

# FIRST STATE CORVETTE CLUB

## BY-LAWS

#### **ARTICLE I**

## Section 1 - Name

The name of the Club shall be the FIRST STATE CORVETTE CLUB (FSCC)

## Section 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Club shall primarily be to enjoy the Corvette, both socially and as a means of participation with other Corvette owners and enthusiasts on rallies, concourses, and other events.

#### **ARTICLE II**

## **Section 1** - Membership

Membership in the Club shall be open to owners of Corvettes and persons interested in Corvette cars and the purpose of the club. Applicants must have approval of two-thirds of the members present at a monthly meeting to gain acceptance. Applicants must indicate they have read and understand the FSCC By-Laws as noted on the Membership Application. Applicants must bring in person their completed application and their dues to any monthly meeting of the First State Corvette Club.

## Section 2 - Class of Membership

- A. Single Membership any person duly voted into the Club as provided in Section 1 of this article, and having paid such annual dues and fees as required. The member shall have one vote.
- B. Family Membership any member may choose to include his or her spouse/significant other on the application under the family membership. Family Membership shall have one vote.
- C. Life Membership any member after having been a member of the First State Corvette Club for twenty-five (25) consecutive years shall automatically become a Life Member of the First State Corvette Club without further payment of dues. Voting privileges shall be the same as Section 2. A. and B. above.

### Section 3 - Dues

- A. The Executive Committee shall set non-refundable annual dues for single and family memberships that are due each year by January 1st. Effective January 1, 2026 annual dues are set at \$40.00 per year.
- B. Dues must be paid in full to participate in Club activities.
- C. Membership and benefits thereof will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues as of March 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> of the next fiscal year, in order to maintain permanent, continuous and uninterrupted membership, should a member desire to be reinstated, the member shall make full payment of the delinquent dues. If not, reapplication for club membership will be necessary.

## **Section 4** - <u>Privileges</u>

- A. All members qualifying under Article II, Section 2, shall be entitled to all Club privileges, and may hold office.
- B. All members have the privilege of inviting guests to any Club activity. However, the Chairperson of that Club activity will announce whether the function is closed or open to guests, and whether there is a limit to the number of participants. This includes prospective members. The names of all guests attending must be recorded.

### **Section 5** - Expulsion

Any member may be expelled for such causes as may be determined by the majority of the Officers as being in the best interest of the Club. Any such person must be notified in writing as to the causes, and may respond in writing by email or letter within thirty (30) days from the date of notification. The causes will be placed in the monthly minutes prior to the next meeting. A majority of the Officers and two-thirds of the voting members present must vote by Ballot in favor of the expulsion in order for it to be passed.

## **Section 6** - Resignation

Any member may resign by directing a letter or email to the Secretary of the Club. Their resignation shall be effective on receipt and all Club property and records are returned. Such resignation shall be read into the minutes of the next following club meeting.

#### **ARTICLE III**

## **Section 1** - <u>Annual Meeting</u>

The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held the first Wednesday in November of each year for election of Officers, reports of Officers and committees, and such other business as lawful may come before the meeting. The duly elected Officers will take office January 1st.

## **Section 2** - Monthly Meeting

The Monthly meeting of the members shall be held the first Wednesday of every month, with possible exceptions being: the month of December; for inclement weather; and Holidays. Cancellation and/or postponement of meetings will be communicated via email by the President or Vice President.

## **Section 3** - <u>Special Meetings</u>

In addition to any provisions of the By-Laws, special meetings of the members may be called by the President or majority of the Officers.

### **Section 4** – <u>Monthly Minutes</u>

The preceding meeting's minutes shall include: place, day, and hour of the next meeting; calendar of events; and other information as deemed necessary by the President. Minutes will be made available on the Club website no later than ten (10) days after the preceding meeting. In the unlikely event of a catastrophic failure of the Website, minutes will be emailed.

### **Section 5** - Actions

At all scheduled meetings, one-fifth of voting members present and at least one officer shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of all Officers, the meeting shall be cancelled. All meetings shall be conducted along generally accepted guidelines. Any matters in disagreement shall be addressed in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order". General voting will be by Acclamation [voice vote]; Ballot voting will be as required.

### **Section 6** - Absentee Ballots

For elections requiring voting by Ballot, voting members wishing to vote by Absentee Ballot shall request same from the Secretary and return same to the Secretary prior to the voting meeting.

A. Absentee Ballots shall be written and submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered or mailed to the Secretary at least 10 business days prior to the vote on the issue. Ballots shall be mailed or delivered inside an envelope which contains the voter's name and address on the outside as it appears in the Club roster. The sealed envelope containing the ballot shall have no identification on the outside. The Secretary shall record the name of the voter and ensure they do not get a second ballot at the club meeting where voting takes place. The Secretary shall deliver the unopened ballots to the ballot tabulation team at the meeting when voting takes place. Absentee ballots not mailed/delivered in accordance with the above shall not be counted.

