



## **Constitution & By-Laws Old English Game Bantam Nation**

**As approved and adopted on 6-10-15 by the Board of Directors.**

### **ARTICLE 1 - Name**

**SECTION A** - The name of the organization shall be Old English Game Bantam Nation.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Address**

**SECTION A** - The address of the Club Secretary shall be considered Club Headquarters.

### **ARTICLE 3 – Object**

**SECTION A** - The purpose of this organization is to encourage and promote the breeding, exhibition, and quality improvement of Old English Game Bantams.

**SECTION B** – Shall strive to create and maintain a cooperative spirit among all breeders and exhibitors of Old English Game Bantams and to always strive for good fellowship and integrity among the membership and breeders alike.

**SECTION C** – The OEGBN shall not operate for profit and any balance remaining from monies received will not benefit any member, individual, or business.

**SECTION D** – Shall strive to do everything in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at every show.

**SECTION E** – Shall strive to protect the best interest of our members, to promote fair and honest dealings among all breeders and to prevent anyone from exercising fraudulent practices at any time.

### **ARTICLE 4 – Membership and Dues**

**SECTION A** – Any person of good moral and ethical character may become a member of this club. All membership applications are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Application for membership can be made under an Individual name or Family name only. However, members may earn points under a partnership if filed with the Secretary. Members that choose to have their points kept in such a manner must, at the time of application, inform the Secretary on how to disperse their points should the Partnership ever become dissolved. Partnerships will consist of no more than three individuals.

**SECTION B** - Any member who violates the provisions of these Constitution and By-Laws or willfully attempts to injure the standing of this Club in any manner will be expelled.

**SECTION C** - No member shall be eligible to hold office in this Club unless they are a breeder of Old English Game Bantams.

**SECTION D** - Negative acts or language directed towards the club, officers, or its members will not be tolerated and the member will be expelled.

**SECTION E** – The OEGBN will operate on a fiscal year format from July 1 through June 30 of each year. Appropriate dues will be considered due on June 30 and past due on July 1 as per your current membership package. Membership privileges shall be suspended pending payment of dues and any points lost or publications missed during that time will be forfeited.

### **Adult**

Bronze Package 1 Year - \$20.00

Silver Package 3 Years - \$60.00

Gold Package 5 Years - \$100.00

Platinum Package 10 Years and Up at \$20.00 per Year

### **Youth**

Pee Wee consists of members under the age of 7. Membership dues are \$10 and do not include any printed publications. They will; however, receive annual awards when achieved. Members between the ages of 8 and 18 will receive annual awards when achieved and all club publications. Dues are \$20 per year.

### **Family**

Family dues are \$35 per year and includes up to 3 children. Additional children can be added at a cost of \$5 per child. Only one copy of club publications will be sent to the address of record. All family members will be eligible for points and yearly awards.

## **ARTICLE 5 - Organization**

**SECTION A** - The officers of this Club shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publications Director, Public Relations Director, East Youth Director, West Youth Director, and 6 at large Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of the above named officers.

**SECTION B** – Any vacated office will be filled by the Board of Directors for the duration of the unexpired term.

**SECTION C** - The Club shall maintain Bonding Insurance covering all officers of the club. This insurance shall protect against financial loss due to theft up to \$50,000.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE 1 – President**

The President shall preside at all meetings and perform the duties of Chief Executive Officer. He/She shall execute all other duties imposed upon him at the time of his election. He/She will act as Chairman of the Board while referring all matters to the Board of Directors for their consideration when requested by the Secretary and will promptly report their decisions to the Secretary. He/She shall see that the Constitution and By-Laws are rigidly executed by everyone concerned and that all officers of the Club properly discharge their duties. He/She may call a special meeting whenever he/she deems it necessary, or at the request of at least 2/3 of the Board Members. He/she will issue an annual report to the membership within sixty (60) days after the first day of July covering the Club's activities for the previous year. This report will be filed by the Secretary together with the minutes of the Annual Meeting so that a permanent record may be kept of the same. A copy will be placed on the Website and in the next printed Yearbook.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Vice President**

The Vice-President will act as presiding and executive officer in the absence of the President while assuming all other duties of that office during the time it should be vacated. The normal duties of the Vice-President will be to work closely with the club officers, directors and membership in securing as many new members as possible. He/She shall also execute any other duties imposed upon him/her at the time of his election such as selling leg bands and dispersing awards. The Vice-President is to be a liaison between all special committees and the Board of Directors. The Vice-president shall work closely with the Secretary and Publications Director in ordering and dispersing yearly awards. The Vice-President will sell or oversee the selling of leg bands.

