

GUIDELINES OF THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS CORVETTE CLUB

HISTORY

The Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club (LOCC) had its beginnings on a gray October day in 1999 when Mary and Parker Darr (Co-founders) and Larry Lembach (Co-founder) decided to start a Corvette Club in the Lake of the Ozarks area. Having limited contact with other Corvette owners at the time, they researched the topic and decided to start an advertising campaign utilizing television and newspaper ads, fliers, and word of mouth to promote a possible club. On January 10, 2000, they started a club with 2 Corvettes, one a 1989 and one a 1999. Rudy Willingham was informed of the ad, contacted Parker and Larry, and provided them with a list of potential members. Contacts were made from that list and from response to the ads on television and newspapers.

The club had its first meeting at the Arrowhead Lodge in the "Wood Room" on April 9, 2000. To their delight, a total of 16 people showed up to join Parker, Mary, and Larry for the first LOCC meeting. At the close of that meeting the following 10 individuals, along with founding fathers Mary, Parker and Larry, chose to sign up and have the honor of being rewarded Charter Member status: Betty and Bob Goble, Kerry and Benita Shannon, Eddie and Linda Smothers, Marty and Peg Klaus, and Rudy and Cindy Willingham. The club has continued to grow to its present membership of 253 people as of December 2, 2023.

The club is essentially a hobbyist club. As the club has grown over the years the challenge has been to stay true to its original purpose and goal of enjoying the camaraderie of other Corvette owners, to drive our cars and enjoy them on the road. We have a membership which is focused on staying true to these goals and our intent is to continue that tradition. The club actively attends and participates in community events. Numerous members of the club attend a number of other car shows and events in the surrounding region as well. Scholarships are granted to students from local Technology schools that are going on to advanced training and education in the automotive field.

I. NAME

The club will be known as **The Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club** and may be designated as **LOCC** in abbreviated form.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the club is the enjoyment of social activities in support of each other as well as the local communities. Activities are centered on the enjoyment of all things Corvette.

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. General Membership

Any Corvette owner, future owner (must have a bona fide order), significant other, or member of their immediate family is eligible to become a member upon completion of the written application and payment of the regular dues. If a member sells or disposes of their Corvette, their membership can either continue for the remainder of the year or they may request a refund of their remaining dues. Members who do not request a refund continue to have member privileges for the remainder of the year.

If a member acquires a replacement Corvette during this period, their membership continues and a new application is required to update their car information. If a member sells or disposes of their Corvette and has a bona fide order for a new Corvette, but is awaiting delivery, their membership continues unabated as long as they pay their dues.

Current LOCC members shall not be eligible to enter their Corvette(s) in the annual LOCC Corvette show. Corvettes of members from the preceding year of the annual show shall not be eligible for show participation. LOCC members who decide to not renew their annual membership in lieu of entering the annual show, shall not be eligible to rejoin LOCC membership for the remainder of that same show year.

B. Lifetime Membership

The founding fathers and charter members of the Club and their spouses are granted lifetime membership in the Club. Lifetime Members are not subject to annual dues. Spouses of deceased founding members and charter members retain Lifetime Membership and have all privileges of regular members but are not subject to annual dues. Spouses of deceased founding or charter members who no longer have a Corvette are welcome to attend any LOCC function.

IV. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members have a right to:

- Be treated fairly, equally, and with respect by the club and all of its members.
- Socialize in an environment free from all forms of harassment and discrimination.
- Be informed and actively involved in all club activities, events, and offerings.

Members must:

- Treat other members, guests, staff of venues and other patrons (where a club social function is being held) fairly, equally, and with respect and courtesy.
- Behave responsibly and ensure they conduct themselves in a manner which will not injure the reputation of the club, its Officers, its Executive Board Members, its events, organizers, participants, or sponsors.
- Not physically or verbally harass others.
- Report any inappropriate behavior of a club member to the Club President for investigation.
- Abide by the club Code of Conduct.
- Not act on behalf of the club without the consent of the Club President.
- Not take any actions or conduct any activities which undermine the authority of Club Officers or Executive Board Members.

Violations of the Code of Conduct:

- Any violations of the Code of Conduct by a member will be promptly investigated by the board. If after investigation it has been determined that a violation has occurred, the board will vote to determine the appropriate disciplinary action to be taken. Any disciplinary action will require a majority vote by the board. Disciplinary action may include but not be limited to a reprimand, probation, suspension, or permanent revocation of club membership.

Good Standing:

- A member will be considered a member in Good Standing as long as the member's dues are paid in full and they have had no disciplinary actions taken against them for violations of the Club's Code of Conduct guidelines.

V. DEPOSITS OF 501(c)(3) FUNDS

The 501(c)(3) funds of the club shall be held in a separate bank account from the club's general revenue account. This procedure will ensure that all profits raised from the club's non-profit events, like the annual car show will remain separate from the club's general revenue funds. The funds in the non-profit account are hereby irrevocably dedicated to and strictly for non-profit purposes. In the event of the dissolution of the club, none of the non-profit funds shall inure to the benefit of any Officers, Executive Board Members, or members of the club. Upon any such dissolution, the balance of the non-profit account shall be distributed and paid to any organizations dedicated to non-profit purposes which have established their tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(3) of the IRS Code.

VI. PROHIBITION OF CLUB SPONSORED POLITICAL SUPPORT

At no time shall the club engage in political lobbying activities and no club member, while involved in club activities shall lobby for or against or endorse any political candidates. This rule applies to candidates at every level – local, state, and federal. This rule does NOT prevent members from supporting political candidates or lobbying activities during their personal time while not engaged in club activities. Club members may not refer to the club or associate the club with any of their personal support for a candidate or their personal lobbying efforts.

