ST. CROIX VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS, Last Amended 16 November 2023

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the club shall be the St. Croix Valley Corvette Association.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Association shall be for the enjoyment, restoration, and preservation of America's only true sports car, and to further the traditional and competitive aspect of Corvette ownership through club and social activities.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a Board of Directors in number to include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Director
- Newsletter Editor

Offices are for a one year term. There are no prerequisites for holding an elected office and there are no limitations on the number of terms an individual may serve.
The outgoing President will / can serve an additional year in an ex-officio position as an advisor / go between for membership and board.
If the President or Vice-President cannot fulfill their term, a special election will be held within 30 days or next earliest meeting.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall act as an advisory board to the Association. It shall be their duty to study, plan, and make the recommendations for procedures that will develop this club and carry out the objectives of the Association. It shall be their responsibility to present these recommendations to the membership for a vote at their regular meeting and, if approved, carry them out to completion

The President shall:

- Be the chief executive officer and ex-officio member of all committees, whether elected or appointed, and chairman of the Board of Directors.
- The President shall preside at the meetings of the Association.
- Shall collaborate with the Vice President to assure event budgets are aligned with the annual budget.
- Will mentor the Vice President.

The Vice President shall:

- Assist the President, and in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties, have the same authority as the President, and be liaison to all committees. The Vice-President duties also are to include:
    - Appoint chairperson / chairpersons for club functions and events.
    - For any Club supported events or functions it will be the Vice-President's responsibility to provide a budget or review the budget submitted by the event chairperson(s) and shall collaborate with the President to assure event budgets are aligned with the annual budget.

The Secretary Shall:

- Conduct all correspondence relating to the club.
- Maintain the minutes of all meetings.
- Server as a Liaison to the Editor.

The Treasurer shall:

- Keep accounts and records of all financial affairs.
- Collect all funds or dues and deposit same in such banking institutions as are designated by the Board of Directors
- Make such disbursements as are properly authorized and in accordance with the annual budget.
- All Club expenditures must have approval as follows:
    - Amounts less than $250.00 by treasurer and president.
    - Amounts of $250.00 and above must be published in the prior monthly newsletter and approved at the following general meeting by a majority vote of members present.
    - Fixed budget expenditures need no approval (Ex. Postage, Insurance, and fixed costs as approved per yearly budget.) as they have been included in the annual budget.
    - Make a financial report at each quarterly meeting and the Association's books shall be open at all times to the Board of Directors, the Auditing Committee, and also the general membership at any regular meeting. The report should include both actual and committed funds.

Membership Director shall:

- Serve as the Public Relations Chairperson, having the privileges to appoint any associates as deemed necessary.
- Maintain all records of membership, membership applications, and membership attendance to all club meetings and designated club functions.
- Shall perform all other duties as the President shall see fit.

The Editor shall:

- Be responsible for the Club's monthly newsletter and any other communications to the membership.
- Notify the membership of upcoming meetings and events.
- Maintain the club's web calendar.

The Board, through the Treasurer, is required to present a preliminary printed budget to the membership at the November meeting with a firm budget at the next January meeting. This budget will be approved by the members present.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

- It shall be a requirement of initial club membership to own a Chevrolet Corvette. It shall also be required of a member to bring their Corvette to all club functions whenever possible.
- If a membership should fail to fulfill the club functions requirement during the calendar year of which they have paid their dues, their membership cannot be renewed except by approval of the Board of Directors.

The Association shall not have more than a combined total of one hundred (100) memberships in good standing and/or memberships at large during any calendar year.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person who meets the requirements may apply for membership to the Association by filling out an application form in person at any regular club meeting or club function. The application for membership shall then be given to the Membership Director for the announcement to the Club and for recording, who in turn shall forward the application to the Board of Directors for review and a vote of approval or disapproval. The Board shall return the application to the Membership Director along with their decision. The applicant shall be notified within thirty (30) days from the date of application of the Board's decision. If a vote of approval has been awarded to the applicant, the applicant must attend the earliest regular club meeting to pay the required dues and fees as set forth by the club for a new membership. At that time, the applicant shall be considered a new membership in good standing and shall receive all the rights and benefits of the Association. If a vote of disapproval for a membership is the Board's decision, the applicant shall be given reason as to why the application for membership has been denied.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

A membership fee of $8.00 will be assessed as a onetime charge to all new memberships accepted to the club to cover the costs incurred for record keeping, name badge, and for additional mailing(s).

