

# The Dominique News



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## eBook coming soon!

*From Mark Fields*

Soon an electronic version of the 1997 version of "The American Dominique" will be available. This will help fanciers while I'm working on the second edition.

Honestly, I had thought it would be available by now, but scanning a book and turning it into an ebook was more work than I realized. We are aiming for it to be available in July. I am working with a company in England and the book should work for most readers.

The biggest challenge has been rescanning all the old photographs. I never thought to keep them together after the book was published, so now I'm having to relocate photos that have been filed in other areas. Oh well, live and learn.

## Financial Statement

*From Julie Gupton*

The following is a summary of our account info, from 10/26/11 to 2/29/12

Starting balance: \$3100.52

Deposits: 11/1/11 (Treas.'s dep.) \$50.00  
11/1/11 (Crossroads Show dep.) \$50.00  
11/15/11 (Sec.'s dep.) \$60.00  
12/19/11 (Donation) \$50.00  
1/5/12 (Sec.'s dep.) \$40.00  
1/19/12 (Treas.'s dep.) \$30.00  
1/20/12 (Transfer from PayPal acct.) \$200.00  
1/31/12 (Treas.'s dep.) \$30.00  
2/13/12 (Sec.'s dep.) \$40.00  
2/22/12 (Sec.'s dep.) \$35.00

Withdrawals: 11/22/11 (Expense - X-roads awards) \$326.00  
12/28/11 (Expense - Shawnee awards) \$35.00  
1/9/12 (Expense - Website & domain fees)

\$100.00

1/26/12 (Expense - New patches) \$306.50  
2/14/12 (Expense - Newsletter printing & postage) \$140.58

Avail. Bal. on 2/29/12: \$2,777.44

Hope everyone has a safe and productive spring!

Respectfully Submitted by:  
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## News from the Secretary

*By Suzette Ellington*

I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your support of the DCA and the Dominique. I am so grateful to be a part of this great group, but it would not be the same without the wonderful support of our members, both new and existing. The success of the Dominique rests with the human element, and that is where we come in. The more we connect with fellow Dominique lovers to network and promote interest in the breed, the more we can share, learn, and experience, resulting in improved quality and popularity of the breed. This includes juniors – we should never pass up a chance to get a young person hooked on Dominiques!

Each month I am blown away by the number of new DCA member applications that come through. We appreciate your membership and support, and would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you. The club has received 55 new members in the past 8 months! THANK YOU for your support!

New Members: Ed Birdsell, , Nena Detring, David Doan, Alex Fleak, Calvin Gadbury, Wil Hanley, Melody Hobbs, Rhonda Jones, Rebecca Letourneau, Stephen Mankowski, Charles Ashley Moore, Sande Morse, Traci Perg, Taylor Powers, Amy Rawson, Maureen Smuin, James St. Clair, Stephen Stoneman, Roger Jones, Lesa Talley, Christopher Tamayo, Neil & Donna Townsend, Norman Wagoner, Jr. , Michael Wells, Jacob Gallop, David Pepe, Holliday Smith, Winston Sitton, Shelly Wheeler, Sarah Campbell, Janice James, Mike McPheeters, Whipple & Bonita Walker, V.T Batchelor, Bryon Thomas, Roberto Giovannelli, Calvin Walsh, Jennifer Chamberlain, Heidi Williams, Jane Hunt, Raymond Black, Ann Charles, Susan Miller, Brian Gallo, Jessica Freytag, Charles Warren, Jr., Phil Monroe, Joey Seabolt, Sharon Leopold, James Uptain, Tico Vilarioo, Jennifer Pedersen, Steve Lucas, Melanie Christian

Madison Rae Fowler and Minnie Lucas are our new junior members. Thanks Madison and Minnie!

The state with the largest number of total active members is Texas with 13! Second is North Carolina with 11 and third is Tennessee with 9. Thanks to the folks in these states for your active support of the breed. I'd also like to thank our friends from the UK and Canada for their support! Yes, we have great members outside of the US. We also have a new member from Italy! The total active members as of press time is 159.

