

**ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB
OF ST. LOUIS, INC.
BYLAWS**



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ARTICLE I

SECTION 1: NAME

The name of the club shall be "THE ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS, INC."

SECTION 2: PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

The purpose of the club shall be to encourage ownership and to foster interest in, the Corvette sports car; to encourage planned trips and social activities for club members; and to promote and encourage careful and skillful motor vehicle operation on public thoroughfares.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the club shall be restricted to owners of Corvette automobiles and one additional individual per owner. Should a member sell his/her car, he or she may remain a member as long as he or she does not let their dues lapse.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- A. Primary - Any person duly approved, as provided for in SECTION 1 of this article and having paid the required dues in accordance with Section 3.
- B. Associate – an additional member designated by duly approved active primary member.
- C. Charter - All members who organized the Club on July 21, 1979.
- D. Honorary - Any person who had commended themselves to club esteem and/or has been named an Honorary Member by a majority vote of club members present at any regular meeting.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Effective January, 2018 membership dues for Corvette owner members shall be thirty-five dollars per member (\$35.00) annually to include an associate member. Dues are to be paid at or before the December meeting. Members who have not submitted their dues by February 28th of the current year will be suspended from the organization and no longer have privileges. Honorary members and club sponsors are exempt from these dues. New members joining after July 1, will pay \$20.00 for the balance of the calendar year. Lapsed members will pay thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) any time during the year.

SECTION 4: PRIVILEGES

Active primary and associate members are entitled to all privileges offered by the club. Honorary members are entitled to all club privileges except the right to vote or hold office.

SECTION 5: EXPULSION

A. Membership will automatically lapse when dues are not paid by February 28th of the current year. If payment has not been received in the allotted time, membership will be terminated. B. Any member may be expelled for an infraction of club rules or for such other reasons that a majority of the club officers deem to be in opposition to the best interests of the club. A member being considered for expulsion, except for nonpayment of dues, shall be notified in writing of the impending expulsion and shall have the right to defend his/her actions in writing or in person before the officers. C. Renewal of lapsed memberships will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval at the discretion of the Current Board..

SECTION 6: RESIGNATION

A member may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to any officer of the club. His/her resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt of the letter. There shall be no refund of any portion of membership dues.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the club shall be held the second Tuesday of December for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, and to conduct the regular monthly meeting.

SECTION 2: MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at a location of the officers' choosing. All members shall be notified in advance as to the location where the meeting is to be held. These meetings are open to members, invited guests, and other interested parties.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the officers. All members shall be notified in advance of any special meetings.

SECTION 4: QUORUM AND VOTING

- A. At all meetings the members in attendance will constitute a quorum. All resolutions must be approved by majority vote.
- B. All eligible members attending a meeting where a vote is taken shall have one vote. There shall be no proxy voting and no absentee ballots with the exception of annual officer elections.

SECTION 5: CLUB EVENTS

Club events shall be open to all eligible members with the exception of Car Shows, which are open to the public. Any other exceptions will be designated by the board.

SECTION 6: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Only executive committee members shall have voting privileges at executive meetings. Attendance shall be limited to the executive committee, as outlined in Article VI - Section 2.

The residing President shall hold an Executive Committee meeting to take place after annual elections and prior to the 1st meeting of the new year in order to:

1. Transition newly elected officers into their positions,
2. Discuss any amendments to the bylaw.
3. Discuss any issues brought forth by the Members.

The Club shall cover reasonable costs for refreshments out of the Club treasury if funds are available.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF OFFICERS

The club members shall elect from among themselves six officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Membership Officer.

SECTION 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. A nomination committee shall be named by the executive committee in September of each year. This committee shall provide a slate of candidates for elective offices. If a member of this committee decides to run for an office, they will be required to end their participation on this committee.

B. Recommendations of candidates for office shall be made at the October meeting by the nominating committee. Nominations can also be made from the floor, with a seconding nomination. Nominations for all offices will be closed at the end of the October meeting. Nominations shall not be reopened unless only one candidate has been nominated for any given office. Nominations for these offices only shall be reopened at the November meeting. An official list of all candidates shall be published in newsletter following the November meeting.

C. Elections shall be held at the December meeting. Nominations shall not be reopened at the December meeting.

D. Election of officers shall be determined by a majority of the valid ballots (paper *and /or show of hands*) cast at the December meeting. Primary and associate members active for a period of less than three months or non-paid members shall be ineligible to vote.

