

## **Section I: Institutions and aims**

### **Art. 1**

It is constituted the International Association S.A.B.I. (abbreviation SABI.int) with head office and operational headquarters in Parma, Piazza Lago Balano No. 9.

The Association is non-profit and its purpose is to protect and to increase the breeding of Italian Bracco and to spread the breed in Countries recognized by the FCI or in Countries where a national institution is operating for the protection of canine breeds, directing techniques of selection and training in order to preserve the natural morphological and functional prerogatives for hunting, as foreseen by the breed standards (morphological and working) approved by ENCI and FCI.

### **Art. 2**

For the implementation of these purposes the SABI.int:

- a) it performs information work aimed at promoting the growth of the breed;
- b) it assists – within the limits of its possibilities – the Clubs associated to SABI.int to enforce the purposes of art. 1;
- c) it explores directly or indirectly the issues of the breed under genetic, sanitary and behavioural profiles, divulging their results through circular letters, guidelines, conferences and the publication of texts with information purposes;
- d) it promotes the exchange of experiences accrued by Club Members;
- e) it harmonizes the criteria of morphological and hunting judgments, in accordance with those used by the breeders institutions in the Club members Countries;
- f) it exerts the supervision on international events of beauty and/or working trials involving the Italian Bracco.

The official language adopted in performing the above functions is Italian, but English and/or French can occasionally be used.

## **Section II: Members**

### **Art. 3**

a) All national Club, with at least 20 members, who have the aim of promoting the Italian Bracco as a hunting breed, recognized by their National and/or Regional dog breeders Association as responsible of protection and development of dog breeds, directly or indirectly members of FCI, can be Members of SABI.int

b) If in a Country the promotion of Italian Bracco is entrusted to a Club which has the prerogatives of Art. 3 paragraph a) but which operates also for other breeds, the participation to SABI.int will be referred to the section of the Club that deals with the Italian Bracco, provided that section includes at least 20 Club members who are owners of Bracco italiano.

c) If in the Country there are two or more Clubs with the aim of promoting the Italian Bracco as foreseen by Art. 3, paragraph a), it will be a free choice of the Board of Directors of SABI.int to determine which one of these Clubs will be accepted as SABI.int Member. The choice may however be changed at any time.

### **Art. 4**

a) To join SABI.int, a Club which has the requirements of Art. 3, should submit demand to the President of SABI.int, accompanied by:

- a copy of its constitution charter in the official SABI.Int language (Italian) or in one of the two other official languages (English or French),

- the list of members at December 31st of the previous year, certifying the presence of at least 20 owners of Italian Braccos,
- a declaration of the National or Regional Kennel Club certifying the official recognition of the Club in the Country.
- b) The acceptance of the Club as Member of SABI.int, implies the one-time payment of Euro 100,00 fee in favour of SABI.int which will not be refunded even in the event of dismissal or expulsion from SABI.int.
- c) The membership to SABI.int is open-ended, and will finish only for expressed written resignation of the Club, or for expulsion following a proposal of the Disciplinary Commission of SABI.int and ratified by the General Assembly of SABI.int, or because the Club has not complied with the requirements of Art. 3 paragraph a).
- d) The associated Club Member accepts in unappealable terms the resolutions of the Assembly of SABI.int.

#### **Art. 5**

The costs and charges of any nature, regarding the execution of technical and/or cultural events carried out by Clubs Members of SABI.int are all supported by the organizer Club. Any costs of supervision of the Board of Directors of the SABI.int will be paid by the organizer Club, according to the cost forecast preliminarily issued by the directors of SABI.int, consisting only of reimbursement of expenses.

### **Section III: Club Organs**

#### **Art.6**

Corporate organs of SABI.int are:

- a) The General Meeting
- b) The Board of Directors
- c) The President
- d) The Secretary
- e) The Disciplinary Commission

All SABI.int offices are covered free of charge. Expenses, incurred by those who hold corporate offices must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors, and supported by fiscal documents or by payment proof.

### **The General Meeting**

#### **Art.7**

- a) The General Meeting is composed by the pro-tempore presidents of the associated Members of SABI.int who participate personally or represented by a person in possession of a written proxy; in any case, no one can represent more than one Club. In the cases foreseen under Art. 3 c), the participation is limited to one representative per Country, i.e. to the representative of the Club recognized by the Board of Directors of SABI.int.
- b) The General Meeting will take place preferably in Italy, in a location chosen by the Board of Directors of SABI.int. The Board can however convene the General Meeting in another Country on the occasion of other events organized by a Bracco italiano Club.
- c) The General Meeting is convened in **ordinary** session at least every three years, in the first half of the solar year. The Board of Directors can convene the Ordinary Meeting before the three years period elapse if and when special events justify it. With a notice of at least 60 days, the Board of Directors of SABI.int will send by registered mail, addressed to the individual Club members, the

call of the General Meeting, containing the agenda. The Ordinary Meeting will be valid regardless of the number of participants.