Don't forget to join the DCA official Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/293751737328864/>. Click "join group" on the right hand side. This is a great place to network and chat about your Dominiques. We look forward to you joining us.

Thanks,  
Suzette Ellington

## Patches!

*From Tracey Rodenbach*

We now have the Special 40th Anniversary patches available for the Club members. They are five dollars each, and we still have the yellow standard patches available for 5.00 as well.

Checks can be sent to Julie Gupton.



## The Early Years of DCA

*By Lucille Brachmann*

Good to hear from you – I’m doing OK, hope you are well and doing fine. I don’t know how much I can contribute to your memories of the Club.

We started in the Club in the ‘80s through our mutual friend David Hyman. He visited one time, and in his most engaging way said “Robert, you have the perfect spot to raise chickens!” Bob said he’d raise them for Dave but he would have to select the Champs for himself, and rest would go for soup. Well, David never took any birds and convinced us to join the Dominique Club.

As green-horns, for our first meet we followed all the hints and suggestions for preparing birds for the Big Event – our first show. After the judging, our favorite hen had a sign on her cage – Disqualified! We were crushed and could not imagine why. Roger and Carol Voter were our mentors and accompanied us to where our beautiful hen stood in all her glory with her legs looking like a big “X”! She was knock-kneed!! How we laughed!

We traveled to the shows towing our “mobile home” and enjoyed the company of the Voters many times. Most of the Meetings at the meets were held in our trailer, with vegetable-beef soup, not chicken soup, for anyone who cared to join us. (Roger was not happy with “soup” as reward to the birds that could not attain a blue ribbon.) And usually ending up with music and signing – which Bob and I looked forward to accompanied by guitar and accordion.

After Bob and the Voters went to that Big Chicken Hatchery in the Beyond, I kind of lost interest in competition. As my son, Joe, and I put down the last of our small flock, Joe said “Well Mom, that the end to a great Era” and we shed a few tears. It was a most exciting and interesting time in my life.

It was wonderful traveling across the country and meeting so many wonderful, gracious people. I send my thanks and best wishes to one and all.

## The Show Report

*By Heaven Roberts*

This is a super busy time of year for me and my family, and with my computer giving out on me in February I got behind on show reports, but this list is fairly complete. Thank you everyone for supporting the breed and club by showing your beautiful American Dominiques!

### November – **Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association Show**

2 Large Fowl Dominiques Shown

BOB – Cockerel, owned by Fred Farthing of Seymour, MO

ROB – Pullet, owned by Fred Farthing of Seymour, MO

### November – **Eastern Iowa Poultry Association Show**

No Dominiques Shown

### December – **Oklahoma Poultry Federation Show**

14 Large Fowl Dominiques Shown

BOB – Cockerel, owned by Melody Hobbs of Seminole, OK

ROB – Pullet, owned by Melody Hobbs

Other exhibitors: Fred Farthing of Seymour, MO (3<sup>rd</sup> Cockerel, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Pullets), Stephanie Surbey of Bixby, OK (4<sup>th</sup> Pullet).

3 Bantam Dominiques Shown

BOB – Pullet, owned by Fred Farthing

ROB – Hen, owned by Fred Farthing

### January – **Pacific Poultry Breeder’s Association Show**

4 Bantam Dominiques Shown

BOB – Cockerel, owned by Chris Tamayo

ROB – Pullet, owned by Bailey Rose Glashan

Waiting for official results – **Chattahoochee Valley Poultry Association Show (Feb), Forcyth Fowl Fanciers Show (Mar), Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Show (Mar), Kansas Classic (Apr)**

Remember that there are CASH PRIZES when 10 or more birds are shown (with two or more exhibitors showing) and for trios if there are at least two trios shown (again, by at least two exhibitors), so encourage your fellow exhibitors to come out for some friendly competition and an opportunity to earn your entry fees back!

### UPCOMING SHOWS

May 19<sup>th</sup>, Kentuckiana Poultry Show (Shelbyville, Kentucky)

### **Dominique Club of America 2012 National meet**

Oklahoma State Poultry Show

Shawnee, Oklahoma – December 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

# News from Fowlplay Farm

By Mike Supak

Greetings fellow members!

