

NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CLUB BY-LAWS

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Article I

Section 1 – Name

The name of the club shall be the New England Corvette Club.

Section 2 – Purpose

The general purpose of the club shall be to encourage planned trips, events and social gatherings for the members of the New England Corvette Club, to provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Corvette enthusiasts.

Article II

Section 1 – Members

Membership in the club shall be restricted to owners of Corvettes. Applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age. Due to a possible conflict of interest, no regular member of the NECC may simultaneously be a member of another Corvette club, except at the national level. **The total membership in the Club shall be limited to thirty (30) memberships.** When there is a membership position open, a current member may sponsor any new member at a Club meeting, and introduce him/her to the group. Prospective members not sponsored by a current member shall attend three (3) meetings or events prior to being voted on. The board may sponsor such prospective members. The proposed new membership shall be voted on by the current membership via e-mail or telephone within ten (10) days of fulfilling the attendance requirement. A simple majority vote shall decide. No member shall sponsor a prospect for club membership unless and until the sponsoring member has belonged to the club for one (1) full calendar year. There shall be a limit of one (1) prospective member sponsored per current member per calendar year. A waiting list shall be established for prospective members while they await an open membership slot. Such prospective members shall not attend any club meetings or events unless or until a membership position is open. The list shall be dated and maintained by the club secretary, who shall report it to the board.

Section 2 – Classes of Membership

Active: Any person or partnership having paid annual dues. (Partnerships have one (1) vote, not 2.) Both partners are considered Club members. Paying of annual dues constitutes acceptance of the bylaws as written and/or as amended during the year.

Honorary: Dues-free, non-voting, non-office-holding membership as conferred by a 2/3rds majority Club vote. Any Club member may propose someone for this honor, and must justify this nomination. The executive board must ratify this nomination. Honorary members will not count towards the quota on Club memberships, nor will they be prohibited from joining other Corvette clubs as active members. Honorary members will remain on the e-mailing and membership lists and will be welcome to attend any and all club events, including those designated “for members only.”

Section 3 – Dues

Annual dues shall be fifty dollars (\$50) per membership, payable in full no later than January 31 of each year. Members joining from July 1st through December 31st will pay half the yearly dues, or twenty-five dollars (\$25) per membership. If a check made payable to the New England Corvette Club is returned due to insufficient funds, that member will be held liable to the Club for any bank charges levied against the Club’s treasury due to that returned check.

Section 4 – Exclusion

Membership will automatically lapse on the last day of January for non-payment of dues.

Any member selling his/her Corvette shall remain, for all intents and purposes, an active club member until the end of the calendar membership period. If such a person wishes to remain a member beyond the end of this time period, he/she must request approval of said membership **in writing. This will be decided by a 2/3rds vote at the annual meeting.**

Section 5 – Resignation

Any member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Secretary, or verbally in the presence of the Secretary and one other club officer. The resignation will be effective immediately and the member resigning will forfeit all dues.

Article III

Section 1 – Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held in January each year for the election of officers, reports of officers and committees, and for such other business as lawfully may come before this meeting.

Section 2 – Monthly Meetings

Regular monthly meetings shall be held on the last Tuesday of each month at whatever place and time is designated by a vote of the majority of the membership.

Section 3 – Officers' Meetings

The Club officers shall meet as needed to discuss club business.

Section 4 – Special Meetings

In addition to any provisions of the law, special meetings of the members may be called by the President or by a majority of the officers.

Section 5 – Notice of Special Meetings

Notice of special meetings, stating the place, day, hour and purpose of any special meetings of the members shall be given by the Secretary and sent to each member.

Section 6 – Quorum

At all stated meetings of the members, ten (10) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

All voted decisions, with the exception of the election of officers, and the membership situations outlined in Article II, Section 4 of these By-laws, shall be by a simple majority of those present voting. Voting by proxy or absentee ballot shall be allowed by obtaining a ballot from the President.

Article IV

Section 1 – Number of Officers

The elected officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Car Events Coordinator. They shall each serve for one (1) year or until successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2 – Election of Officers

Election of officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote in a secret ballot. Members in good standing wishing to vote by absentee ballot shall request same from the President prior to the election meeting and shall submit their sealed ballot to either the President or to the club's post office box in an envelope clearly marked **BALLOT** in due time prior to that election, at which time it shall be opened and counted in with the ballots of those present at the election meeting.

Section 3 – Resignation of Officers

In the event that any of the aforementioned officers shall resign or become unable to hold office before the end of his/her elected term, the Vice-President shall fill said vacancy until the next election of officers is held.

Article V

Section 1 – Duties of the President

- Oversees and provides leadership and direction as to the on-going operation of the New England Corvette Club.
- Meets as needed with Officers to discuss issues, events, and future activities of the Club.
- Delegates various duties of Officers; provides appropriate follow-up.
- Is the single voice and representative of the club when dealing with outside agencies, organizations and other clubs.
- Holds monthly meetings with membership to keep them apprised of upcoming events/activities.
- When warranted, puts out for vote to membership any suggested changes that would significantly impact the club as a whole.
- Has access to checking account, and can sign checks to settle Club debts.
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Section 2 – Duties of the Vice-President

- Represents the President in the President's absence.
- Oversees social activities of Club.
- Takes over duties of officer(s) who resign, as needed.
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Section 3 – Duties of the Secretary

- Maintains updated membership list; provides updated lists at business meetings.
- E-mails membership with information on events, shows, etc.
- Prepares rough drafts of letters for President's approval and signature.
- Has custody of all club records, communications.
- Serves as Club liaison with media, under the direction of the President or Vice-President.
- Is the Club contact person for social events, charities, obtaining information, etc.
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Section 4 – Duties of the Treasurer

- Has custody of all monies, debts and obligations belonging to the Club.
- Shall make all payments of the club's debts upon approval of the President.
- Give a report on the financial status of the Club at meetings, when appropriate.
- Has access to checking account, and can sign checks to settle Club debts.

Section 5 – Duties of the Car Events Coordinator

- Serves as Club liaison with other Corvette clubs in matters pertaining to car events.
- Is the Club contact person for obtaining information and donations pertaining to car events.
- Provides, as often as is appropriate, a "club calendar" of car events to all members, either at the club meetings or via e-mail.
- Is responsible for supplies and organization of work crews for club car events.
- Maintains, with other Club officers, contact with any sponsor Club may have.

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Article VI

Section 1 – Activities

The activities of the Club shall consist of planned trips, gatherings and events for Club members planned by any member wishing to coordinate such activity.

Article VII

Section 1 – Fiscal Year

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

Article VIII

Section 1 – 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 Club for payment of any such contracts or claims or for payment of any debt, damage, judgment or decree. No Club officer or member shall be liable personally therefore.

Section 2: Alcohol Policy

The NECC does not and will not supply alcoholic beverages at any event. The NECC supports the "No Drinking and Driving" laws as promoted by MADD. NECC e-Board members shall not be held liable or responsible for any member using alcohol before, during or after any NECC event or function.

Article IX

Section 1 – Amendment to the By-laws

The officers of the Club, or any ten active members in good standing by written proposals submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the by-laws. Upon such proposal being made, a copy thereof shall be included in the notice of the next meeting of the members. Ballot voting shall be controlled by the same rules as set forth in Article IV, relating to the election of officers. If a simple majority of the members present and qualified to vote, vote in favor of the proposal at the meeting, the proposed amendment shall thereby be approved and adopted.