



Southbound Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club Standing Rules

4. The treasurer's report and books **beginning and ending bank/PayPal statements** will be reviewed at the annual Board meeting by all members present and will be signed off by at least two Board members. ~~annually the weekend of the Cotton Classic in Perry, Georgia. The audit committee will be chosen by the Treasurer but~~ **signing Board members** may not include any family members, business partners, dog co-owners or others which may not be independent. ~~April 15, 2005~~ **April 2016**
2. The Board shall meet annually the weekend of the Cotton Classic in Perry, Georgia.
3. The Board shall conduct business thru email, telephone or other electronic communications.
- ~~4. Each Board member is responsible for maintaining their Board Book and forwarding it to the subsequent Board member within 60 days of the end of their term. All Board documents (meeting minutes and attachments, contracts, bylaws, membership lists, voting records, etc.) shall be electronically uploaded and maintained on the Board Listserve and available to all Board members (present and future). April 2016~~
5. The most recent version of the club *Bylaws, Standing Rules, Guidelines for Seeking Southbound Sanctioning for Events, Guidelines for Selection of Judges, and Southbound Discussion List Infractions and Remedies* shall be uploaded to the Southbound website "Members Only" page. **April 2016**
6. All members shall be granted access to the Southbound Listserve, Facebook page, and Members Only page on the club website. **April 2016**
- ~~7. Each qualifying membership is entitled to one crate tag and others maybe purchased for \$10, to include shipping. April 15, 2005~~ Individuals shall be recognized at the annual club meeting for 5, 10, 15, etc. years of continuous membership and presented with a gift (crate/luggage tags for 5 years, leather leash for 10 years, embroidered bag for 15 years). The gifts shall be mailed to those honorees who are unable to attend the club meeting. **April 2016**
8. Tenured regular members (continuous regular membership of 5 years or more) shall be given the option to remain regular members, despite circumstances that cause them to no longer own a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. **April 2016**
9. All members seeking support for a Sanctioned Southbound Event must comply with the "Guidelines for Seeking Southbound Sanctioning for Events." **July 2003**
10. Southbound shall donate \$25 to the park hosting the Cotton Classic Pack Dog hike.
11. If a prior year's winner declines the privilege, Southbound shall sponsor the Best of Breed, High Scoring Swissy in Obedience and Best of Sweepstakes trophies at the Cotton Classic. **Members will be given first opportunity to sponsor the remaining trophies. The Board shall decide each year whether or not to seek sponsorships outside of the club membership. The price of the trophy shall not exceed 85% of the sponsorship amount. April 2016**
12. The Board shall approve club coordination/representation at any "Meet the Breed" type event (Eukanuba, Responsible Dog Ownership Day, etc.). The GSMD booth shall be decorated and staffed in a manner designed to entertain and educate the public and to represent the breed, the Southbound Club and the GSMDCA in the most positive way possible. The Swissys present must be clean and under control at all times. At the first show of human or canine aggression or uncontrolled behavior, the dog will be removed from the booth. Staff sitting/standing in the booth must be knowledgeable about the breed and available to answer questions by the public. Staff breaks should be taken away from the booth. Dogs "on break" shall be crated and covered or removed from the booth. **April 2016**