First, my congratulations to the newly elected officers in our club.

Yes I missed another Crossroads Show. I had been saving up for it, just so for once I thought how nice it would be to finally meet some of the folks that I only know from corresponding with thru the postal system. And then of all times to happen I had farm equipment break down on me, not to mention my Lil Lady of the House, who is a Stage 4 cancer survivor since 2004, wasn't doing too well. She has her ups and down days, just like most other folks, except lately the down days seem more prevalent.

Anyways, I had to invest what I had saved for repairs.

I really have some nice birds coming along both Large and Bantam Dominiques. I've had Dom bantams way back in the early 70s and lost them to theft, then took another interest in them some years ago when I got 5 dozen eggs shipped to me from our fine friend and member Monte Bowen. Out of that bunch 26 proved to be fertile and what wasn't cracked during shipment thru the mail, I did manage to hatch, I believe it was 8 or 10, of which I got my second start with Dominique bantams. My large fowl have taken a lot of culling over the years, to where I am finally starting to see some impressive results.

I study the Standard tough. I have been raising and breeding birds for over 55+ years, and have had just about 28 to 32 different breeds in all. But the only breeds I am sticking with now, due to my age, are the Doms (both size) and my Nankin bantams.

I feel a strong bond with them as they need help to stick around for future breeders, hopefully more youth will carry on with them. I do encourage

young people about their importance every chance I get.

I've been an organic farmer for the last 30+ years, and teach the younger generation, and the community around me, the importance of sustainable agriculture. We have a small farm where we have been living for the past 15 years and 160 acre farm north of us.

Well, I'll sign off for now, with Have a Happy and Productive season ahead, and like Monte always reminds us, for improved breeding results "study the standard".

Till next time,  
Your Fellow member  
Mike

P.S. I will be sending some photos in the near future.

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## **A message from our President**

*From Tracey Rodenbach*

Greetings Fellow Members and Fanciers!

I hope that the spring hatching efforts have been fruitful, and that all of our members are well. Here in middle Tennessee, we've had a rather mild but wet winter. I hope that your breeding pens are showing promise, and that you're anticipating filling those incubators if you haven't already. The Dominique Club of America has had a very busy few months. I am bursting with pride at all of the show winners I've seen from all around the country, and especially proud of our historic breed showing up on Champions' Row! Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you for continuing to exhibit 'The Magnificent Old Breed'. Be sure to check out the show reports and photos in this issue. I am also thrilled to see that we have added over 50 new members to our "flock" in the last six months. It is gratifying to see the interest in our breed growing.

Now on to some Club business- You may notice that this newsletter has a bit more girth than normal. Included in this issue is a proposed set of Bylaws and a Constitution for our club. The old governing documents were outdated, and we needed some updates to reflect where our club is now. These have been posted on our website for the last few months as well for our members to voice any suggested revisions. Please take the time to

read over them- we will be closing voting on them on June 1st, and we need your vote. I'd like to get this issue finished so we can cross it off of our "to do" list. The Board and I have also been working on some ideas for our big anniversary coming up in 2013. The DCA will be celebrating its 40th anniversary! We have some great ideas for articles for the newsletter in the coming months, as well as a few special items that will be added to the Club store. One of the items will be a special patch commemorating our club's 40th anniversary, and I am very excited for all of you to see it.

I would like to encourage all members who have stock available to consider being listed in our Breeders' Directory. Even if you are keeping a flock for genetic preservation purposes only, we would like to have you listed. Nearly every day, the board members and I get phone calls and emails from folks searching for stock. Some want show quality, and some are just looking for birds for a backyard flock. Even if you just sell a few birds ( or just have some stock you'd like to sell), we would like to list you, only because it helps us to find other Dominique flocks in the area when someone is looking for birds close to their home area. The Breeders Directory will be kept in the locked members area of the website, so it will not be available to the general public visiting the site. If you would like to be listed, please call or send an email to Heaven Roberts or Suzette Ellington as soon as possible.