### **ARTICLE 3 - Secretary**

The Secretary shall work closely with the club officers and directors. The Secretary shall distribute all correspondence and act as managing director of the Club. He/She shall be the custodian of all records pertaining to Old English Game Bantams Nation. He/She shall issue within sixty (60) days after the Annual Meeting a list of all officers and members along with the minutes of said meeting and email a copy of each to all members that possess a valid email address. A copy shall also be posted on the Old English Game Bantam Nation website and printed in the next publication of the yearbook. He/She shall send a copy of the Constitution

and By-Laws to all Club members upon their being advised of their membership acceptance to the Club. He/She shall keep the minutes of all meetings and have charge of the books and papers pertaining to his/her office. He/She shall be charged with the responsibility of issuing, after approval, all releases proposed by the Public Relations Director. Should there be any question regarding Club policy at any time, such releases will be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval before being published. He/She shall record each membership, schedule all sanctioned shows, log show reports, and post on the Club website. He/She shall tabulate, record, and publish all member points earned at each show. Data will be printed in the yearbook and will be used to determine annual member awards. His/Her books and papers shall be open at all time for inspection by the Board of Directors. He/She shall surrender all files, monies and any other property of the Old English Game Bantam Nation to the Board of Directors at the expiration of his/her term of office.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due the Club and will pay all invoices undertaken by the club while keeping an accurate record of all transactions. He/She shall be prepared to make a report at each general meeting of all his/her receipts and disbursements with a statement as to the amount of cash on hand at that time. His/Her books and papers shall be open at all time for inspection by the Board of Directors. He/She shall surrender all files, monies and any other property of the Old English Game Bantam Nation to the Board of Directors at the expiration of his/her term of office. A copy of each year's financial statement will be placed on the Website and in the upcoming Yearbook.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - Publications Director**

The Publication Director shall be responsible for preparing the Yearbook for print along with any other publications the club deems necessary. There shall be a yearly appointed Yearbook Committee, consisting of the Publication Director and two Board of Director members with one member east of the Mississippi River and one member west of the Mississippi River. The Yearbook Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - Public Relations Director**

The Public Relations Director shall develop and oversee strategies for public relation initiatives, marketing campaigns, promotion materials, as well as their distribution and implementation. He/She will work closely with all officers and directors in promoting the club at all shows. He/She will act as club spokesperson under the direction of the President, Secretary and/or Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – Youth Directors**

The club will utilize 2 Youth Directors overseeing 2 districts. District 1 shall exist east of the Mississippi River and District 2 shall exist west of the Mississippi River. The Youth Directors shall promote the Youth Programs of the OEGBN and will working closely with the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association while growing and promoting the fancy as a whole.

Their duties will include but are not limited to:

- Working closely with the Club Secretary to insure the Youth point totals are included in club publications and up to date.
- Finding an established breeder to mentor all youth registered in the Mentorship Program.
- Answer questions pertaining to available youth programs as the need arises.
- They shall have the ultimate decision of all winners of the mentor program.

They shall be responsible for obtaining the show results/reports from each show in their respected District. The Board of Directors can assign a member (volunteer) to serve as Youth Secretary or one of the Youth Directors shall serve as Youth Secretary. Each director shall submit the show results to the Youth Secretary to compile the points and maintain a running yearly total. The Youth Secretary shall then email a copy of point totals to each Youth Director and Club Secretary.

## **ARTICLE 8 – Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publication Director, Public Relations Director, Youth Director and Directors. The Board of Directors and its officers shall control the affairs of the Club at all times. It shall be understood that the elected officers of the club will act on behalf of the membership at all times and each Board Member having equal representation. Each Board Member shall be required to vote on club issues when requested by the Secretary.

## **ARTICLE 9 - Election of Officers**

**SECTION A** - The first election for the Old English Game Bantam Nation shall be held in the year 2017. All officers shall be elected for a period of 2 years. There will be no term limits for officers. The term of office for all officers will begin on the first day of July following the election. Any officer, who has served the Club satisfactorily in the past, may be a candidate for re-election or appointment. Any candidate for office must be a member in good standing.

**SECTION B** - Elected officers shall take office on July 1 of that election year. In even numbered years the offices of Vice President, Public Relations Director, West Youth Director and 3 Directors shall be open for declaration to be on the ballot. In odd numbered years the President, Publication Director, East Youth Director and the 3 Directors, not in the previous year election, shall be open for declaration to be on the ballot. Each candidate for the office of Publication Director shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to being added to the ballot to insure the candidate qualifies for the position.

**SECTION C** - The Secretary shall send out a notice of election for officers by April 1 of each year. Notice of election shall be emailed to each club member and posted on the Club Website. If there should be no candidate filing for a vacant office by May 1, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member in good standing to fill the position. If an officer is running unopposed there shall be no election for that office. The officer will continue his/her duties until the office is open for election again in two years.

**SECTION D** - Each election shall be held during the month of May. The deadline to declare for an office will be May 1. Declarations shall be received by the Club Secretary by email or in writing. Voting shall be completed and final on May 31 of each year. No Vote shall be counted if submitted or received after May 31. Each vote cast by the membership shall be submitted to each member of the Election Committee. The Election Committee shall submit the election results to the Club Secretary on or before June 15.

