

# **BYLAWS OF THE DELCO CRUISERS CAR CLUB**

(Amended 06/14/2022)

## **ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOGO**

Section 1. The name of the club is Delco Cruisers, located in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Section 2. The Delco Cruisers car club was founded on January 28, 2007.

Section 3. The logo for the Delco Cruisers is as follows:



## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

1. We are an all-inclusive car club, without restriction to year or make of vehicle.
2. We pride ourselves in being a family-oriented car club.
3. We seek worthy causes, which will allow us to do charitable work within the community.
4. Our goal is to have a working relationship with neighboring car clubs and to promote inter-club shows and cruises.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

### Section 1. Application for Membership

The executive board has the right to review all applications. It is the discretion of the board to approve or not approve an application. A two thirds majority vote is needed to reject an application.

### Section 2. Classes of Members

There will be three types of membership in the club: active, honorary and charter. Active members are dues paying members who are in good standing, have voting rights, and all other rights and privileges described herein. Honorary members include deserving individuals selected by member nomination and approved by a majority general membership vote. They will not pay dues or vote, but otherwise are entitled to all the rights and privileges of active membership. Charter members are also dues-paying members but they were of the first one hundred (100) members to join the club.

### Section 3. Sponsors:

Sponsors are not required to purchase a membership. They may elect to purchase a membership.

#### Section 4. Resignation of Membership

Any member may resign, submitting a letter of intent to the secretary. Any member, who resigns, automatically forfeits all dues paid and all club participation.

### **ARTICLE IV. DUES AND BENEFITS**

#### Section 1.

There are annual membership dues for the Delco Cruisers. Membership includes all family members living in the same household. A household shall include one vote. An additional membership may be purchased entailing another vote. Payment of dues can be made as early as October 1 for the following year and are to be received before February 28 of the current year to maintain tenure.

### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

Section 1. The governing body or executive board of Delco Cruisers shall consist of the following elected officers: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and seven (7) elected directors.

Section 2. Duties of officers shall be:

A. President: The president shall preside at all meetings, have general supervision over business affairs of the club, preserve order and maintain observance of the by-laws.

B. Vice President: The vice president shall take charge in the absence of the president and perform certain duties delegated to him/her by the president.

C. Secretary: The secretary shall keep the minutes and be responsible for all correspondence of the club. He/she will maintain membership records and give notice of all regular and special meetings of the membership of the executive board, based on directives from the president. He/she shall maintain all attendance records. Funds collected for membership will be submitted to the treasurer or president with a record of receipts.

D. Treasurer: The treasurer shall collect and handle all club funds, make payments from club funds when so designated by the executive board and keep an accurate and up to date account of all receipts and expenditures, and give a financial report at each meeting.

E. Additional duties of officers are outlined in the "Policies and Procedures of the Delco Cruisers".

Section 3. Executive board:

The Executive board shall consist of the officers and directors and shall have the general management of the club as directed by membership votes. The executive board is a fact-finding body charged with bringing information to the membership for review and a vote. At all meetings of the executive board, eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the executive board shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month or when determined by the executive board, subject to change due to

special, or any circumstances. Special meetings shall be at the call of the president or three members of the board. Special meetings shall be announced on the website prior to the meeting. The decision of a majority of the board on questions shall be binding until the next regular or special meeting of the membership when a majority may disapprove or amend such action.

#### Section 4. Term of Office:

The founding president will have a first term of three (3) years and re-election is a two (2) year term. All other officers shall serve a two (2) year term and are eligible for re-election. Directors' terms are two (2) years and can be re-elected. The Directors will have staggering two (2) year terms of office. The Officers will have staggering two (2) year terms of office. President and Secretary will be concurrent terms; Vice President and Treasurer will be concurrent terms.

#### Section 5. Resignation:

Resignation from the board must be in writing and received by the secretary or president.

#### Section 6. Removal from office:

If a Board member feels that an elected Board member is remiss in his/her duties, he/she may propose a motion to remove this person from the Board. In order to remove this member from the Board, the remainder of the Board shall conduct a public hearing at a General membership meeting. All parties shall be given ample time to present their cases and are entitled to cross examine. Removal of elected Board members shall require a three-quarters approval by the remaining Board members. If a Board member is removed from office, a special election will be scheduled for the following General membership meeting. The board may temporarily name a replacement. Temporary appointment shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

### **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

#### Section 1. Committee Chairperson:

The Committee chairperson will coordinate activities of said committee and report progress to the board. The committee chairman may be a board member or a regular member. The Committee chairperson will be elected by the members of the committee.