Lastly, I wanted to share with you that I have been working the last few months on researching a project for our breed with Jeanette Beranger of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. Similar projects have been done with great success for the American Buckeye and the Java, as well as others. The purpose of the project is to improve productivity and preserve historic traits in the breed without sacrificing breed standard. Hatching eggs are collected and placed in the hands of poultry keepers around

the country. Using time-honored selection and breeding practices, the birds are bred to standard, not only for confirmation, but productivity as well. I feel this is a worthwhile project for our breed, not only to preserve it, but to show the world what a true and proper Dominique looks like. It's no secret that we've all had concerns about the size and body type of birds that are winning at many shows. This, I feel, is our chance to take back our breed and insist that our birds be bred and shown to standard. This is also an excellent opportunity for our club members to share what they know. Many folks hear terms thrown around among those of us who breed Dominiques, such as "crow headed", butt fluff, beefy combs, "ringiness", back slope, short backs, long backs, inverted spikes and tail cushions, but they have no idea what that really means. One idea is to have workshops at a few shows. We could bring good and bad examples, and let folks actually put their hands on the birds to truly understand what it is supposed to look like. I'd also like to record these workshops and eventually have the videos available on our website for educational purposes.

Lastly, I also want to share with you what is going on around the American Poultry Association. (Pardon the noise while I drag out my soap box-) There has been an idea tossed around concerning Flock Certification. The idea is that your breeding flock could be 'certified' by the APA, that your birds are bred to standard and are indeed Dominiques. I can see how this would be a nice marketing tool for breeders who sell their stock, as it provides an assurance to the customer that they would be getting the breed they want, kind of like a Seal of Approval. Of course, the first question I asked was, "Who will be doing the actual certification?" The answer was that APA Judges would be doing it. My immediate thought was that many of our breeders would immediately make the "talk to the hand" gesture and walk away. Secondly, would there be enough judges to really

accomplish this task? I stand in agreement with Mr. Fields on the issues concerning our breed as far as size and weight. Those values of the Dominique breed being a medium size breed, and mature cocks weighing no more than seven pounds aren't just listed in the breed standard to fill up space on the page. Those traits were argued and fought for in our past- they are there for a reason. We cannot allow our breed to succumb to this "bigger is better" trend currently happening across many breeds in the showroom. I would be all for this idea, if, and only if, those who will come to certify these flocks are willing to adhere to the standard- in its entirety. I for one would not want our breeders subjected to someone coming out and looking at a pen of perfectly weighted birds and tell him or her that they are just too small. Our breed is what it is, and that's what the Standard says it is. This bird is to have a medium frame. When you start packing weight on to this frame, the bird lumbers around, moves improperly and just doesn't have that svelte, alert look we like to see. Like my uncle used to say, "they'll look like 10 pounds of poop in a 5 pound bag". There are already too many fanciers of this breed who own beautiful examples of this bird, but don't show anymore, because they are tired of the 9 pound short tail bird in the next cage taking top honors. I understand, and I worry about the message this sends to those who not only breed, but are considering ownership. The ribbon on the cage tells the world that this is the best example of this breed here. (Putting away the soap box now)



I hope you'll find this month's newsletter informative, and as always, please feel free to contact me with any ideas for how we can improve things. Lastly, please take the time to vote on our proposed By Laws. This is your club, and you have a voice. Once again, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you, and I hope to see some of you at shows, swaps and online at our official Club page on Facebook!

Tracey Rodenbach, President

## Are you a breeder!?!

*From Julie Gupton*

Support for the Dominique Fowl and the Dominique Club of America can come in so many ways! You certainly do not need to even have Doms to be a valuable part of their preservation! We have many members that have had Doms in the past, or want to have Doms in the future, or may never have had Doms, or may never have even had chickens! Just preserving the knowledge of the Dominique's heritage can be a significant contribution to this breed.

