

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF THE
CORVETTE CLUB OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA

April 8, 2003

Preamble:

That those, by their deep interest in motor sports, may be brought into closer union whereby mutual benefit may be derived, we do hereby ordain and establish the following Constitution and By-laws. The Constitution and By-laws shall not be changed, added to or deleted therefore unless approved by quorum of the membership meeting, provided the amendment was reviewed at a monthly meeting prior to the voting.

ARTICLE I

Section 1 Name

The name of the this organization shall be called “Corvette Club of Columbus Indiana.” From here on further, the “Corvette Club of Columbus Indiana” and the “Club” shall be used interchangeably”

Section 2 Purpose

The purpose of the Club shall be to encourage the preservation, ownership, and operation of Corvette cars; to provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Corvette cars and their owners; to raise funds for non-profit organizations; to encourage safe and skillful driving on public highways.

ARTICLE II

Section 1 Members

Membership in the Club shall be restricted to owners of Corvette cars, their spouses and families, other persons interested in Corvette cars, and people with a general interest in the purpose of the Club. Applicants must have the approval of Club members by majority vote present at regular scheduled meetings, and applicant does not have to be present. Each member shall read the Constitution and By-laws and when his or her application is signed, he or she shall be held by this Constitution and By-laws.

Section 2 Applicants

All applicants will be voted upon before any new member will be allowed to join the Club. New applicants will be allowed to attend One (1) meeting and one (1) event within a sixty (60) day period, prior to his or her decision to join the Club. After this, the new applicant must attach his/her initiation fee of \$10.00 with the application to be voted upon. Membership dues specials may be voted on by the Club to help promote new membership at car shows or other special events.

Section 3 Classes of Membership

- A. **Active** - Any person and spouse duly elected as provided in Section 2 of this Article having paid such monthly dues and fees required.
- B. **Family** - The children under 18 years of age of an active member.
- C. **Life Time** – Available to members given this status as voted on by the Club and after a member has completed 25 years of service.

Section 4 Dues and Assessments

- A. **Active** - Dues shall be \$3.00 monthly or \$36.00 annually paid by November meeting with a 60 day grace period (January meeting).
- B. **Family** - Included in the dues paid by the Active Member.
- C. **Life Time** – No future membership dues required.

Section 5 Privileges

- A. Active members are entitled to all Club privileges.
- B. Family members 18 years of age and older are entitled to all Clubs Privileges.
- C. Life Time members are entitled to all Club privileges.

Section 6 Expulsion

A. Active members will automatically lapse for nonpayment of the dues at the end of ninety (90) days. Any member may be expelled for infraction of the Club rules; or such other causes as may be determined by the majority of the Club members as being in the best interest of the Club. However, before such action is taken, the member shall have an opportunity to submit in writing or in person his/her position on any change of which he or she shall be notified.

Section 7 Resignation

Any member may resign by direct letter of resignation or in person to the Secretary. His/her resignation shall be effective on receipt, provided all indebtedness to the Club is paid in order to stay in good standings. There will be no refunds to the resigning member for months paid through the end of that fiscal year.

Section 8 Leave of Absence

In some cases, it will be necessary for a Club member to leave the Club for a period of time. At the time of leaving the Club, it is the members responsibility to make known his/ her intentions of whether he or she is going to return. The member may return only if he/she left in good standings with the Club at time of departure. During this period, said member shall pay no dues and shall have no Club privileges or voting rights.

Section 9 Reactivation of Membership

If a Club member leaves in good standing and decides to return at an future date in time, the Club will waive the initiation fee.

ARTICLE III

Section 1 Monthly Meetings

Regular Club business meetings are to be held every first Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Exceptions in case of a holiday being on that date, the meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month.

Section 2 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the members and the Board of Directors shall be held in January of each year for reports of officers and committees and such other business as lawfully may come before the meeting. A meeting with outgoing officers and incoming officers shall be held between November and the time of the first officers meeting.

Section 3 Special Meetings

In addition to and provisions of the law, special meetings of the Club, its officers, or its committees can be called by the President, or by a majority of the Board when deemed necessary.

