

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

1. Goals, Purpose

1.1 The Verband für Kleine Münsterländer International (KLM-I) is a voluntary association of national KIM breed clubs, which breed and handle Kleine Münsterländer hunting dogs. The goal is to secure the F.C.I. standard of the breed internationally; as well as to promote the character, health and hunting abilities of the Kleine Münsterländer, and to unify breeding, training and boarding conditions. The interests of this hunting dog breed shall be represented consistently and effectively with national and international organizations and associations. Practical experiences shall be exchanged across borders, international tests shall be conducted together, basic breed, utility and organizational matters shall be managed and the national KIM breed clubs shall be advised consistently.

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.

1.3 KIM-International shall support the care 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 Name

2.1 The international association is called the "Verband für Kleine Münsterländer-International" (KIM-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 based on F.C.I. standard Nr. 102, can become members of this international association.

3.2 Interested national organizations or breed clubs which wish to join after their creation, will receive a membership application from this office. Then, a decision on the membership application will be made by the Board of 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 objectives and rules of KIM-International. The decision shall be made by the Board. This decision must be approved by the next General Assembly. Termination without notice shall be, however, effective immediately.

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

3.5 Meetings, documents and negotiations shall be conducted in German. Written correspondence is also possible in English 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 of association between meetings of the General Assembly.

5. Meetings of the General Assembly

5.1 Regular meetings of the General Assembly take place at least every two years. At these meetings all fundamental matters of KIM-International shall be discussed and adopted or approved, Board members shall be elected and discharged of liability, and changes can be made to the By-Laws by a two thirds majority vote. 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. Each member country shall manage and confirm the right of representation of each participant made at the meeting of their national 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. Motions must be submitted two months before the effective date. Written votes have to be made at the request of the Board or at least five members. Making decisions on motions that are not on the agenda is not 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 while 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 (Geschäftsführer). Elections take place at a duly convened meeting of the General Assembly and are valid 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.

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 referred to more specifically 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.

7.2 The termination of the association can only be resolved by a two thirds majority of the members. The General Assembly may decide to terminate the association for other reasons. At the same time, it 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 adopted in Fulda-Almendorf on May 22, 2006 and signed by the founding members and further amended by the General Assembly on September 30, 2012 and on October 19, 2014.

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