

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
CENTRAL LAKES CORVETTE CLUB

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Article 1

Section 1 – Name

The name of the Club shall be Central Lake Corvette Club. Hereafter, it shall be referred to as “the Club”. The colors of the Club shall be red, white and black.

Section 2 – Purpose

The purpose of the Club shall be the maintenance of the highest standards of courtesy and safety on the road; the enjoyment and sharing of the goodwill and fellowship engendered by owning a Chevrolet Corvette; engaging in social activities and competitive events and encouraging favorable interest in the Club and the Corvette; the maintenance of the highest standards of operation and performance; the sharing and exchanging technical and mechanical information; the establishment and maintenance of mutually beneficial relations with manufacturers, dealers, and service sources to the end that the Club shall prosper and enjoy continuity and prominence.

Article II

Section 1 – Membership

Active membership in the Club shall be restricted to men and women eighteen (18) years of age or older and their spouse. Members must be owners of a Chevrolet Corvette during all phases of membership; however, a grace period will be allowed for replacement purposes. Applicants shall be required to complete the membership application form. Approval of applicants shall be voted on at the next consecutive meeting.

Section 2 – Classes of Membership

(A) Full member – Any person specified as a member in good standing with the Club and who participates in Club functions whenever possible.

(B) Auxiliary member – Any company/person who sponsors monetary support of the Club shall be considered an auxiliary member.

Section 3 – Privileges

(A) Full members are entitled to the following privileges:

1. Voting on Club business (2 votes maximum per membership. Individual members voting only once.)
2. Holding a Club office.
3. Acting as a chairperson or co-chairperson of a Club event.
4. Displaying the Club logo: i.e. plaque, cards, jackets, shirts, etc.
5. Participate in all Club events.

Article II (cont.)

(B) Auxiliary members are entitled to the following privileges:

1. Displaying of Club logo: i.e. plaque, cards, jackets, shirts, etc.
2. Participate in all Club events.

Section 4 – Resignation

Any member may resign from the Club by directing a letter of resignation to the President of the Club. The member's resignation will be recognized upon the President's receipt of the letter. All pre-paid dues will be forfeited.

Section 5 – Expulsion

(A) Any member will automatically be expelled for non-payment of dues after the ninety (90) days of the dues payment date on June 1 of each year.

(B) Any member may be expelled for any infraction of the Club rules or for such other reasons as may be deemed, by the Club's officers, to be derogatory to the best interest of the Club. Any member with such pending charges against him/her will be notified of said charges by the Club officers. Before expulsion from the Club, the charged member shall have an opportunity to submit in writing or in person his/her position on any and all charges of which he/she may be accused. A vote for expulsion will be a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Club members present at the business meeting when the expulsion vote is taken. Expulsion votes will be by secret ballot.

Section 6 – Reinstatement of Members

(A) Expelled members who desire to be reinstated to the Club will have to be nominated for reinstatement by an active Club member. The nomination must have approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Club members present at the nomination meeting. After the expelled member's nomination is approved, the expelled member will meet all requirements of membership of a new applicant.

Article III

Section 1 – Dues

(A) Dues are as established by the Club each year by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Club members present at the May business meeting and will be effective immediately.

(B) The first year dues for new members shall be the full amount of dues as determined in Article III, Section 1, A, if joining the Club between June 1st and November 30th and one half of said amount if joining the Club between December 31 and May 31st.

(C) There shall be no charge for auxiliary memberships.

Article III (cont.)

Section 2 – Expenditures

- (A) All major expenditures and financial commitments of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) must have the prior approval of the majority of the Club members present at a monthly business meeting. Expenditures of less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) may be approved by a majority yes vote of the Board of Directors for club purposes without approval from the club membership. A report will be made by the President of any expenditure approved by the Board to the club membership at the next regular business meeting.

- (B) The chairperson of a Club event shall be responsible for submitting an itemized report of the event costs to the Secretary and Treasurer.

Article IV

Section 1 – Meetings

- (A) Annual Meeting – This meeting will be held on a time and date as determined by a majority vote of the Club at the annual meeting or at any regular meeting. Should this meeting time be altered, notification of the alternate meeting time will be published in the next month’s newsletter. This meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers and to conduct any business as lawfully may come before the Club. Nominations are at the October meeting.

- (B) Monthly business meeting – This meeting shall be held throughout the year on the time and date as determined by a majority vote of the Club at the annual meeting unless, by a majority vote of Club at a regular business meeting, it is decided to not have a meeting for a certain month or months.

Section 2 – Quorum

A quorum shall constitute (25) twenty five members.

Article V

Section 1 – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of all current officers and all full members who were elected officers within the past three (3) years. The chairperson shall be the present President.

