

**ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB, INC.**

**CONSTITUTION**

**Article I**

NAME

Section 1. The name of the club shall be ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

**Article II**

OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of this club shall be to:

- a. Bring together those persons who are interested in Corvettes.
- b. Promote a positive image and encourage better understanding and acceptance of Corvettes.
- c. Sponsor, sanction, and promote automotive events and social activities among members and other Corvette owners.
- d. Improve and encourage skillful, safe, and lawful driving habits.
- e. Provide activities that encourage sportsmanship, fellowship, and good clean fun.

**Article III**

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Categories of membership shall be:

- a. CHARTER MEMBER: Shall be any member who was a member as of February 2000, and has remained a member in good standing. Such members will have the same rights as owner/member, except ownership of a Corvette is not mandatory.
- b. OWNER/MEMBER: Shall be 18 years of age (including spouse), who owns or possesses a Corvette titled in their or their parent or guardian's name. If an owner/member changes status (i.e., sells the Corvette or a divorce occurs) that person will be able to serve out the remaining portion of that fiscal year and be allowed to join one additional year as an owner/member.
- c. HONORARY MEMBERS: Those persons or organizations whose interest in, support of, or contribution to the Club merits such recognition. Honorary memberships are granted after a simple majority vote of the club members and are terminable in the same manner. Dues shall be paid in accordance with Section 3, paragraph a and b of the By-Laws.
- d. The Board of Directors will review and rule on any extraneous circumstances.

Section 2. Suspension or revocation of membership (membership as established by Section 1 of Article III) shall be in accordance with Section 2 of the By-Laws.

Section 3. The term of the Club membership shall be from Jan. 1 of each year through Dec. 31 of the same year.

**Article IV**

DUES

- Section 1. Dues shall be payable in full before the start of the October business meeting in each calendar year, or at the time an applicant is accepted for membership. Applicants accepted into membership after August 31 shall be considered paid in full for the succeeding fiscal year.
- Section 2. The amount of, and the liability for the payment of dues, shall be established in the By-Laws, Section 3, paragraph a and b.
- Section 3. There shall be no refund of dues as a result of resignation, revocation, suspension, or change in membership category during the current year.

**Article V**

MEETINGS

- Section 1. General membership meetings shall be held once a month, except in the month of December, at a place and time designated by the membership. Special (general membership) meetings may be called as needed by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The order and conduct of business at the meeting shall be established in accordance with Section 4 of the By-Laws.
- Section 3. An Officer's Transition Meeting will be held once a year between the election of new Officers and the next scheduled general membership meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide smooth transition of duties from the outgoing to the incoming elected Officers. A sharing of "lessons learned" and discussion of any open issues is expected to be held at this meeting. The activities and the membership make-up of all committees will be discussed at this meeting, noting that the By-Laws Committee term of membership is 2 years per Article XII, Section 2. This meeting is to be open for attendance to all members, but voting on any issues will be limited to the incoming elected Officers and Board of Directors.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors, as a minimum, will meet quarterly immediately prior to the regular Club business meetings as described in above Section 3, will serve as the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting.

**Article VI**

VOTING

- Section 1. All paid owner/members and/or Charter Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.
- Section 2. A member has voting rights only if they are a member of NCCC through Route 66 Corvette Club.

**Article VII**

OFFICERS & ELECTIONS

- Section 1. The elected officers of the Route 66 Corvette Club, Inc. shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Governor, and the three (3) elected directors; each of whom shall be at least 18 years of age at date of election. The President, Treasurer, Governor and one elected Board of Directors member will be elected in odd numbered years to serve in the next two consecutive years. The Vice-President, Secretary, and two elected Board of Directors members will be elected in even numbered years to serve in the next two consecutive years. The implementation of these two year terms will be in the election occurring in CY 2009 for the offices of President, Treasurer, Governor and one Board of Directors member and in CY 2010 for the remaining offices. The CY 2009 will elect a Vice-President, Secretary and two Board of Directors members for one year terms. The existing Board of Directors, prior to the CY 2009 election, will determine the process for which one of the three elected Board of Directors members will serve a two year term and announce that process to the Club prior to the CY 2009 nominating activity. The immediate past Presidents following the CY 2009 and future odd numbered year elections will serve two year terms on the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The elected officers shall be elected at the November business meeting and be installed at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. No person shall be permitted to hold more than one elected office concurrently.
- Section 4. Only owner/members or Charter Members shall be qualified to hold an elected office.
- Section 5. In the event any elected office is vacated during the year, the Board of Directors shall appoint any owner/member or Charter Member to temporarily perform the functions of the vacated office. The President or acting President shall hold a special election within the next sixty-day period for the general membership to elect an owner/member to serve the unexpired term.
- Section 6. Rules and procedures of nominating and electing the elected officers of the Club shall be established in the By-Laws, Section 5.
- Section 7. The general duties and responsibilities of the Club officers shall be set forth in the By-Laws, Section 6.