To try to "define" who can or cannot be called a "breeder" may be a bit unfair to some. If you are a supporter of this organization and you feel that you have something to contribute to other members, or to perspective members, and you wish to network with other "breeders", **YOU ARE QUALIFIED** to be listed in the "Breeders' List". Just be sure to note with the listing if you actually have Dominique Fowl and/or their products for sale. If you do not have anything to sell, you may just want to be included in the network of people who are willing to help promote the breed in any other way you can imagine.

Example: John Doe loves the Dominique Fowl, but is currently living in a condo on Main Street, USA. He is, however, an artist who loves to paint and exhibits all over the USA. There are so many ways Mr. Doe can help promote Doms without ever even leaving the city or owning a bird! He may not be breeding Doms but he has the desire

and tools to promote them so that, maybe some day, they will still be around when he finally buys that little place out in the country that he has always wanted. Until then, he helps to promote the breed through his art and support of this club. Can he listed in the DCA "Breeders' List", if he wishes? YES! I would say so!

O.K..... so that is a made-up scenario, but I think it illustrates the idea that we can ALL be "breeders" in some capacity, if we use our imaginations, talents and resources in earnest! It took the hard work of many dedicated "breeders", over three decades ago, to build this club. They helped to keep the Dominique breed in the public's eye and move it off the "endangered" list. This club is about preserving a national treasure! We should welcome the help and support of ALL the Dominique Club of America's members as "breeders", for the Dominique's continued survival in generations to come. Thank you to all those who, in the past, helped to build this club and "restore" this worthwhile breed! Thank you to all of you current members of the DCA and "BREEDERS", who continue the work today!

P.S.: If your name is not included in the most recent copy of the "Breeders' List" and you want to be on it, PLEASE contact your club secretary, Suzette Ellington, and give her all the info you wish for her to include in the next listing. It is one of the perks of being a member of this club and anyone who wants to take advantage of it is encouraged to do so!

## Your vote counts!

Here are the addresses for members to record their votes on the proposed Bylaws:

By Email: [chickchick@eieio.org](mailto:chickchick@eieio.org)

By Mail: Traci Perg

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The deadline to get votes in is **June 1st!** All the members need to do is vote yes to adopt, no to reject.

# **THE DOMINIQUE CLUB OF AMERICA**

## **Constitution & By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name and Objectives**

##### **SECTION 1.**

The name of the club shall be **The Dominique Club of America.**

##### **SECTION 2.**

The objectives of the club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure bred Dominique, and to do all possible to bring their qualities to perfection;
- (b) To encourage the organization of independent local Dominique Clubs in those areas where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Poultry Association & the American Bantam Association;
- (c) To urge members and breeders to accept the standards of the breed as approved by the American Poultry Association & the American Bantam Association as the only standard of excellence by which Dominiques shall be judged;
- (d) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at poultry shows;
- (e) To conduct shows under the rules and Regulations of the American Poultry Association & the American Bantam Association.
- (f) To follow the guidelines set forth in the Code of Ethics

##### **SECTION 3.**

The club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

##### **SECTION 4.**

The members of the club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.



# THE DOMINIQUE CLUB OF AMERICA

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### Membership

##### **SECTION 1. Membership classes and Eligibility.**

There shall be two (2) types of membership, open to all persons who subscribe to the purposes of this club.

- (a) **Regular Membership.** Regular membership is open to persons aged 18 years or older who are residents of the United States or other country, who display a sincere, continuing interest in bettering the breed. These members enjoy all club privileges including the right to vote, hold office, and are counted in a quorum, as long as the requirements for membership are met.
- (b) **Junior Membership.** Junior members may participate in Club activities and receive Club publications; but may not vote or hold office. Dues will be at a reduced rate for Junior Members as established by the Board. Junior Membership will be accepted once their application has been received, and the Junior notified of membership. Junior membership may be converted to regular membership upon reaching their 18th birthday.

##### **SECTION 2. Dues.**

Membership dues shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year, payable on or before the first day of January each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of October, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. For persons elected to membership during the last quarter of the year (Oct.-Dec.), their dues will be considered paid through December of the following year. Dues may be set from time to time by the board within the maximum of \$20.00. In any current year when the board has taken no action by October 1, to change the dues, the amount assessed for the current year shall continue in effect for the ensuing year.