LAPSE Of MEMBERSHIP

Should a membership lapse for non-payment of dues, the person or persons affected shall be required to re-apply for membership as a new applicant.

MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS

- A member is defined as one married individual and spouse or one single individual.
- An associate membership is defined as being a member from one's family or a member's good friend.
- A Membership in Good Standing is defined as a membership that has met all the requirements and paid the required dues and fees of the Association.
- A Membership at Large is defined as those persons who have paid their dues in full during the calendar year but who do not presently own a Corvette, or those persons who have failed to fulfill the requirements of membership as specified here-in. However, they may participate in the club functions, meetings and debates but they will not be qualified to vote or hold office. A Membership at Large shall continue only for the remainder of the calendar year in which the membership dues are paid, unless the Board of Directors approves an extension of the Membership at Large.

- A Charter Membership is defined as the original Board of Directors and the first ten (10) memberships to join the Association. In consideration, the dues for the Charter Memberships shall not be increased for any reason during the existence of the Association.
- An Emeritus member is defined as a current member of at least 5 contiguous years of membership who no longer has a Corvette but does pay dues.

ARTICLE VI DUES

Dues shall be $20.00 per year, fully earned and non-refundable. Dues are payable upon acceptance to membership and thereafter on the date of the regular November meeting. A membership is in good standing only when the annual dues are paid in full. Membership will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues as of December 31st of the calendar year.

Special assessments may be levied upon participating memberships for special club activities. The committee handling the specific function shall decide upon the amount of the assessments with the approval of the Board of Directors.

All new applications for membership accepted on or after September 1st of any year shall, upon payment of their dues ($20.00) in full, be considered a "Member in Good Standing" for the balance of the current year.

ARTICLE VII POLICIES

This Association shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan, and non-profit.

No membership, committee, or Club officer shall represent the Association Officially either in correspondence, publication, or in person without the authority of the Board of Directors.

Officers shall be elected at the monthly meeting in January. Officers shall assume their duties immediately following the monthly meeting in January. A majority of all votes cast for a particular office shall constitute an election. Each Membership in Good Standing is entitled to one (1) vote and must cast this vote in person. Voting by proxy is prohibited.

Remembrance Policy:

To be utilized only in the event of death and limited to member, member's spouse, parent of member or spouse, children of member or spouse. This policy is administered by the Membership Director. Dollar figure set at $50.00 - $60.00, as determined by the Membership Director. Memorial may be made in member's name as indicated in the death notice.

Contributions: Charitable organizations shall be determined at the November business meeting by a majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held monthly on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise ordered by the membership. There is no regular meeting in December.
The regular April meeting of each year shall be designated the annual meeting, at which time reports summarizing the past year's activities will be given, and summarized per the budget approved at the prior January meeting.

Special meetings may be called by the President or by one-third (1/3) of the memberships, provided all memberships are notified in writing of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting within five (5) days, but not more than ten (10) days of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Special committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to handle specific functions of the Association and report to the Vice President.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the By-Laws shall first be proposed by the Board of Directors to the membership, or may be proposed by special petition approved by fifty (50) percent of the attending membership in good standing. Notice of such proposed amendments and a copy thereof shall be printed in the Club newsletter prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be debated for a reasonable amount of time and acted upon. Ballot voting shall be controlled by the same rules as relating to the elections of officers. If two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present are qualified to vote and vote in favor of the proposal at the meeting, the proposed amendment shall be approved and adopted.

ARTICLE XI PERSONAL LIABILITY

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claims against the Club or the officers, shall look only to the funds and property of the Association for payment of any such contract of claim, or for payment of any debt, damage, judgment, or decree, or any other money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the Association or the officers, so that neither the membership of the Club, the officers present or future, shall be liable personally therefore (exception: GMCCA Show liability).