VII. ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues are due by the first meeting in January of each year. Members who have failed to pay their dues by the date of the February meeting will be dropped from the membership rolls and will no longer receive any club communication. New members who join in November or December will be charged full annual dues for the following full year.

The amount of the annual dues will be reviewed by the Executive Board annually in conjunction with the Board's periodic meetings to determine if any adjustment is necessary. Any proposed increase must be approved by the Board and then presented at the next regular monthly meeting for a vote. Any increase must be approved by a simple majority of attendees.

VIII. LIABILITY

The club shall not be responsible for personal or property damages incurred as a result of participation in club events. All members must carry the required liability insurance for their Corvettes as well as any bodily injury or property damage coverage.

As a secondary measure, the club will maintain two umbrella insurance policies at all times to ensure appropriate coverage to protect the club officers (should LOCC be sued as a club) and to any member who is sued while participating in a club event and their coverage is insufficient to cover the damages. Because of insurance restrictions, you must be a member of the LOCC in order to participate with the Club in parades, day trips or other Club events.

IX. ELECTIONS

The club encourages a diverse and ever changing Executive Board to ensure fresh ideas and the active participation of any club members willing to volunteer their time and talents to serve on the Board. The seated Board will solicit prospective new Board members throughout the year and solicitations will be sent via email in September and October to the membership asking for volunteers to serve on the Board in the following calendar year.

The seated Vice President (President-elect) will be responsible for preparing a slate of officers and Board members for the next year. The Vice President may retain any current Board members who have indicated a desire to continue for the following year. Once a slate has been approved by the Board, it will be presented at the November meeting for discussion. Subsequent to that meeting, the slate will be sent to all members via email. The new Board will take effect at the annual Christmas Party in December.

X. OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

The officers of the club will be as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Executive Board Members:

- Public Relations Director
- Newsletter Editor
- National Corvette Museum Ambassador
- Interclub Communications Director
- Webmaster
- Project/Event Manager

Each Officer and Board member shall have one vote at any Executive Board Meeting. In the unlikely event of a tie vote, the President will cast the deciding vote.

Board Member positions should have a designated assistant or back-up member who can fill the respective position if needed. In addition, the President can appoint additional members to the Board as deemed necessary for special projects or events.

XI. OFFICER DUTIES

President	<p>Responsible for the overall activities of the club</p> <p>Prepares and coordinates a schedule for all 12 monthly club meetings</p> <p>Attends all club functions or ensures the VP or another Board member attends</p> <p>Presides over monthly meetings, makes public appearances on behalf of the club</p> <p>Keeps members informed of all area car shows and other events</p> <p>Works with other officers and creates the agenda for club meetings</p> <p>Acts as or appoints a Trip Captain for any events without one</p>
Vice President	<p>Acts as the director of new memberships</p> <p>Receives applications, sends notices of new members to club</p> <p>Maintains records of membership applications</p> <p>Stands in for the President at meetings when required</p> <p>Reviews and initials treasurer reports indicating agreement with the results</p> <p>Serve as a standing member of the Car Show Committee for the next year</p> <p>Assumes the office of President at the end of the current term</p>
Secretary	<p>Records the monthly club meeting minutes, sends minutes to President and Newsletter Editor for publication</p> <p>Reports and records the number of Corvettes and members at all meetings</p> <p>Records minutes for any board/executive committee meetings</p> <p>Assistant / Back-up: Acts as Secretary when required.</p>
Treasurer	<p>Receives disbursements and records all club monetary activity – works closely with Vice President to ensure transparency of all fiscal operations</p> <p>Pays all club bills and performs all club banking activities</p> <p>Provides monthly financial reports to club officers and verbally provides report to members at monthly meetings</p> <p>Handles all sales of flags, name tags and other club products</p> <p>Assistant / Back-up: Acts as Treasurer when required.</p>
Public Relations	<p>Provides write-ups and photos re club activities to news media</p> <p>Advises President of beneficial activities for the club</p> <p>Sends out miscellaneous information to club members</p> <p>Assists with communications with other clubs in the region</p> <p>Manage all social media accounts</p>

Assistant / Back-up: Handles Public Relations duties when required

Newsletter Editor

Creates and distributes Vette Waves monthly publication using information and pictures provided by club members, officers and other sources.

The publication covers the prior month and upcoming events and meetings

Assistant / Back-up: Works closely with the Editor and stands in to create the publication if needed

NCM Ambassador

Keeps members aware of National Corvette Museum Activities

Encourages members to join the NCM

Provides NCM with membership information and updates on club activities

Plans and leads official club visits to Museum on a regular basis

Assistant / Back-up: Works with NCM Ambassador and stands in if needed.

Interclub Communications Creates and maintains an email contact list for all members

Distributes information from club officers to members via email

Assistant / Back-up: Maintains an identical email contact list and handles distribution of information as needed.

Webmaster

Responsible for maintaining the LOCC website

Assistant / Back-up: Learns how to maintain the website and backs up the Webmaster as required.

Project/Event Manager

Assists with special projects, cover club photography, manages club member car registry and backup various board member positions. **Assistant / Backup:** Works with Project/Event Manager and stands in if needed.

Terms and Conditions

All officers serve a one-year term from the December annual Christmas Party until the annual Christmas Party the following year. An officer's term may be extended for the following year at the request of the President-Elect.