##### **SECTION 3. Termination of Membership.**

Memberships may be terminated:

- (a) By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club, and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- (b) By lapsing. A membership is lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a

person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

(c) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these by-laws.

## **ARTICLE II Meetings**

### **SECTION 1. Annual General Meeting (AGM).**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held between March 1st and October 31st of the year, at a place, date, and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed by the secretary to each member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

### **SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings.**

Special Club meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present at a meeting of the Board, or who vote by mail; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meetings shall be held at such a place, date and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

### **SECTION 3. Board Meetings.**

The first meeting of the newly elected Board shall be held in conjunction with the incumbent Board immediately following the AGM. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. Meeting participation shall be by electronic, telephone, Internet or other means as agreed in advance by all Board members and as permitted by law. Such means must permit each Board Member equal access, provide for procedures for establishing quorum and recording votes, and establish how security issues will be handled. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. Mail voting is only acceptable if a detailed ballot is used to replace a Board member meeting and if the by-laws provide for;

- 1) a motion that is identical to the mail ballot
- 2) documentation or background material is available in advance, and
- 3) records will be kept by the Secretary.

The quorum for a Board Meeting shall be five (5) Board members voting.

## **Article III Officers**

### **Credentials for Officers and Board members**

- 1) must be in good standing with the Club
- 2) must have owned Dominiques
- 4) Must be a resident of the United States and be eighteen years of age or older

### **Automatic Removal of Officers**

An officer shall automatically be removed from the Board;

- 1) upon the effective date of an Officer's resignation; or
- 2) if found by a court to be of unsound mind; or
- 3) if the officer is found guilty under the Animal Cruelty Act
- 4) if an officer loses privileges with the APA or ABA

### **SECTION 1- Board of Directors**

The Board will be comprised of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Show Secretary and Treasurer. All Members in good standing will vote for all the Officers of the Club. Board members shall serve two (2) years.

### **SECTION 2. Officers**

#### **President – one (1) vote**

- (a) shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Board
- (b) supervise the other Officers in the execution of their duties
- (c) be an ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee
- (d) Shall have duties and powers normally appurtenant to the Office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these By-laws.

#### **Vice-President – one (1) vote**

Shall have all the duties and exercise the power of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

#### **Secretary – one (1) vote**

- (a) conduct the correspondence of the Club
- (b) issue notices of meetings of the Club
- (c) keep minutes of meetings of the Club and publish said reports in the newsletter for the membership

- (d) have custody of all records and documents of the Club except those required to be kept by the Treasurer
  - (e) maintain the register of members, provide new members all materials required for membership, and members of their election to Office.
  - (f) attend meetings and prepare the minutes of the meetings and;
  - (g) record all votes of all proceedings
  - (h) perform other duties as prescribed by the Board
- If the Secretary is absent, the Board shall choose one of their numbers to act as Secretary.

#### **Treasurer – one (1) vote**

- (a) keep the financial records including accounting
- (b) have custody of the funds and securities of the Club and deposit all monies, securities and other valuables to the credit of the Club in a bank approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Disburse the funds of the Club as may be directed and taking proper vouchers for such disbursements
- (d) Render financial statements to the Board and membership at the AGM or when required by the Board or at any meeting.
- (e) Sign checks
- (f) In conjunction with the Secretary, keep a current membership list, to do the appropriate mailings.

The Treasurer shall be bonded in such an amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### **Show Secretary- one (1) vote**

- (a) keep records of any specials offered and awarded by the Dominique Club.
- (b) serve as the contact person to report and claim any awards won at shows.
- (c) to correspond with show secretaries at sanctioned shows regarding Club awards offered and won.
- (d) to perform any other duties pertinent to the office.

#### **Retiring President**

Shall assume the position of Advisor to the Board, with no voting privileges. The retiring President will remain in position on the Board for a period of one year following the end of their term in Office.