**SECTION E** - Each year, prior to May 1, the Board of Directors shall appoint 3 officers to the Election Committee and they will serve in times of voting elections. They shall not be a member of any other Club committee or be up for re-election. The Election Committee shall serve from May 1 to April 30 of each year. Officers cannot serve on the Election Committee in back to back years.

**SECTION F** - The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and will serve a term of their choosing. The two offices may be combined as one office or divided in any way that the Board of Directors deems to be in the best interest of the Old English Game Bantam Nation.

## **ARTICLE 10 - Club Meetings**

There shall be an Old English Game Bantam Club official meeting at the National each year. The President shall preside over all club meetings when possible. In the President's absence the Vice President shall preside over the meeting. In the absence of the President and/or Vice-President the Board of Directors may convene with a 2/3 vote of the Board members. Conference calls shall be considered an official meeting only if the above criterion is met. A Quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of two thirds (2/3) of the Officers and Directors.

## **ARTICLE 11 - Club Meets**

**SECTION A - National Meet** - Each year beginning in 2015 the Old English Game Bantam Nation shall host a National Meet. Each year the site shall rotate between East and West of the Mississippi River. The Board of Directors may, upon majority vote, decide the site in the best interest of the club, regardless of East or West placement. The Board of Directors may, upon majority vote, decide that the National Meet be for paid members only if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the club.

The "Dameon Roach Memorial Award" will be awarded to the Best Old English of the Junior Show. A perpetual trophy plaque bearing the name of past and present winners will be kept and displayed by the Old English Game Bantam Nation at the National Meet.

**SECTION B - Regional Meets** - Each year beginning in 2016 the Old English Game Bantam Nation shall host a Regional Meet. Each year the site shall be on the opposite side of the Mississippi River of the National Meet. The Board of Directors may, upon majority vote, decide the site for the best interest of the club. The Board of Directors may, upon majority vote, decide that the Regional Meet be for paid members only if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the club.

**SECTION C - Club Meets** - All Club Meets will be considered sanctioned by the club if they are listed in the Calendar on the Club Website. All show reports should be turned in to the Club Secretary as soon as possible after the show is completed and it shall be the duty of the club directors to see that all reports are turned in to the Club Secretary. All Club sanctioned meets shall be open to all members.

## **ARTICLE 12 - Classification**

The Club recognizes all ABA Standard colors of the Old English Game Bantam breed and urges classification for each color at every show.

## **ARTICLE 13 - Performance of Officers**

In order that the Club may move forward in an expedient manner, it will be imperative that each officer function to the best of his/her ability. The Club shall not tolerate any neglect of duty on the part of any officer. Each position is clearly outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws so that each candidate for office will know what his duties will consist of before accepting the nomination. Once elected to office he/she will be expected to carry out the duties of the office without delay. Any officer, regardless of position, that neglects the duties of his/her office without good and lawful reason will be removed immediately. Any officer, director or committee member who fails to function in office, elected or appointed, shall be removed from office upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall cast a vote on every issue presented to the Board of Directors unless exempt by the President or Vice President. Failure to vote shall result in removal from office. No person shall hold office who is not a member in good standing.

## **ARTICLE 14 - Interpretation**

In all cases of dispute arising out of the interpretation of the Constitution and By-Laws, or on any other matter not covered under the same, a majority vote of the Board of Directors will decide the issue which shall be final. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be the interpreter of the Constitution and By-Laws and the decision final. All procedural issues not covered in the Constitution and By-Laws shall defer to Roberts Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE 15 - Amendments**

Any proposal to amend or alter the Constitution and/or By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary. A majority vote of Board of Directors shall be required for the adoption of an amendment or alteration to the Constitution and By-Laws. The amendment or alteration favorably enacted will be made effective immediately and shall be posted on the Club website and printed in the next publication of the year book.

## **ARTICLE 16 - Prohibitions**

No officer, employee, or member of the Club, nor any committee, subcommittee or part thereof, shall under claim of authority from the Club, attempt to use its name, or credit or make any statement, written or oral, for publication or otherwise, for any personal gain, or for any other reason of a fraudulent nature. Persons found guilty of any such acts as described above will be dealt with according to the decision of the Board of Directors, their decision could result in a reprimand, suspension or expulsion from membership in the Club, or prosecution according to law depending upon the extent of guilt.

## **ARTICLE 17 - Committees**

**SECTION A** - The Board of Directors may appoint, at any time, committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as poultry shows, trophies, membership and other fields which may well be served by a committee. All appointed committees shall serve as an advisory board to the Board of Directors. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board of Directors. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board of Directors to aid on particular task or project.

**SECTION B** – Once a committee has completed an assigned task or project, the committee shall be considered dissolved. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may dissolve any appointed committee member or committee at any time.

Note: Article 4 Section A revised 10-16-2015.