

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### **PURPOSE:**

This committee shall communicate, under the leadership of the Chairperson, to the fullest extent possible, and request that the Historian provide a list of all eligible members for review from the most current membership roster of BHCA to determine if there are any eligible and deserving candidates for Life Membership in accordance with the general guidelines listed below. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to make a case to the Board if very exceptional circumstances might warrant as an exception to this guideline.

### **COMMITTEE:**

The Life Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall consist of a chairperson and two additional members. The Historian will serve as a permanent non-voting member of the committee; however, the committee should not ask for recommendations, nor should the historian recommend anyone to the committee. Such appointments shall be made by the Board at its first meeting following the Annual meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Recording Secretary to contact each of the appointees by mail to secure their acceptance of the appointment. Such acceptances shall be due in the office of the Recording Secretary no later than December 1.

Persons appointed to this committee by the Board shall have had a long-standing, active membership in BHCA, and shall have had close contact with the active membership, and must be cognizant of various members' contributions to the Club and the breed. The Life Membership Committee shall consist of 3 members of which 1 (one) member, but not limited to, should be selected from the list of life members who have not served on the committee within the past 5 years. Long time non-life members are also eligible to serve on the committee

### **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

1. Must have been a voting member of BHCA for at least twenty-five (25) cumulative years of membership and must be a voting member at the time of nomination.
2. Must be at least fifty-five (55) years of age.
3. Must have made outstanding contributions through service to BHCA as an Officer, Board Member, and/or Committee person, and who through participation in a variety of activities, has made significant, positive contributions toward promoting the perfection of the natural qualities of the pure-bred Basset Hound.
4. Sitting Board Members are NOT to be excluded from nomination to Life Membership (Motion 28-98).
5. No sitting board members may be selected to serve on the LM Committee.
6. For a recommendation for Life Membership to be sent to the Board, the vote must be unanimous. The Board will then take the nominee submitted into consideration.

The Historian should be responsible for keeping the current list of LM updated with the date a new life member was selected. The Historian will also keep a running record of those who have served on the LMC for a 5-year period. This information should be shared with

the Recording Secretary prior to the board's fall meeting at Nationals each year. Work of the committee should be performed without the knowledge of the person(s) under consideration.

The committee's chairperson shall notify the Board of Directors, through the Recording Secretary, of its recommendation, no later than March 1. With this report shall be a biographical profile prepared by the committee for the Life Membership consideration. The Board shall review the recommendation and either approve or disapprove of the committee of the name of the approved nominee. The name of the approved nominee for Life Membership will be kept CONFIDENTIAL until the Annual meeting.

It shall not be necessary that a nomination for Life Membership be made each year. The committee may nominate up to three (3) individuals for Life Membership; however, it is not required to nominate any individual. Of the limit of up to three (3) individuals submitted by the Life Membership Committee the Board may only select one.

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