

# BAYOU STATE CORVETTE CLUB BY-LAWS

#### **ARTICLE 1**

#### SECTION I NAME

The name of the Club shall be the Bayou State Corvette Club of Lafayette, Louisiana and shall operate as a non-profit organization.

### SECTION II PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Club shall be as follows:

- 1. To bring together those persons who are interested in Corvette sports cars.
- 2. To encourage the preservation, ownership and operation of Corvette sports cars.
- 3. To act as a source of technical and other information useful or interesting to Corvette owners.
- 4. To sponsor, promote and sanction sports car events and social activities among the members and other enthusiasts.

### **ARTICLE II**

# SECTION I CHARTER MEMBERS

Charter Membership shall be given to those members who have paid a years dues in full on or by the meeting when the Club By-Laws have met the approval of the membership. Each Charter Member shall sign the Club By-Laws.

#### SECTION II MEMBERS

Membership into the Club shall be based upon a sincere interest and desire to further the Corvette hobby. Applicants must have the approval of the majority of the existing officers and abide by the By-Laws of the Club.

#### SECTION III DUES

Annual dues shall be in the amount of \$30 per fiscal year per active member/family. This amount shall be due at the beginning of each fiscal year to maintain an active member status. If a new member joins during the annual show in the fourth quarter of the year, \$30 will cover dues thru the next fiscal year and he is immediately put on the roles as a member.

#### SECTION IV PRIVILEGES

Active members in good standing are entitled to participate in all the activities and privileges.

#### SECTION V EXPULSION

Membership will automatically lapse for nonpayment of dues. Any members may be expelled for infractions of the Club rules, or such other causes as may be determined by the active members attending a prespecified meeting as not being in the best interest of the Club. However, before such action is taken, the members shall have the opportunity of submitting in writing or in person his position on any charge of which he shall be notified.

# SECTION VI RESIGNATION

Any member resigning or expelled from the Club shall forfeit his outstanding dues. Under certain circumstances exceptions may be made by the existing officers.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### SECTION I ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the members shall be in January. At this meeting, the election of officers, report of officers and committees and other such business shall be brought before the members.

#### SECTION II MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular meeting shall be held monthly or as otherwise designated. Email will be sent each month to remind members of date, time and place of meeting. No meeting is held in December.

## SECTION III SPECIAL MEETINGS

In additions to other stated meetings, special meetings may be called as needed by the President or a majority of the members.

#### SECTION IV NOTICE OF SPECIAL & ANNUAL MEETINGS

Notice of special and annual meetings stating the place, day, hour and purpose of any meeting of the members shall be given by the Secretary and sent not less than seven days nor more than ten days before such meeting to each member.

## SECTION V CLUB EXPENDITURES

At all slated meetings of the members, utilization of Club funds for purposes other than normal operational funds shall require concurrence of a majority of those members present at such meeting for any amount over \$250.00 The Club President is authorized to utilize club funds in the amount of and not more than \$250.00 with the concurrence of two other board members other than himself/herself. Two signatures are required on the club account other than the President.

## SECTION VI OFFICER ELECTIONS AND BY-LAW CHANGES

Election of officers or changes in the By-Laws will be voted upon either by proxy and or by members in attendance at a designated meeting. Prior to the meeting all members will be notified by email. Selection of officers or specified changes in the By-Laws shall require a concurrence by a majority rule.

#### SECTION VII VOTING

A family shall be recognized as a single dues paying member. Each participating member of the family shall have their vote recognized.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### SECTION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The membership of the Board of Directors shall include all officers plus (3) members elected at large. At the end of the President's term he will move to a board position. The term of the offices of the at large members shall be for 2 years. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the Club direction and objectives and maintain the status of the Club in good standing. The Board shall meet bi-monthly or as specified by the President.

#### SECTION II OFFICERS

The membership shall elect from its body a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Chairman, Website Editor and Newsletter Editor. The term of office shall be for one fiscal year.

# SECTION III NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The nomination of officers shall begin October and November meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. Members will be notified in advance at prior meeting that nominations will be accepted at the October and November meeting. An email will be sent to members to remind them of nominations meeting.

#### SECTION IV <u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u>

Election of officers shall be held at the Annual meeting (January) and newly elected officers will assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year.

#### **ARTICLE V**

# SECTION I <u>DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT</u>

The President shall preside at all meeting of the members and Board of Directors and shall perform the duties pertaining to his office. He shall call special meetings of the members under the provisions of Article III. He shall be the Chief Executive of the Club.

## SECTION II DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President or in the case of his resignation or inability to act, the duties usually appertaining to that office shall be performed by the Vice President. He shall also serve as Chairman of the Activities Committee, and shall appoint two other members to his committee.

#### SECTION III DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall attend all meeting of the members and Directors and shall record all minutes and votes in a book kept for this purpose. He shall give all notices of meetings of the members required by law or these By-Laws and shall perform all duties incident to this office, required by law or by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. He shall have custody of the Club's records. In the absence of the Secretary from any of the said meetings, a Secretary pro tempore shall by chosen by the presiding officer.

#### SECTION IV DUTIES OF THE TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the Board of directors have custody of all monies, debts and obligations belonging to the Club. He shall make all payment of Club debts upon approval of the Board of Directors. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders

for payment of money shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Vice President. He shall give bond, at club expense, if required by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at the Annual Meeting, and if so requested at any other meeting of the members or Board. No obligation, debt or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without the specific approval of the Board of Directors.

He/she shall keep an up-to-date roll of all Club members. When new members join, a New Members packet is to be sent out including a Welcome Letter, an up to date roster and club by-laws. He/she will be responsible for recruiting new members.

#### SECTION V DUTIES OF THE WEBSITE EDITOR

He/she shall maintain and update the club website and social sites as needed to include members, functions, upcoming and past events, etc. He/she shall also make sure the website domain remains current and in good standing.

## SECTION VI <u>DUTIES OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR</u>

He/she shall be responsible for maintaining a newsletter for the membership. He will post on the Club website at least once a month to alert members to new activities and new business. He may choose to send a version in emails to current members prior to monthly meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### SECTION I APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such committees as he finds desirable from time to time and shall outline the duties and responsibilities of such committees. All reports or action taken by a committee must be voted by a majority of the entire committee. In addition to the authority granted above, certain standing committees, as set forth, shall be appointed annually by the Vice President.

#### SECTION II ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Club shall consist of planned trips, social gatherings and events for the Corvette Club members as planned by the Activities Committee and other members appointed by them.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### SECTION I FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Club shall be from January 1 to December 31.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## SECTION I PERSONAL LIABILITY

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against the Club or its Board of Directors, shall look only to the funds and property of the Club for payment of any debt, damage, judgement or decree, or any other money that may otherwise become due or payable to them for the corporation or the Board of Directors, so that neither the members of the Club, the Board of Directors, present, past, or future shall be liable personally thereof.

#### ARTICLE IX

## SECTION I AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors of the Club, or any ten active members in good standing, by written proposal submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Upon such proposal being made, a copy thereof shall be included in the notice of the next meeting of the members. If two-thirds of the members present at that meeting vote in favor of the proposal at the meeting, the proposed amendment shall thereby be approved and adopted.

#### **ARTICLE X**

# SECTION I <u>DISSOLUTION</u>

Should this Club or Corporation be inactive for a period of 12 monthly meetings, the remaining Club assets shall be donated to any licensed charitable organization elected to receive same at a special meeting of all of the members called specifically for said purpose.

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