The GVR Canine Club

Bylaws

ARTICLE I - Name

The official name of the organization shall be the <u>GVR Canine Club</u>, hereinafter known as the Club.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the Club shall be: (1) to provide an opportunity for GVR members to access a support network; (2) to provide dog owner education and (3) to provide an opportunity for members to meet socially. All activities conducted by the Club and its members shall be in accordance with the GVR Bylaws, Corporate Policy Manual and GVR Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE III - Membership

- A. All members holding GVR membership or tenant cards in good standing with GVR are entitled to join and participate in any meeting or activity, until the maximum capacity of the facility being used is reached. Membership shall not be denied to GVR members in good standing.
- B. Any member who has not paid dues, fees or assessments to GVR or the Club as of the time such payment becomes delinquent shall be removed from the Club's roster.
- C. For the safety of users and the protection of GVR property, proficiency training or demonstration of proficiency may be required by the Club membership.
- D. The Club shall not grant honorary membership or the equivalent to anyone NOT a GVR member.
- E. Guest policies and guest cards are privileges extended to GVR members to use all GVR facilities subject to the current rules and regulations put forth through Board policy and as defined in the GVR Bylaws. Up to two eligible guests may accompany a Club member only one time during a calendar year.
- F. A GVR member may attend a Club activity one time prior to joining the Club.
- G. All members and guests shall abide by the published GVR Rules and Regulations and the member Code of Conduct. Violations will jeopardize the privileges of the offending individual through removal from the Club's membership roster and/or possible GVR suspension procedures.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

A. The governing body shall consist of no less than four (4) or more than seven (7) Directors who are elected by the current members. The Officers shall perform duties as prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club. The Board shall handle the general supervision of the affairs of the Club between Annual

meetings, fix the hour and place of the Annual meeting, make recommendations to the membership and perform other duties as desired by the Club.

- B. Members will elect Directors during the annual election process. The new board will elect the officer positions at the first board meeting following the annual meeting. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining Directors will be designated Members at Large. The Board shall enforce the Club's Rules and Regulations, The Club's Bylaws, GVR Bylaws, the Corporate Policy Manual and GVR Club Rule and Regulations.
- C. The initial Directors of the Club shall be determined in any manner necessary to establish the Club and shall serve until the first Annual Meeting. Thereafter, the term of each Director shall be for no more than three years starting at the close of the Annual meeting at which they were elected. The first Board of Directors to be elected shall be composed of the President serving a one-year term, the Vice President serving a two-year term, the Secretary serving a three-year term and the Treasurer serving a two-year term. Each term will be in addition to the partial term from the date of organization to the first Annual meeting. No Director shall serve more than two consecutive terms. All elections shall take place at or prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be by secret electronic ballot or by other methods approved by the board.

D. Responsibilities of Officers:

<u>President</u> – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall carry out all orders and resolutions of the Club. The President shall be executor of all Club funds and may approve all individual expenditures up to \$100.00. Expenditure over and above this amount must be approved by a quorum of the Board of Directors unless the expense is budgeted. (See last paragraph in this section for Board quorum).

<u>Vice President</u> – In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform all duties of the President and when so acting shall have all powers of the President.

<u>Secretary</u> – Prepares minutes of the Annual Meeting. Must retain routine correspondence and other administrative records for three years prior to the current year. Certain permanent records such as membership lists, year end financial statement, Employer Identification Number, tax exemption, etc. shall be retained for the life of the Club. The Secretary shall sign all formal written communications.

<u>Treasurer</u> – Makes all authorized disbursements, records and deposits in the bank accounts all monies of the Club, prepares a current financial report for the Annual Meeting, prepares a year end financial report on an annual basis and has books, records and papers available upon request of any member.

<u>Member at Large Director(s)</u> – Serve in a leadership capacity and may assist with monitoring, Committee chair, Dog Education Expertise, Event Planning, etc.

E. A quorum for transaction of business at a Board meeting shall be a majority of directors present or attending remotely.

ARTICLE V – Committees

- A. The President may appoint a Nominating Committee Chair 3 months prior to the election. The chair may solicit other club members to assist on the Committee and begin the call for candidates up to 2 months prior to the election. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors may be made by any member.
- B. The President, with the approval of the Club's Board of Directors shall appoint any Committee deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI - Membership Meetings

- A. The Club's Annual Meeting shall be during the month of November of each fiscal year.
- B. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be made by email at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting and shall set forth, specifically, the nature of the business to be transacted.
- C. A quorum for transaction of business at the Annual Meeting shall be one-tenth or 10% of the entire membership in good standing.
- D. Roberts's Rules of Order shall govern the Club in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Club's Bylaws or any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

ARTICLE VII - Dues and Fiscal Period

- A. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31. The Club shall prepare a year end financial statement within 30 days following the close of the fiscal year. Such a statement shall be available to all members at any reasonable time.
- B. The Board of Directors shall recommend an annual budget with final approval from the general membership at the Annual Meeting.
- C. Dues shall be due by January 1st. Non-payment of dues shall result in removal of the member's name from the Club's membership roster.

ARTICLE VIII – Vacancies

The Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during absence or disability. If any other office should become vacant, the remainder of the term shall be filled by appointment by the President with approval from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX – Amendments

The Board of Directors of the Club may make amendments to these Bylaws with a majority affirmative vote of the membership. The Club must submit any amendments proposed to GVR staff for approval, prior to adoption.

ARTICLE X - Monitoring

An effective monitoring system shall be maintained by Club Officers to ensure that only members and <u>eligible</u> guests are in attendance at meetings and activities of the Club. All participants shall register on a log sheet provided by GVR each time they attend any meeting, program or activity. Monitors at GVR serve as host/hostess to members, guests and visitors. Monitors are empowered to enforce <u>all</u> Club and <u>all</u> GVR rules and regulations.

ARTICLE XI - Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Club all assets, after all bills are paid, shall be transferred to GVR.

ARTICLE XII - Bylaws

Approving signatures:

A copy of these approved Bylaws shall be available to the general membership at the Annual Meeting. All elected Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall be furnished with a copy of the GVR Bylaws and the current approved Club Bylaws after each election.