E. An active primary or associate member for a period exceeding three months shall be eligible to run for any office, but only one office. Members shall be allowed to run as a team for the office of President and Vice-President, only if they choose to do so.

F. No person shall be placed on the election ballot that currently holds, or is a candidate for, an office in any other Metropolitan St. Louis Corvette organization.

G. Dues must be current by the December meeting. All persons on the election ballot must be current in their dues. The membership officer(s) will validate if the nominee on the ballot is current with their current year dues for that year they will hold office at the December meeting.

H. Absentee "Paper" ballots will be allowed if submitted to the Membership Chairman at least one week prior to the December meeting. Membership Chairman shall validate all absentee ballots prior to the election.

SECTION 3: RESIGNATION OR VACANCY

In the event an officer resigns or has to vacate office before his/her term expires, a majority of the remaining officers shall appoint someone to fill the office for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE

All elected officers shall hold office for a period of one-year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of that year, unless reelected. The Treasurer shall only hold that office for two consecutive terms. After one term out of office, that person can hold that office again.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1: DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the officers and members and shall perform the duties required as Chief Executive Officer of the club.

SECTION 2: DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President or in the case of a resignation or inability to act, the duties usually performed by that office shall be assumed by the Vice President, who shall also serve as the Chairperson of the activities committee and shall appoint members as necessary to that committee. As Chairperson of the activities Committee, the Vice-President is in charge of the Yahoo Calendar and will work with the Webmaster to keep the two calendars in sync. The Vice President has the authority to determine what events are a good reflection of what the Club stands for.

SECTION 3: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and officers, and shall record all minutes and votes. He or she shall be responsible for maintaining the clubs' permanent records, giving notice of meetings, and for all other duties assigned by a majority of the clubs officers. In the absence of the Secretary, a Secretary pro tem shall be named by the presiding officer for that meeting.

SECTION 4: DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the members and officers. The Treasurer shall, subject to conditions and restrictions made by the officers, have custody of all moneys, debts, and financial obligations of the club. He or she shall make all payment of club debts upon approval of the President. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other payments shall be signed in the name of the club by any two of the following three officers: Treasurer, President or Vice President. He or she shall give a bond, at club expense, if required by the officers. The Treasurer shall file a report as to the financial status of the club at each monthly meeting and, if so requested, at any officers meeting. No obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without specific approval of the officers.

SECTION 5: DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant-At-Arms shall attend all meeting of the members and officers. He or she shall preside on the floor of the meeting room to assist in preserving order as the Chair may direct and lead the members in the pledge of allegiance. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be responsible for the administration of the "50/50" program.

SECTION 6: DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

The Membership Officer(s) shall attend all meetings of the members and officers. He or she shall be responsible for providing application forms to all prospective members, information about club activities, membership cards, and electronic copy of the club's by-laws to each new member. He or she shall participate in as many club functions as possible and promote growth and enthusiasm for the club.

SECTION 7: DUTIES OF THE PUBLICATION OFFICER

The Publication Officer will be appointed by the current board and shall be entitled to all executive committee rights. The term of office will be reviewed as required and full executive committee support will be given to the office. The duties shall be to provide a newsletter to all members, information about club activities, members, and Corvettes in general. Reasonable and just expenses incurred to fulfill this duty shall be satisfied with moneys from the club treasury upon approval of the President. All information to be included in the newsletter must be in the hands of the Publication Officer by the 20th of each month.

SECTION 8: DUTIES OF THE NCM AMBASSADORS

The National Corvette Museum Ambassadors will be appointed by the current board and shall be entitled to all executive committee rights. The duties shall be to maintain communication with the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. He or she may also sponsor fund raising efforts within the club to promote the activities of the museum. Reasonable reimbursement will be allowed to the NCM Ambassador for attending events at the NCM up to \$200 annually.

SECTION 9: DUTIES OF THE WEBMASTER

The OCC WEBMASTER will be appointed by the current board and shall be entitled to all executive committee rights. The duties shall be to maintain the club's website and to update it with current event calendar, officer information, and other information of interest to the club members.

