pup candidate fail to appear at two successive Growls of the Pound without just and valid reason, the approval shall be

withdrawn, the membership dues refunded and the election fee forfeited to the Pound. They shall not be eligible for approval for a period of six calendar months from the last Growl of the Pound to which they were instructed to appear. They shall also be required to pay their proper membership dues and election fees.

2. Should the successful Devil Dog candidate fail to appear at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack to which they were instructed to appear, the approval shall be withdrawn and their election fee forfeited to the Pack. They will not be eligible again for obligation and initiation until one calendar year has elapsed or until the next succeeding Grand Growl of the Pack, whichever shall be last occurring, and the payment of a proper election fee.

3. Should the successful Pedigreed Devil Dog candidate fail to appear at the current Supreme Growl, the approval shall be withdrawn and their election fee shall be forfeited to the Kennel. They will not be eligible for obligation and initiation until the next succeeding Supreme Growl of the Kennel and the payment of a proper election fee.

Obligation

C. Any successful candidate, having appeared at the time and place fixed for the assembly of the Growl of the unit of obligation and initiation into the Degree called for in their application, shall be initiated under supervision of the Unit Mad Dog into the mysteries of said Degree in accordance with the traditions of the Order and after the initiation, shall be obligated to the Degree as set forth in the Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Inc., by the Unit presiding officer or by any past presiding officer of a superior unit.

Rejection

D. Should the application of any candidate be rejected by the Unit to which the application has been made, the election fees and in the case of the application for the Degree of Pup, the membership dues accompanying the application shall be immediately returned to the applicant by the Unit Dog Robber and the name of the rejected candidate cannot again be presented for consideration for such a period as may be applicable under paragraph B-1, B2, and B-3 of this section.

Unit Dog Robber

E. It shall be the duty of the Unit Dog Robber to place the date and over their signature, certify as to the disposition made of the application. The original papers shall be retained in the files and copies of the application, duly certified and signed, be forthwith sent to the Dog Robbers of their superior and/or junior jurisdiction.

Change to Read:

Election

A. Under the Order of Business "Election of Candidates" the **Pound/Pack/Kennel** Dog Robber shall read all applications for obligation and initiation, certifying as to their correctness and as to the amount of membership dues and/or election fees accompanying each application.

3. Voting shall be by secret ballot, either by a show of hands or written, and shall be under supervision of the Smart Dog and Police Dog, with the Pound Keeper, Worthy Pack Leader, or Honorable Chief Devil Dog (the presiding officer having jurisdiction) confirming the results of the ballot.

4. It is permissible to vote for the candidates as a group. When the vote is taken for the group, a simple majority will determine the acceptance or rejection of the group. Rejection shall require a ballot for each and every candidate.

Notification

B. The **Pound/Pack/Kennel** Dog Robber shall promptly notify all successful candidates of the time and place for obligation and it shall be the duty of the candidates to be present.

4. Should the successful Pup candidate fail to appear at two successive Growls of the Pound without just and valid reason, the approval shall be withdrawn, the membership dues refunded and the election fee forfeited to the Pound. They shall not be eligible for approval for a period of six calendar months from the last Growl of the Pound to which they were instructed to appear. They shall also be required to pay their proper membership dues and election fees.

5. Should the successful Devil Dog candidate fail to appear at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack to which they were instructed to appear, the approval shall be withdrawn and their election fee forfeited to the Pack. They will not be eligible again for obligation and initiation until one calendar year has elapsed or until the next succeeding Grand Growl of the Pack, whichever shall be last occurring, and the payment of a proper election fee.

6. Should the successful Pedigreed Devil Dog candidate fail to appear at the current Supreme Growl, the approval shall be withdrawn and their election fee shall be forfeited to the Kennel. They will not be eligible for obligation and initiation until the next succeeding Supreme Growl of the Kennel and the payment of a proper election fee.

Obligation

C. Any successful candidate, having appeared at the time and place fixed for the assembly of the Growl of the **Pound/Pack/Kennel** of obligation and initiation into the Degree called for in their application, shall be initiated under supervision of the **Pound/Pack/Kennel** Mad Dog into the mysteries of said Degree in accordance with the traditions of the Order and after the initiation, shall be obligated to the Degree as set forth in the Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Inc., by the **Pound/Pack/Kennel** presiding officer or by any past presiding officer of a superior **Pound/Pack/Kennel**.

Rejection

D. Should the application of any candidate be rejected by the **Pound/Pack/Kennel** to which the application has been made, the election fees and in the case of the application for the Degree of Pup, the membership dues accompanying the application shall be immediately returned to the applicant by the **Pound/Pack/Kennel** Dog Robber and the name of the rejected candidate cannot again be presented for consideration for such a period as may be applicable under paragraph B-1, B2, and B-3 of this section.

Pound/Pack/Kennel Dog Robber

E. It shall be the duty of the **Pound/Pack/Kennel** Dog Robber to place the date and over their signature, certify as to the disposition made of the application. The original papers shall be retained in the files and copies of the application, duly certified and signed, be forthwith sent to the Dog Robbers of their superior and/or junior jurisdiction.

Rational:

This Section talks of Unit (s). Within in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs there are no Unit (s). There are Pounds/Packs and the Kennel. This change brings us into compliance with our own terminology with in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

Respectfully Submitted

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