### **Article VIII**

#### **IMPEACHMENT**

- Section 1. Motions to impeach an officer of the Club may be made by any member and shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors. Such motions shall set forth the basis for impeachment.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall make an investigation of the charges set forth in the motion for impeachment. The written findings of the Boards of Directors and its recommendations based thereon shall be presented to the members. The officer sought to be impeached shall not take part in the investigation; however he/she shall be permitted to respond to the charges set forth in the motion for impeachment during a regularly scheduled business meeting of the membership.
- Section 3. Impeachment of any officer shall require a simple majority ballot vote of the voting members present at the regularly scheduled business meeting. The Board of Directors shall notify members at least ten days prior to such meeting that the motion for impeachment will be voted upon.

### **Article IX**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of:
- a. Elected officers of the Club
  - b. Three (3) elected Directors
  - c. Immediate Past President
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be presided over by a Chairperson, who shall be the Vice-President of the Club. In his absence, the Board shall be presided over by a Vice-Chairperson who shall be the President of the Club.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at a time and place designated by the Chairperson, and the Secretary thereof shall make a report to the members at the next regular meeting. All minutes and proceeding from the Board of Directors meeting shall be published in the following months newsletter. Such reports shall be subject to discussion and review by the members if so proposed, by motion from the floor and supported by the majority vote of the members present at the meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors must be present for an official meeting.
- Section 4. Board meetings shall be open to any member of the Club, but such attendance shall be without rights of motion or vote.
- Section 5. The Board of Directors is authorized to and shall perform the functions as set forth in the By-Laws, Section 7.

**Article X**

COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The following committees may be established, combined with each other, activated, or deactivated at the discretion of the Board of Directors or President (ref.; By-Laws Sect 6.):
- a. Social Events Committee
  - b. Technical Committee
  - c. Publicity Committee
  - d. Newsletter Committee
  - e. Special Events Committee
  - f. Charity Committee
  - g. Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee
  - h. Show Committee
  - i. Sponsorship Committee
  - j. Nominating Committee
  - k. Membership Committee
  - l. Additional new committees as required
- Section 2.
- a. The Board of Directors or President (ref.; By-Laws Sect 6.) shall appoint committee Chairpersons to serve at their discretion
  - b. Each committee Chairperson shall be an owner or charter member, and they shall appoint at least one other committee member, unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors or President (ref.; By-Laws Sect 6.).
  - c. Each committee shall meet on call of the Chairperson and shall report at regular meeting and/or Board meetings as directed.

- Section 3. The general functions and responsibilities of each permanent committee shall be set forth in the By-Laws, Section 8, however, temporary additional functions and responsibilities may be assigned to such committees as the elected officials deem necessary and appropriate.

## **Article XI**

### PROPERTY AND FINANCE

- Section 1. All property of the Club shall be in the Club's name.
- Section 2. If the Club disbands, the property and assets of the Club shall be donated to the National Kidney Foundation.
- Section 3. All funds belonging to the Club shall be deposited in a bank of the Treasurer's choice.
- Section 4. The Treasurer or the President shall sign checks and other orders for payment of moneys in the name of the Club.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall give a summary of finances to the Club at each business meeting. An itemized Treasurer's report shall be published monthly in the newsletter.
- Section 6. The Treasurer's book and the Club property shall be audited annually, or whenever the office of Treasurer is vacated, or at any time as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, by a person or persons of its choice.
- Section 7. The Treasurer shall make and keep a record of property owned by the Club. This list shall be itemized, updated and published in the newsletter yearly.

## **Article XII**

### BY-LAWS

- Section 1. By-Laws shall be established to supplement this Constitution and to provide for the effective operation of the Club's activities.
- Section 2. A Constitution/By-Laws Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve for a term of two years. This appointment shall be made at the Officer's Transition Meeting held in odd numbered years.
- Section 3. Motions to amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution/By-Laws Committee for their consideration and evaluation. Recommended changes to the By-Laws shall be presented to all voting members for discussion prior to the voting meeting.
- Section 4. A simple majority vote of those voting members present shall be necessary for passage of amendments to these By-Laws.

## **Article XIII**

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Motions to amend this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Constitution/By-Laws Committee for their consideration and evaluation. Recommended changes to the

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Constitution shall be presented to all voting members for discussion prior to the voting meeting.

Section 2. A simple majority vote of those voting members present shall be necessary for passage of amendments to this Constitution.