Section 2 – Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article V (cont.)

Section 3 – Recall of Officers

Any elected officer of the Club may be recalled from office if he/she has failed to perform the duties of his/her office or has through the discharge of his/her duties failed to serve the best interests of the Club. The recall proceedings may be initiated by any active member by making a motion for recall at a normal business meeting. The motion must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at the meeting. After the motion is approved, the Club officers, less the charged officer, will prepare a statement of charges and will schedule the recall proceedings to be held at the next business meeting. The charged officer and all Club members will be notified of the charges and the date of the scheduled recall proceedings. The charged officer will have the opportunity to submit in writing or in person, at the recall meeting, his/her position on any and all charges of which he/she may be accused. After the charged officer has made his/her statement, a secret ballot will be taken. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Club members present at the proceedings will be required to approve the recall of the charged officer.

Section 4 – Duties of the Elected Officers

- (A) President – The President shall preside at all meetings except for valid excuse. He/She shall be Executive Officer of the Club and perform such duties as may pertain to his/her office. He/She shall verify that the Treasurer has arranged to deposit the funds of the Club in a reliable bank in the name of the Central Lakes Corvette Club. He/She shall arrange a volunteer chairperson for each Club event, and coordinate all Club events and event committees. He/She shall determine and make known classes for every Club event if the event necessitates and approve announcements and entry forms for every event. He/She shall see that a complete report of the event is distributed to all entrants and the Club Secretary and Treasurer.
- (B) Vice President – The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. He/She shall be authorized with the President's approval to sign instruments on contract or lease agreements in the name of the Club. The Vice President shall gather new member information, pass this information to the Secretary and insure new members get name tags and receive any club information that is available such as a roster, brochures and website information.

Article V (cont.)

- (C) Secretary – The Secretary shall keep a true and correct record of all meetings and keep the membership roster up to date with new member information provided by the Vice President. The membership roster will be emailed along with the minutes monthly. The secretary shall keep all other records as may be determined by the Club. He/She shall have charge of and conduct all correspondence of the Club and notify all members of the annual meeting and the monthly activities. He/She shall read and have published the minutes of each business meeting to be approved by the members. Upon approval of the calendar of events he/she shall mail/email a calendar to each member and notify members of additions to or deletions from the calendar.

- (D) Treasurer – The Treasurer shall handle all dues, money, and other property paid to or donated to the Club. He/She will deposit funds or property into the bank. He/She will disburse funds only on warrants approved by the majority vote of the active members. He/She shall deposit, in a reliable bank, in the name of the Club, all money belonging to the Club. Such account must be under joint signature of the Treasurer and President. The Treasurer shall provide the members with a monthly financial report at each monthly meeting and an annual report at the annual meeting. He/She shall also report which members are behind on their dues. The Treasurer shall at the close of his/her term of office make a true and correct report of all financial transactions to all officers and members of the Club.

Section 5 – Attendance

Any officer who fails to attend two (2) consecutive business meetings without an approved excuse from an officer shall no longer hold office. Approved excuses are: illness, death in the family, absence from the City, or business reasons.

Article VI

Section 1 – Eligibility of Office

- (A) Nominee must have been a full member in good standing for at least three (3) months prior to the nomination.

- (B) Nominee must be present at the nominations meeting unless they have given an officer an acceptable excuse and acceptance of the nomination.

Section 2 – Nomination of Officers

Nominations will be made at the October meeting of each year. A form containing the names of members eligible for nominations shall be made and passed out to the eligible voting members present at the meeting.

Article VI (cont.)

The nominations for officers shall be as follows:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Section 3 – Election

- (A) All officers will be voted on and elected at the annual meeting in November. A written ballot will be used if we have more than one member running for any one office. The ballots shall be opened and counted by the officers during the meeting.
- (B) A candidate must receive a majority (50% + 1) favorable of members present at the meeting for election. If a run off is necessary to obtain such a majority, the two (2) candidates having the highest total votes shall be voted upon by the qualified active members in attendance. The candidate thus receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 4 – Term of Office

- (A) The term for the offices of President and Vice President shall be one year. One additional consecutive year shall be permitted for either of these officers by a majority vote of the membership at the regular meeting in October or November.
- (B) The term for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one year. Any number of additional consecutive years shall be permitted for those officers by a majority vote of the membership at the regular meeting in October or November.

Article VII – Fiscal Year

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

Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Club in all Constitution or By-Laws of the Club.

Article IX

The Constitution and By-Laws and all amendments thereto shall be the full force and effective immediately after passage and shall supersede all previous editions. Any amendments shall be passed by a majority at any business meeting. Any and all amendments must be published and distributed to the Club members.