#### **SECTION 3. Vacancies.**

Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of the office (until the next annual election) by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; except that vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.



## **ARTICLE IV**

### **The Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections**

#### **SECTION 1. The Club Year.**

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. The Club's official year shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st. There will be a transitional period with the newly elected Board and the Incumbent Board. The first meeting of the Transitional Board will take place immediately after the AGM. The Incumbent Board has 30 days from the date of the election to turn over all properties and records relating to the Offices within the Club. The newly elected club officers shall take office on September 1st.

#### **SECTION 2. Voting.**

Each member in good standing, whose dues are paid for the current year, shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the AGM or any special meeting of the Club at which they are present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election. The annual election of Officers and amendments to the constitution and by-laws (and the standard for the breed) which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision by the members by written ballot cast by mail.

#### **SECTION 3. Annual Election.**

The election of Officers shall be conducted by secret ballot. Ballots to be valid must be received by the Secretary by February 15th. At the Annual General Meeting, ballots shall be counted by three (3) inspectors of election who are members in good standing and neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot (and who shall be chosen by members present at the meeting).

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 3.

#### **SECTION 4. Nomination and Ballots.**

No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these by-laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before August 15th. The committee shall consist of three members from the three (3) Regions of the U.S.A., and two alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the Committee.

The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, Email, or FAX following the same rules and regulations that are required by the Board of Directors to conduct business.

(a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office. The Committee shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary who shall mail the list, including the full name of each candidate and the name of each state in which he/she resides, to each member of the Club on or before the 15th of November, so that additional nominations may be made by the members if they so desire.

(b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked on or before December 15th, signed by five (5) members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each of such additional nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before December 15th the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual General Meeting and no balloting will be required.

(d) If one or more valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before December 15th the Secretary shall on or before January 15th, mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary marked "ballot" and bearing the name of the member to who it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter after marking their ballot shall seal it in the blank envelope, which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope, addressed to the Secretary. The inspectors of election shall check the list against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelope, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting which shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

(e) Nominations cannot be made at the Annual General Meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Committees**

#### **SECTION 1.**

The Board may each year appoint standing 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 committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

## **SECTION 2.**

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

## **ARTICLE VI Discipline**

### **SECTION 1. National Poultry Club Suspension.**

Any member who is suspended from either the American Poultry Association or the American Bantam Association will be suspended from this club for like time.

### **SECTION 2. Expulsion.**

Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the Club following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board or Committee as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in their own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak on their own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted the suspension shall stand.

## **ARTICLE VII Amendments**

### **SECTION 1. Proposed Amendments.**

Amendments to the constitution and bylaws (and to the Standard for the breed) may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by twenty (20%) of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the Secretary received the petition.

### **SECTION 2. Amendment Procedure.**

The constitution and bylaws (or the Standard for the breed) may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member

in good standing on the date of mailing, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken shall be indicated. Dual-envelope procedures described in Article IV, Section 4(d) shall be followed in handling such ballots, to assure secrecy of the vote. Notice with such ballot shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date postmarked by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. A vote of sixty percent (60%) of the total membership in good standing and a favorable vote of two third (2/3) of those who return valid ballots within the time frame limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Dissolution**

#### **SECTION 1.**

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, other than for purpose of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any member of the Club but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of the Dominique selected by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Order of Business**

#### **SECTION 1.**

At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Report of President
4. Report of Secretary
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Report of Committees
7. Election of Officers and Board (at annual meeting)
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Adjournment



## **SECTION 2.**

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of minutes of last meeting
2. Report of Secretary
3. Report of Treasurer
4. Reports of Committees
5. Unfinished business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE X Parliamentary Authority**

### **SECTION 1.**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the Club may adopt.

**This document was duly voted on and approved by the Membership on this day,**  
\_\_\_\_\_. **It shall be the governing document in force until such**  
**time as it is amended by the Dominique Club of America.**

### **Board of Directors Signatures**

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Show Secretary \_\_\_\_\_