## B. Proxy votes are not permitted.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

### **Section 1** - Number of Officers

The elected Officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership. These Officers shall each serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. These elected Officers plus the immediate past president will make up the Executive Committee.

The positions of Corresponding Secretary, Public Relations, Parade Chairperson, Quartermaster, National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador, and Corvette Racing Reporter shall be appointed by the President. These appointments shall each serve for one year or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The President may also appoint a Historian, a Webmaster, and/or ad hoc committees and/or persons as/if the need arises.

#### **Section 2** - <u>Election of Officers</u>

A. The election of Officers shall be held at the November annual meeting, with all Officers assuming their respective duties on January 1. All Officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by voting members in attendance, plus those absentee Ballots submitted only. In case of a tie, another vote will be taken.

B. In the event there shall be only one Nominee for an Elected Office[s], an uncontested election, voting shall take place by Acclamation of voting members in attendance in order to codify the election of those Nominees for said Elected Offices.

### Section 3 - Nomination Committee

A Nomination Committee shall be composed of three (3) volunteer members in attendance at the regular September monthly meeting. In the unlikely event there are no volunteers or if a shortage of volunteers occurs the President shall appoint committee members from those in attendance at the meeting to satisfy a full committee.

## Section 4 - Responsibilities of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will have the responsibility of seeking candidates for office for the upcoming year making at least one (1) recommendation for each office. All candidates will be notified of their pending candidacy and advised of the duties of the office they were nominated for. Upon consent of the candidate, their name will be placed on the ballot. Nominations may be also taken from the general membership at the September and October meetings.

## **Section 5** – <u>Ballot Voting</u>

The names of the candidates for each office will be given to the Secretary at or prior to the October business meeting. The Secretary will include this list in the October minutes.

### **Section 6** - <u>Special Elections</u>

In the event that any of the aforementioned Officers shall resign or become unable to hold office before the end of their term, the President shall hold a special election for that office.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Section 1** - Duties of the President

The President shall preside at all membership meetings and executive meetings. The President shall be Chief Executive of the Club. The President may call special meetings of the members and Officers under the provisions of Article III, Section 3.

#### **Section 2** - Duties of the Vice-President

In the absence of the President, the duties of that office shall be performed by the Vice-President. In the case of resignation, removal from office, or death of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President. The Vice-President shall also perform other duties as the Club President deems necessary.

The President and Vice-President shall jointly share the duties of: Selecting locations for monthly meetings; Creating and maintaining Club relationships with sponsors; Obtaining and pricing advertising to be put on the Club website; Enforcing Roberts Rules of Order as necessary at all Club meetings; Coordinating activities proposed by Club members involving car cruises, attending local car shows, parades and other activities; and Serving as Club liaison with other Corvette clubs to originate or coordinate mutually beneficial activities.

## **Section 3** - <u>Duties of the Secretary</u>

The Secretary shall attend all membership and executive meetings and record all membership meetings and votes. The Secretary shall compile and publish the monthly minutes as set forth in Article III, Section 4. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence with other clubs and organizations. The Secretary shall have custody of all Club records except those of the Treasurer. In the absence of the Secretary from any membership meeting, the presiding officer shall appoint a Secretary Pro Tempore to keep all minutes of that meeting. These minutes shall be turned over to the Secretary as soon as possible in order to meet the publication deadline. Website duties will be performed by the Secretary / or Webmaster if one is appointed. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Secretary.

#### **Section 4** - Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall, subject to conditions and restrictions as may be made by the Officers, have custody of all moneys, debts, and obligations belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall receive all money of the Club, and deposit same in the Club account. All event Chairpersons shall present a written account of receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall insure said report is turned in. The Treasurer shall make all payments of Club debts upon approval of the President. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders for payment shall be signed in the name of the Club by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at the monthly meeting, and if so requested, at any executive meeting. No obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by any member without the specific approval of the President. The Treasury Records of the preceding year shall be audited in January by a committee appointed by the President. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Treasurer.

### **Section 5** - <u>Duties of the Membership Officer</u>

The Membership Officer shall review prospective member's applications and follow up initial contacts made by other members as well. The Membership Officer shall collect dues and maintain an up-to-date membership list, which shall be made available on the website with a password. The Membership Officer shall also perform other duties as the Club President deems necessary. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Membership Officer.

## **Section 6** - <u>Duties of the Public Relations Appointee</u>

The Public Relations Appointee shall be responsible for: Advertising through local news media, forthcoming club meetings and events; Promoting Club projects; and other duties as the Club President deems necessary. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Public Relations Appointee.

