

Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club – Membership Procedure

- 1. In order to qualify for membership in the Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, it is necessary to:
 - a. Within a two-year period, attend four membership meetings (one of which must be in person); OR three membership meetings PLUS actively work at a Club sponsored event; OR two membership meetings and actively work at two Club sponsored events. Participation in the Club sponsored events must be verified by the Event Chair. The applicant must be introduced at one of the membership meetings attended. Meeting dates and locations are posted under the "Events" header of this website.
 - b. Sponsorship
 - i. For Regular and Household Membership, two sponsors are required: a Proposer and an Endorser.
 - ii. For Junior membership only one sponsor is required.
 - iii. Proposer/Endorsers are individuals who have been members of the MPWCC for a minimum of 2 years. They must be members in good standing, come from different families and/or households, and must have known the applicant for one year with ongoing interaction during which time they have observed the applicant's dog- oriented activities. The Proposer and the Endorser should realize that they are in effect personally endorsing the applicant. They should take an active role in advising the applicant regarding the Club's purposes, activities and expectations of Club members; and review the MPWCC Code of Ethics with the individual that they are proposing for membership. The Proposer and the Endorser may not sponsor more than two applicants a year.
 - iv. Either the Proposer or the Endorser should have visited the applicant's home.
 - c. When applying for Household membership, each of the two individuals must submit a separate application. It is not necessary for each applicant to have different Proposer/Endorser.
- 2. Applicants may be voted into membership at any regular meeting during the year provided there is a quorum at the meeting. The application must be received, sent out to the membership, approved by the board, and appear on the meeting notice to be voted on at a membership meeting.
- 3. An Application Packet may be obtained by prospective members from the Recording Secretary or the Chair of the Membership Committee. In addition, Sponsors/Endorsers may download it from the Members Only section of the MPWCC website. The membership packet consists of an application, a form for your sponsor/ endorser, information describing the membership procedure, a list of the yearly meetings scheduled to date and a copy of the Code of Ethics.
- 4. The *application* must be filled out entirely, *signed and sent* with a check for one year's dues *to the Proposer*. Dues for a Regular Membership are \$42.00 per year; for Household Membership (2 individuals) \$62. There are no annual dues for Junior Membership. Checks should be made payable to the MPWCC. *The Code of Ethics form must be signed and returned with the application.*
- 5. Both the **Proposer** and **Endorser** must sign the application and fill out the form included in the packet. When the application file is complete, with signatures, sponsor form, check, and the signed Code of Ethics, it should be submitted to the Membership Chair by the Sponsor/Endorser.
- 6. The Membership Committee will forward the check to the Treasurer and promptly prepare a brief synopsis of each applicant. The Recording Secretary will send it to the membership asking for letters expressing support or concern for the candidate. If for any reason the application does not go forward, the club will have the Treasurer reimburse the applicant. The Membership Committee will review the application file, seek additional information if necessary, and present its recommendations

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- to the Board of Directors. The Membership Chairman will keep the application and enter information as the application moves toward membership approval.
- 7. The application must be passed by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire Board in accordance with the Bylaws. The Membership Chairman will notify the applicant of Board approval. The Recording Secretary will list the names of the applicants so approved on the notice prior to the next membership meeting at which the membership will vote on the application. The Proposer of any candidate not being put forward to membership will be called immediately, and the Recording Secretary will follow up with a letter within ten days.
- 8. At the next membership meeting the applicants approved by the Board and listed on the Meeting notice shall be voted upon by secret ballot provided there is a quorum at the meeting. An affirmative vote of 34 of those ballots cast shall be required for election to membership.
- 9. The Recording Secretary will send each new member a welcoming letter from the Club, a copy of the Bylaws, and a current membership list; and the new Member will receive all subsequent Club mailings.
- 10. The Proposer, Endorser or candidate may withdraw the application at any time during the process. up with a letter within ten days.
- 11. At the next membership meeting the applicants approved by the Board and listed on the Meeting notice shall be voted upon by secret ballot provided there is a quorum at the meeting. An affirmative vote of ¾ of those ballots cast shall be required for election to membership.
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