ARTICLE XII PROCEDURE

The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern all proceedings, subject to such special rules as have been or may be adopted by this Association.

ARTICLE XIII VOTING PROCEDURES AND ELIGIBILITY

PROCEDURES

The vote for regular club business shall be conducted by a raise of hand. The vote for election of officers or by-laws change shall be conducted by secret ballot.

ELIGIBILITY

Each paying membership shall carry one (1) vote.

ARTICLE XIV QUORUM

TO CONDUCT A REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

A quorum shall consist of fifty-one (51) percent of the members present in good standing.

FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS OR BY-LAWS CHANGE

A quorum shall consist of fifty-one (51) percent of the members present in good standing.

REVISIONS:

Revisions:
March 16, 1976
September 19, 1978
April 17, 1979
September 18, 1983
March, 1986
July 21, 1987
August, 1991
October, 1991
January, 1998
May, 2006

Added requirements for trailer usage:

- Member in good standing.
- Must work at the Swap Meet (an individual may be exempted by Board decision).
- Trailer to be used for Member's car only.
- Members not meeting the above requirements shall pay a fee of $5.00 / day for trailer usage. The money will go into the trailer maintenance fund.
- Maximum length of advance reservation notice is 30 days.
- Maximum length of trailer usage is 72 continuous hours. The maximum may be exceeded with prior approval of custodian and two (2) board members.
- The trailer committee shall have up to $100.00 annually to spend on maintenance with Board approval.
- The Trailer will be returned clean to the custodian and any miscellaneous equipment lost shall be replaced or paid for by the user at the time of loss.
- If and when repairs or maintenance are required, all users shall help.
- Automobile insurance is required on the tow vehicle.
- It will be the user's responsibility to return trailer to custodian
- No modifications of the trailer's electrical system will be allowed.
- A 2" ball hitch is required on the tow vehicle.

October 18, 2016

- A person paying the club dues will be eligible to vote. Remove the requirement to attend six (6) club meetings.
- Added Emeritus members as a current member of at least 5 contiguous years who no longer has a Corvette but does pay dues.
- Define a quorum as being 51% of members present.

November 15, 2016

- Recommended changes to Board member assignments. These align the bylaws to what we actually do. Board member's duties were read each. Also changing the Pres and VP event budget clause to include ‘assure event budgets are aligned with the annual budget'.
- Wave the requirement to serve as VP for former Presidents who may be willing to fill in for a year. This would be used in those times where no member has applied for the VP position.
- Drop the trailer use agreement and rules.
- Formatting changes.

May 15, 2018

By-laws "Section Article III - Officers" States:

Offices are for a one year term, except for the vice president, who serves the first year as the vice

president and the second as the president.

Changed to:

Offices are for a one year term with an exception for the president's position - if the candidate (or member) has not served as vice president then the candidate elected must have served as a board member.

By-laws "Section Article VII - Policies" States: NOTE: The line with the ~~strikethrough~~ will be removed.

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NOTE: The line with the ~~strikethrough~~ will be removed.

21 November 2023

Article III – Officers

Removed: requirements for holding office and removed language that limited the service terms.

Changed to: There are no prerequisites for holding an elected office and there are no limitations on the number of terms an individual may serve.

Article V – Membership

i) Bullet 1: "It shall be a requirement of membership to own a Chevrolet Corvette"

Changed to: It shall be a requirement of ***initial club*** membership to own a Chevrolet Corvette

ii) Removed: "If a member should sell their Corvette during the calendar year of which they have paid their dues, their status will not change from a membership in good standing for that year only."

iii) Changed maximum club membership from eighty (80) to one hundred (100).

iv) Initial Membership fee changed from Seven dollars ($7) to Eight dollars ($8) (to cover the cost of name tags).

Article VII – Policies

Removed: The President, at his choice, may serve an additional year in an ex-officio position.

Article X – Amendments

Changed to: (added the word "attending" before the second "membership"): Amendments to the By-Laws shall first be proposed by the Board of Directors to the membership, or may be proposed by special petition approved by fifty (50) percent of the ***attending*** membership in good standing.