## **Section 7** - Duties of the Club Historian Appointee (if appointed)

The Club Historian shall attend as many Club functions as possible. The Club Historian shall take photographs of interesting and historical events at Club functions. The Club Historian shall also maintain a digital photo album. The Club Historian shall also perform other duties as the Club President deems necessary. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Club Historian Appointee.

## Section 8 - Duties of the Webmaster Appointee

The Club Webmaster shall update the Website on a monthly basis or as needed after each meeting. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Webmaster Appointee.

## Section 9 - <u>Duties of the Corresponding Secretary Appointee</u>

The Corresponding Secretary shall handle Club correspondence including special occasion cards to Club members. The Corresponding Secretary shall perform other duties as the Club President deems necessary. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Corresponding Secretary Appointee.

### **Section 10** - <u>Duties of the Quartermaster Appointee</u>

The Quartermaster shall be in charge of all club items for sale. The Quartermaster shall keep the supplies up to date, order needed supplies, have items for sale at each meeting, and turn in to the Treasurer all proceeds from sales. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Quartermaster Appointee.

### Section 11 - <u>Duties of the Parade Chairperson Appointee</u>

The Parade Chairperson shall investigate area parades and select those that would be advantageous for the club to participate in. The Parade Chairperson shall maintain signup sheets for the parades, manage arrival and lineup at these parades, and communicate with organizers of the parades for better overall results. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Parade Chairperson Appointee.

### Section 12 - Duties of the National Corvette Museum Ambassador Appointee

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador shall report monthly on functions going on at the NCM. The Ambassador shall also create a monthly report to be displayed on the Website. The Ambassador is also responsible for having the FSCC banner displayed at the NCM yearly and the bill for such given to the Treasurer. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the NCM Ambassador Appointee.

## Section 13 - Duties of the Corvette Racing Reporter Appointee

The Corvette Racing Reporter Appointee shall report as needed on past and upcoming Corvette Racing events. The Corvette Racing Reporter shall also create a report to be displayed on the Website. As necessary and upon request, the President may appoint a member(s) to aid in any of the Duties of the Corvette Racing Reporter Appointee.

### **ARTICLE VI**

## Section 1 - Appointment of Ad Hoc Committees and Persons

The President shall appoint ad hoc committees and/or persons throughout the year as the President may find necessary, and shall outline their duties and responsibilities. All reports or other actions taken by the ad hoc committee and/or persons must be approved by the President. Each ad hoc committee and/or persons will have the responsibility of preparing a report for the monthly meeting.

#### **Section 2** - Activities

The Club shall endeavor to have at least one planned activity each month in addition to the monthly meeting. Activities may consist of cruise-ins, road rallies, social gatherings, planned trips and other events of interest to the general membership or further the public's knowledge and appreciation of the Corvette. The events/activities may be planned by any member[s]. Prior to any event the Chairperson of each event shall give all necessary details of the activity to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. Activities that are open to the public such as cookouts or lectures aimed at increasing membership or educating the public on the Corvette may, upon approval of the voting members present, be paid for by the Club and may be attended by the members.

#### Section 3 - Broadcast Communications to Club Members

For the sake of standardization, consistency, and uniformity, all broadcast communications will come from either the President or Vice-President, with the exception of mailings by the Corresponding Secretary. Those wishing to send out a broadcast communication to club members regarding events, items for sale, notices for shows, and any and all other applicable events and happenings, will send their communication to the President and Vice-President for review and approval as to the communications applicability, relevance, and appropriateness to and for club members interests and usefulness, and the clubs business matters and affairs. After which such communication may be forwarded to club membership.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

## **Section 1** - Fiscal Year

The Fiscal Year of the Club shall be from January 1st through December 31st.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

## **Section 1** - Personal Liability

All persons or corporations extended credit to, contracting with, or having any claims against the Club or the Officers, shall look only to funds and property of the Club for payment of any such contract or claims, or for payment of any debt, damage, judgment, decree, or any other money that might otherwise become due or payable to them from the Club or the Officers, so that neither the members of the Club, the Officers, present or future, shall be liable personally therefore. Insurance coverage shall be required for the Officers and members of the Club. At the time of policy renewal, the Club Officers shall have the responsibility to review all policies and shall have authority to make changes as necessary.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

## **Section 1** - Amendment to the By-Laws

The Officers of the Club or any ten active members in good standing, by written proposal 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. If two-thirds of the voting members present at the meeting vote in favor of the proposal, then proposed amendment shall thereby be approved and adopted.

### **ARTICLE X**

## **Section 1** - <u>Alcoholic Beverages</u>

The First State Corvette Club-will not authorize expenditures of Club funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.