d) The General Meeting will be convened in **extraordinary** session when the agenda includes modifications to the SABI.int Charter, proposed by the Board of Directors or by at least five Club Members; the relevant resolutions - by majority of votes - will be valid if the vote was expressed by at least half plus one of the Club Members.

e) The Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting can be convened also by at least two thirds of the Club Members, giving notification to the SABI.int Board of Directors at least 90 days prior to the chosen date and indicating its agenda. Following this, the Board of Directors of SABI.int will issue the convocation as foreseen by Art.7 paragraph b) and paragraph c).

f) The topics not specifically mentioned in the agenda - or which are under the heading of "any other business" – can be subject only to disclosure to members attending the meeting, but on them the Assembly cannot deliberate.

g) The General Meeting is chaired by the President of SABI.int or - if he prefers to renounce - by another person chosen by the representatives of the clubs Members present in Meeting hall.

h) Decisions are taken by the majority of votes.

### **Art.8**

The General Meeting is responsible for:

a) deciding on the general programs of SABI.int;

b) ratifying the technical, promotional and ethical activities, conducted by SABI.int;

c) approving the summary - submitted by the Secretary - on economic movements of the three years;

d) electing the Board of Directors;

e) confirming or changing the amount of one-time fee paid by the new Club Members under Art. 4 paragraph b);

f) deciding on the expulsion of the Club Member, subject to disciplinary measures proposed by Disciplinary Commission

g) approving the proposed changes to the Constitution Charter.

### **The Board of Directors**

#### **Art.9**

a) The Board of Directors consists of seven Councillors, three of whom are Italian, appointed by SABI-Italy, and four Councillors elected by the General Meeting among representatives of other Countries.

b) The Board of Directors remains in charge for 5 years; each Councillors will be not elected for more than two terms.

c) If during the five years one or more Councillors appointed by SABI would fail, they will be replaced as soon as possible from SABI-Italy which shall promptly notify to the other Club Members. If one or more Councillors elected by the other Club Members is missing, the replacement will be effected during the first General Meeting convened for the purpose. These Councillors shall remain in charge until the end of the mandate of those they have replaced.

d) The Board of Directors normally meets every six months, unless special circumstances require more frequent meetings; the Board of Directors is convened by the President by letter or e-mail, with notice of at least 15 days. The minutes of the Board of Directors meetings will be executive following the approval by the Councillors who took part to the Board meeting. The Board of Directors will be valid also with video participation systems or other similar methodology.

#### **Art.10**

The Board of Directors is responsible for:

- a) electing the President among one of the three Councillors appointed by the Italian SABI;
- b) electing a Vice President among the four Councillors elected by Club Members of other Country;
- c) implementing the social purposes of Art. 1 and 2, according with the General Meeting resolutions;
- d) calling a meeting every three years or more frequently as foreseen in Art. 7 paragraph c);
- e) drafting the summary reports of activities and to approve programs;
- f) proposing amendments to the Constitution Charter of SABI.int;
- g) designating the juries of any events organized by SABI.int.

The Councillor who - without good reasons - will be absent at three consecutive General Meetings, will be consider declined as a result of a special resolution voted by the remaining Councillors. The resolution of the Board of Directors are taken by open vote. In case of parity, the vote of the President will be valid.

## **The President**

Art. 11

- a) He is elected by the Board of Directors as foreseen by Art. 10, paragraph a). He is the legal representative of the Association in relations with all third parties.
- b) He shall oversee the implementation of the resolutions of the Assembly and the Board of Directors, and the observance of what is established by the Constitution Charter.
- c) In case of urgency, he acts in the name and on behalf of the Board of Directors, to whom he will later ask to ratify his actions.
- d) In the event of impediment or absence, he is replaced by the Vice President.

## **The Secretary**

Art. 12

- a) He is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Italian SABI, which also has power to revoke, with a mandate to assist the President of SABI.int in carrying out its administrative and contact activities.
- b) He shall assist the President in the performance of formal, administrative and bureaucratic practices of SABI.int.
- c) He draws up the record of economic movements to be submitted to the General Meeting.

## **The Disciplinary Commission**

Art. 13

It is formed by an Effective Member and a Substitute, both appointed by SABI.int among persons of legal expertise and outside of Board of Directors of SABI.int.

To the Effective member (and in case of his unavailability to the Substitute member) will be addressed complaints concerning behaviours which ethically or legally violate the provisions of this Statute, or which violate the rules of decency and sports honour. The Club and/or the Member who contravenes these obligations or who with his behaviour or with published writings, denigrate or cause moral or material damage to SABI.int, is liable to disciplinary sanctions that are decided by the Disciplinary Commission and forwarded to the Board of Directors for execution. The functions of an appeal against the decisions of the Disciplinary Commission will be carried out by the President of SABI.int, whose final judgment is unchallengeable. The penalties can be substantiated in suspensions of variable length, up to expulsion