Section 4 Notice of Meetings

A written or printed notice stating the place, date, and hour of the meeting shall be provided with each set of meeting notes. In the case of a special meeting, you will be notified by phone or in writing of the purpose for which the meeting is called, date, time and location of the special meeting. This notice will go out to each member of the Club at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

Section 5 Quorum

At all stated meetings of the members, one over one-half of the attending members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6 Voting

Except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, every Active member shall have the right at every meeting for one vote. No member, whose dues or assessments are unpaid-paid, shall be entitled to vote under the terms and conditions which are set forth in these by-laws. All Action except election of officers and amendments of the by-laws shall be by the majority of those present voting. Except as hereafter provided, voting by proxy or absentee ballot shall not be allowed.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 Board of Directors

The Board of Director shall consist of a minimum of five (5) general officers; President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Optional officers could include but not be limited to Historian, Web Master, and Social Director. They shall serve one (1) year term. Any officer may succeed himself/herself in office if voted and approved by the club membership.

Section 2 Elections

Each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the majority of the membership present at the meeting. At the September meeting of the Club, members will nominate the officers for the November elections. Other nominations may be received from the floor at the November meeting. Only Active members in good standings can be considered for any office of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Section 1 Duties of the President

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the members and shall perform the duties pertaining to this office. He/she may call special meetings of the members under the provisions of Article III. He/she will set goals, with the approval of the majority of the members at each meeting.

Section 2 Duties of the Vice-President

In the absence of the President or in case of his/her death, resignation, or inability to act, the duties usually appertaining to that office shall be performed by the Vice-President.

Section 3 Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and shall record all minutes and votes in a file kept for this purpose. He/she shall keep an up-to-date roll of all Club members. He/she shall give notice of all meetings of the members required by these By-laws and shall perform all duties incidents to this office, required by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. He/she shall have custody of the Club records. In the absence of the Secretary from any of the said meetings, a Secretary pro tempore shall be chosen by the presiding officer.

Section 4 Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the Board of Directors, have custody of all monies, debt, and obligations belonging to the Club. He/she shall receive monies of the Club and deposit same in the Club account. He/she shall make all payments of Club debts upon approval of the Club. The Treasurer shall sign all contracts, checks, drafts, notes, or other orders of payments of money in the name of the Club. He/she shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at the monthly meetings and if so requested, at any other meeting. No obligation, debt or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without the specific approval of the Club.

Section 5 Duties of Optional Board Member(s)

He/she shall perform the duties as agreed on by the voting membership and be eligible for all board member privileges. Such actions shall be documented in meeting minutes at the time of the vote.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1 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 committee. All reports or action taken by a committee must be voted on 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 President.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 Fiscal Year

The Fiscal Year of the Club shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 2 Club Sponsor

Our Club Sponsor is Kari Morris GM Center, 3560 North National Road, Columbus Indiana. The Sponsor will provide the Club with a \$500.00 annual sponsorship fee and discounts on only Corvette parts and service for all paid club members. A discount card will be provided to each Club member upon payment of annual dues.

Section 3 Newborn Savings Bond

The club will purchase a \$100.00 Savings Bond in the name of any newborn baby(s) to Club parents. It is the responsibility of the Clubs Treasurer to gather information from the parents of the newborn child and to purchase the Savings Bond jointly in the name of that child and of the child's parents.

Section 4 Donations

Since the Club is non-profit, most of the funds raised through dues, sponsorship, and events are donated to other not-for-profit organizations. It will be up the Clubs voting members to determine how and where funds will be distributed based on the Clubs current financial condition at that time.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1 Dissolution

If, for any reason, this organization is disbanded, or dissolved, any property held in the Club name shall be liquidated as fair market value and turned over into cash in accordance with the remaining cash shall be donated to a Indiana Incorporated, tax-exempt, non-profit organization chosen by the active members of the Club.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1 Roberts Rule of Order

Any parliamentary procedure not stated by this Constitution and By-laws shall be governed by Roberts Rule of Order.

ARTICLE X

Section 1 New By-Laws

This document shall supersede any previously written Constitution and By-Laws for the Corvette Club of Columbus, Indiana

President

Secretary

Vice-President

Treasurer