



## AIME CONSTITUTION

2008

### ARTICLE 1: NAME

In accordance with the provisions of the law of July 1, 1901 (non-profit associations), is created an association governed by these By-Laws, which shall be known as:

**A.I.M.E.**

**ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DU MAU EGYPTIEN**

**EGYPTIAN MAU INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

### ARTICLE 2 : OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Association are the breeding, the protection and the promotion of the EGYPTIAN MAU cat breed.

### ARTICLE 3 : HEAD OFFICE

The Head Office can be transferred by simple resolution of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE 4 : DURATION

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

### ARTICLE 5 : COMPOSITION

The Association consists in:

Founding Members

Founding Members are those who took part in the foundation of the association. They are exempted from the dues specific to the association.

They have the same rights as the Regular Members. They serve in an advisory capacity with the Board of Directors.

Honorary members



Honorary members shall be those persons who have been of particular service to the Association. They are coopted by the Board of Directors and are exempted from membership dues.

The honorary Presidents and Vice-Presidents each have a consultative voice to the Board of Directors.

Regular members

Regular members for the current calendar year are those who paid the annual dues and if necessary the rights of entry, fixed each year by the Board of Directors or the By-Laws.

The By-Laws may envisage several categories of Regular Members.

Associate members

Are considered as associate members for the current calendar year associations, moral persons and physical persons who share the purposes of the association and wish to benefit from its services but cannot or do not wish to be regular members.

The by-laws can foresee several categories of associate members.

## **ARTICLE 6 : MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

To join the Association, it is necessary to be approved by the Committee which rules, at the time of each one of its meetings, on the pending membership applications.

## **ARTICLE 7 : MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION**

Membership is lost by:

- the resignation,
- the death,
- the exclusion pronounced by the Board of Directors on serious grounds, the interested party having been invited to provide explanations to the Board of the Association,
- the non-payment of the annual dues.



## **ARTICLE 8 : RESOURCES**

The resources of the Association include:

- interests and incomes of the goods and values belonging to the Association,
- the amount of the entry rights and the dues,
- sums perceived in return of the services provided by the Association,
- subsidies of the State and the public bodies, -
- resources created in exceptional circumstances, gifts of private individuals and payments of private organizations or any other resource envisaged by the texts.

## **ARTICLE 9 : PECUNIARY RESPONSIBILITY**

Only the assets of Association guarantee the Association's underwriting liabilities and none the members of the Board of Directors can be held responsible for those.

## **ARTICLE 10 : BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Association is managed by a Board of at least two members elected by the General Meeting. The Board is renewed completely at the conclusion of its annual mandate. The leaving members are re-eligible.

In the event of any vacancy, the Board can fill it for the unexpired term. Final replacement is carried out by the first general meeting.

The Board of Directors elects among its members a Committee consisting in the following officers:

- one President,
- one or more Vice-Presidents if necessary,
- a Secretary and, if necessary, an Associated Secretary,
- a Treasurer and, if necessary, an Associated Treasurer.



## **ARTICLE 11 : THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every year, plus at any call of the President or upon request of at least one third of its members.

The presence of at least half the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the validity of the deliberations of the Board. The decisions require relative majority. In the event of a tie-vote, the vote of the President is predominant.

The Board of Directors votes the budget of the next financial year.

Reports are kept of all meetings.

Under its own responsibility, the Board of Directors may delegate some of its powers to an authority outside the Board.

## **ARTICLE 12 : ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The General Meeting includes all the members in good standing and meets each year.

The members of the Association are convened at least fifteen days before the fixed date. The agenda is indicated on the convocations.

The General Meeting hears the reports on the management of the Board of Directors, on the moral and financial situation of the Association, approves the accounts of the last financial year, provides for the renewal with the Board of Directors, deliberates on the questions entered on the agenda.

Only the questions subjected on the agenda will be treated at the general meeting.

The deliberations of the Ordinary General Meeting are validated by the majority of the Regular Members present or represented, provided that the at least one quarter of the members are present.



In the event of impossibility of reaching this quorum, another General Meeting is convened which will be able to deliberate validly without condition on quorum.

### **ARTICLE 13 : EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

If need be, or at request of half plus one of the registered members, the President can call an Extraordinary General Meeting, according to article 11.

Only the Extraordinary General Meeting is qualified for the modification of the by-laws and the dissolution of the Association. It must include at least a third of the Regular Members in good standing, present or represented. The modification of the by-laws or the dissolution of the Association is pronounced by at least half the members present or represented.

### **ARTICLE 14 : DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution can be pronounced by the Extraordinary General Meeting according to the provisions of article 13.

Dissolution is automatic if the Ordinary General Meeting notes the vacancy of candidatures for the Board of Directors, and has no possibility to provide this Board after two consecutive meetings.

In the event of dissolution, one or more liquidators are named by the General Meeting and the credit, if any, is reserved in accordance with article 9 of the law of July 1, 1901 and with the decree of August 16, 1901.

### **ARTICLE 15 : BY-LAWS**

The Board of Directors may establish By-Laws and have them approved by the General Meeting. These By-Laws are intended to fix the various points not envisaged by the Constitution, in particular those related to the internal administration of the Association.

The President

The Secretary

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