#### Section 2. Standing Committees:

Standing committees will be appointed as required. Committees shall be made up of any member in good standing interested in volunteering unless otherwise directed by a member motion made at a general membership meeting.

#### Section 3.

Claiming Expenses Executive board and/or working committees shall be able to claim reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred while performing club functions, subject to approval of the executive board prior to payment.

## **ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

### Section 1.

To be eligible, a nominee for any office must be a current member in good standing for a minimum of one year.

### Section 2.

Nominations must be made from the floor at the September and October general membership meetings. Nominations will be closed after the October general membership meeting. The secretary will prepare a written ballot including all nominees for use at the election held at the November general membership meeting. All voting will be made by secret ballot.

### Section 3.

All officers are elected at the November general membership meeting and will assume office at the January general meeting, to hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

### Section 4.

Officers or elected committee chairpersons who choose to resign his/her duties may do so in writing, submitted to the secretary or president. A replacement will be temporarily appointed by a majority vote of the executive board. Temporary appointment shall not exceed thirty (30) days. A permanent replacement will be appointed following a special election at the next general membership meeting. See section 7. Replacement to serve the balance of the original term.

### Section 5.

When an officer cannot fulfill his/her duties in an emergency situation, he/she will be temporarily replaced by a majority vote of the board. Temporary appointment shall not exceed thirty (30) days. If the officer is unable to resume the appointment, a replacement shall be appointed by a special election held at the following general membership meeting. If the officer is the president, the vice president will temporarily assume his/her position. If the president is permanently unable to fulfill his/her position, the vice president will assume his/her position and a special election will be held for the position of Vice President at the next general membership meeting. See section 7.

### Section 6.

Elections shall be held by plurality. That is, the winners are the candidates receiving the highest number of votes. A majority vote is not mandatory. In the event that there is a tie for any elected position the president shall cast the deciding vote. President only to vote in the event of a tie on any club vote.

### Section 7. Special elections:

Special elections will be held at any general membership meeting. Nominations must be made from the floor. A majority vote of the membership shall elect a member to the open position.

## **ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS**

### Section 1. General Membership:

The executive board will hold general membership meetings the second Tuesday of every month. The president and/or executive board, by majority vote, may call an emergency meeting if needed. This meeting will be announced on the club website and by an email blast prior to the meeting. Meeting minutes will be recorded by the secretary. Meeting minutes available upon request to members in good standing.

### Section 2.

The executive board will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month, subject to change due to special circumstances.

### Section 3.

The order of business for all meetings of the membership and executive board is as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Introduction of visitors
- C. Secretary's report/reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting
- D. Reading of correspondence
- E. Treasurer's report
- F. Committee reports
- G. Old business
- H. New business from the floor.
- I. Announcements
- J. Open discussion to membership
- K. Adjournment

### Section 4.

This procedure is in effect for all meetings, both Executive and General, and are the sole guidelines used for presiding over said meetings.

Section 5. Quorum:

For the purpose of voting at membership meetings a quorum shall constitute twenty (20) voting members. If there are less than 20 members present a vote cannot be qualified.

**ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

Section 1.

Amendments or change to the by-laws may be proposed at any time by a member in good standing. The proposed amendment must be submitted (written, signed, and dated) to the president. The amendment or change will be read to the membership at the next general meeting and changes delivered to the current membership via email blast.

Section 2.

Amendments will be listed in detail and voted on at the following general membership meeting.

Section 3.

A two-thirds vote of received ballots is required for the amendment to pass.

**ARTICLE XI. DISPOSITION OF CLUB ASSETS**

Section 1.

In the event that Delco Cruisers should disband, all accrued monies and liquidated properties shall be donated to a worthwhile charity (ies) to be determined by a vote of the current membership. All club properties shall be liquidated by (open/closed) bidding with current club members in good standing being given first opportunity. Any remaining properties will be made available for liquidation by (open/closed) bidding and/or sale with prices being determined by current board members. A non-bidding board member to open, process and award bid.

**ARTICLE XII. NAME, LOGO, INSIGNIA, ETC.**

Section 1.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to profit from the name, logo, insignia, or other related things of Delco Cruisers without prior written approval from the board.

**ARTICLE XIII. VIOLATIONS OR TERMINATIONS**

Section 1.

If and when a member violates the rules and/or policies outlined in these by laws and/or whose actions jeopardize the integrity of and/or embarrasses the club, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the club. A majority vote of the members present at a regular general meeting would prevail.

Section 2.

A member dismissed for any reason will forfeit any fees, dues, or money paid to Delco Cruisers.