Section 10: CLUB HISTORIAN

A club historian shall be appointed by the current board and shall be entitled to the executive committee rights. The duties of the club historian shall be:

- 1) To document events and meetings of interest to the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis
- 2) An archive of events and meetings shall be maintained and made available to the club officers and members to be used to further interest of the Original Corvette Club
- 3) All documents, printed material, videos etc. shall be the property of the Original Corvette Club and not be used for personal gain or exploitation
- 4) The historian shall serve at the will of the current board and will have no term limits imposed.

Section 11: OUT REACH VOLUNTEER

The Club may ask for a Volunteer (member / associate member) to handle Outreach duties. These duties would include the following:

- 1) Send get well cards to members and associate members when notified of hospitalization or surgeries.
- 2) Send sympathy cards for loss of members and immediate family.
- 3) Flowers will be sent on loss of club member, associate member or immediate family (defined as parents, spouses and children). Floral arrangements are limited to \$75 for members or associate members excluding delivery charges. Floral arrangements are limited to \$50 for immediate family excluding delivery charges.
- 4) In lieu of flowers the Out-Reach volunteer may consider donations to the member's charity of choice within the same financial guide as flowers.
- 5) The outreach Volunteer will act upon learning of a member's loss or hospitalization. He or she will let the rest of the members know via OCC Yahoo group.
- 6) The Volunteer will coordinate with the treasurer regarding reimbursement.
- 7) All members will be encouraged to let the Club and the Outreach Volunteer know of qualifying occurrences. Since this is a Volunteer position, there will be no term limit. A new volunteer may be selected at any time.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President shall, from time to time, appoint such committees as he or she finds necessary, and shall outline the duties and responsibilities of these committees. All reports and/or actions taken by these committees must be approved by a majority of the committee. In addition to the authority granted herein, certain standing committees, as set forth shall be appointed by the Vice President.

SECTION 2: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is established to organize, prepare and follow through on plans for the club. They will meet as necessary, between regular club meetings, to answer all questions brought forward at regular meetings and will report their findings. The Executive Committee shall consist of all current officers and all past Presidents and Vice Presidents with continuous active status and in good standing since the founding of the club. The Executive Committee shall review proposed amendments to the bylaws and shall present their recommendations to the membership at any regular meeting. Voting on any amendments will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 3: ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

A. The activities of the club shall consist of planned trips, social gatherings, and events planned by the Activities Committee for all members, honorary members and Corvette owners.

B. When the club is asked to participate in, to establish, or to sponsor an activity by an outside organization for a donation to the club, the donation shall be paid as soon as possible.

C. The club is willing to subsidize an OCC-sponsored event from the club treasury up to \$100.00 if funds are available. Any amount above \$100.00 but less than \$250.00 requires pre-approval from the Current Board. Non-recurring expenses over \$250.00 will require pre-approval from the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1: FISCAL YEAR

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

SECTION 2: PROCEEDS OF THE "50/50" PROGRAM

Proceeds of the 50-50 program at the monthly meetings are to be deposited to the General Revenue Account.

SECTION 3: LIQUIDATION OF ASSETS

Should the club disband, all club funds will be donated to a local recognized charity selected by the officers.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1: PERSONAL LIABILITY

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claims against the club or its officers, shall look only to the funds or property of the club for payment of any debt, damage, judgment, decree, or any other money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the club or the officers. Neither the members of the club nor the officers, past or present, shall be personally liable.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 1: SPONSORS

A. The preferred major sponsor of the club shall be a Chevrolet dealership. B. Sponsors shall be limited to space advertising at any activity, as approved by the officers. C. Any advertisements, other than the sponsor's, shall not be allowed unless approved by the officers.

ARTICLE X

- A. OFFICER AWARDS: In appreciation for services rendered during their term(s) of office, the OCC will honor those who choose to serve, with suitable awards, all elected officers. All appointed positions that require more than eight months will also be honored. Club shirts will also be provided to the officers with their name and position indicated. These shirts are to be worn at club events to identify officers of the club to new members and guests that might be attending.

- B. EVENT SPONSOR RECOGNITION: In appreciation of the work required to initiate and complete a successful event, the Sponsor(s) for any event will be mentioned through verbal appreciation at the club meeting following the event and as it will be put in the OCC monthly newsletter so that "All" members can be made aware of their hard work to a successful event. A small commemorative award will be given to the Sponsor(s).