

MORRO BAY PUPS
BY LAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Morro Bay Pups (MBP),

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE, VISION AND GOALS

PURPOSE

MBP is an organization of individuals committed to the establishment and oversight of a sustainable fenced-in, off-leash, owner-supervised, dog park within the boundaries of Morro Bay, where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife. In partnership with the community and the City of Morro Bay, the group works to maintain a space open to dog lovers and friends.

VISION

To promote the positive role that canines and their responsible owners play in our community.

GOALS

1. To promote and provide educational programs that support responsible dog park behaviors and etiquette.
2. To promote exercise for people and their dogs.
3. To promote responsible dog ownership.
4. To expand our knowledge of dogs and recognize the positive role that they play in the quality of life for our community.
5. To maintain a safe, secure and clean environment in the park.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall consist of those individuals whose dues are current. They will be known as active members. Active Members are entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 2. The amount of assessed dues shall be set each year by the Board of Directors. Payment of dues shall be on an annual basis.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business of MBP shall be conducted by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members; four officers and five members at large. Decisions requiring a vote shall be settled by a majority of the quorum present.

Section 1. Board Officers

The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of MBP and delegates the operational responsibilities to appointed ad hoc committees. Between Board meetings the business of MBP shall be conducted by the Officers in accordance with the direction of the Board.

1. Chairperson - The Chairperson shall conduct all meetings of the Board and MBP general meetings. The Chairperson is the officer responsible for guiding the overall policy and direction of the MBP. The Chairperson facilitates discussion and flow of ideas and information to all Committees and is authorized to act on behalf of the Board.
2. Co-Chairperson - The Co-Chairperson shall be responsible for assisting the Chairperson in all committee activities and will preside at meetings in the Chairperson's absence.
3. Secretary - The Secretary shall organize and collect all Committee business information, keep records, minutes of meetings, and member rosters. The Secretary shall preside at meetings in the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson's absence.
4. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall receive and keep track of all monies from events, donations and sales, membership dues, all of which will be deposited into the MBP /SLOPost Fund. SLOPost shall have general supervision of banking, all money, and the safekeeping of all property, which shall be given or vested in the MBP. The Treasurer shall oversee the keeping of accurate accounts and the assets and liabilities, as well as the receipts and expenditures of the MBP and shall deliver these to the Board at their request, and in a written report at all meetings. The Treasurer, Chairpersons and Secretary are the only individuals permitted to sign checks. There must be at least two signatures on all checks.

Section 2. Board Members At Large

All other members of the Board shall be members at large and shall assume such duties as assigned by the Board.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

All meetings shall be a maximum of two (2) hours in length. Only a majority vote from those members in attendance will allow the meeting to proceed past this time frame.

Section 1. General Meetings

MBP shall hold one annual membership meeting open to active members, guests and the public. Notice shall be by email to the membership and such other notice as the Board deems appropriate at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Board Meetings

The Board of Directors may hold monthly meetings, open to the public. These meetings may be called by any Officer on the Board of Directors, and all Board members must be given at least two (2) day advance notice of such meetings by email. The Officer calling the meeting shall prepare an agenda. Any subject may be added to the agenda by the Board at the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers

Any member may hold more than one position whether as an Officer on the Board, or as a Committee Chairperson or Committee Co-Chairperson.

Section 2. Nominations

The sole criterion for eligibility for nominations and service on the Board is active membership in the MBP.

Section 3. Annual Election

Elections shall be held at an annual membership meeting at a date set by the Board. Action will be taken by a majority in attendance. The Board, at least two weeks in advance, shall submit nine nominations to the Secretary to fill the Board. Any member of MBP can declare their candidacy. To be on the ballot they shall submit their nomination two weeks in advance to the Secretary prior to the annual membership meeting in which the following will be included: the office or committee they are wishing to be elected to; goals they intend to achieve in that year; and steps they plan to take in order to accomplish those goals. The Secretary will compile this information and have it ready to present at the annual membership meeting. Nominations and election will be by raised hand vote.

Section 4. Vacancies.

When a vacancy on the Board exists, the Secretary may receive nominations for new members from present Board members at a regular Board meeting. These nominations shall be circulated among Board members in advance of a regular Board meeting, and shall be voted upon by Board members. These vacancies will be filled only to the end of the particular Board member's term.

Section 5. Resignation, Termination and Absences. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and received by the Secretary. A Board member may be removed from the Board if she or he has three unexcused absences from regular Board meetings in a year. A Board member may only be removed, with or without cause, by a three-fourths vote of the remaining Board members.