

BYLAWS OF
LIBERTY REGION CORVETTE CLUB, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Liberty Region Corvette Club, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as LRCC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

Section 1. Mission Statement: To promote the Corvette hobby and to provide a catalyst for members to meet, associate, form new and continuing friendships, have fun, and give back to the community as required.

Section 2. Vision Statement: To increase the Corvette experience in new and exciting ways that will enhance the benefits of club membership to current members, encourage new members, and capture the minds of young future owners.

Section 3. LRCC is a member's club and members make all decisions in accordance with the requirements identified in the bylaws.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Types of Membership:

1A: Voting

- Single - (One individual)
- Joint - (Two individuals) Members who are spouses or significant others in the same residence, each having one vote.
- Bereaved - A spouse or significant other of a member, from a joint membership, who has passed away, for a period of one (1) year, starting the next year following the passing.

1B: Non-Voting

- Social - Existing member in good standing who during the current membership year ceases to own or lease a Corvette. Membership status will change to "Social" at the date the member no longer owns or leases a Corvette. A "Social" membership will last no longer than 12 months. A Social member may have his/her membership reverted to a "Voting" membership if he/she purchases/leases another corvette.
- Alumni – A Member in Good Standing, who moves away or is otherwise incapable of continuing an active membership.
- Sponsor Membership
- Honorary Membership – Recommended by Board for exemplary service to LRCC, approved by the membership, and reviewed yearly.

- Member Emeritus – A Past Voting member, recommended by the Board for their prolonged outstanding service to LRCC, approved by the membership.

Section 2. Voting Requirements:

- Voting membership requires the ownership or leasing of at least one Chevrolet Corvette. Proof of ownership may be requested by the Membership Chairperson.
- Voting membership requires that member attends at least one (1) regular general membership meeting, other than the banquet, or one scheduled LRCC event during the membership year. A sign in sheet will record attendance at meetings and events. It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that their attendance is recorded.
- Application for membership shall be sponsored by an existing member or the Membership Chairperson. Persons applying for membership shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older and will have their names published in the LRCC newsletter prior to the general membership meeting during which the general membership will vote on their application by written ballot. The prospective members will be asked to excuse themselves for the duration of the voting process. The Membership Chairperson shall only report the vote outcome (yes or no as to the acceptance) not the actual vote count. Notification of the result of the vote shall be the responsibility of the Membership Chairperson. Accepted members names will be published in the following newsletter. Those not accepted as members shall be notified by the Membership Chairperson. Any membership dues will be refunded.
- All types of membership shall receive one copy of the LRCC newsletter when published.
- Membership in Liberty Region Corvette Club also requires all members to be “Members in Good Standing”. A Member in Good Standing is defined as: Acceptable social behavior that is not detrimental to the Club, the Club Sponsor(s), or a majority of the membership. Examples of detrimental behavior are dishonesty, misconduct, and unacceptable social behavior.
- Misconduct Review:
- A misconduct review by the Board will consider the type of infraction and the severity of the behavior of the member under review. The board will meet to discuss the misconduct in an executive session at any time during the year.
- A member who comes under review must be notified by the Membership Chairperson prior to the next general membership meeting. Any member who comes under review may take their case before the General membership for a vote. A simple majority of a quorum is required to remove the member.
- The review process is as follows:
 - The Board votes to review the member.
 - The member may ask for a vote by the membership.
 - A representative of the club will read the violations to the membership.
 - The member shall have an opportunity to address the membership on the charges only.
 - The membership shall then vote on the member's removal.
 - Any member who interferes with the hearing process will be removed from the meeting.

Section 3. Membership Voting:

3A. Voting:

All voting members have one (1) vote each, for accepting or rejecting club issues and decisions. A voting quorum is required. A voting quorum is defined as 25% of the club's voting membership.

- **Bylaws:** Any motion to amend the By-Laws, made and seconded by voting members from the floor of a general meeting, must be published in the following month's LRCC newsletter. A majority of 67% of the vote taken, when a quorum is present shall carry said motion. These By-Laws, amendments or motions passed by the general membership are binding on all members and the Board of Regents.
- **Regent Recall:** A recall of any or all seated Regents may occur if a motion is made and seconded by voting members and passed by a simple majority at a general membership meeting. A recall motion shall be published in the next LRCC newsletter and a recall vote held at the next general meeting where a quorum is present. A majority of sixty-seven percent (67%) of those present is required to carry the recall.
- **Club Dissolution:** Disbandment of the Liberty Region Corvette Club shall occur when 67% of the membership decides to dissolve the club. Voting will be by mail as stated in RONR. The results announced at the next scheduled meeting following the vote.
- **Mission or Vision:** Any change to either LRCC's Mission or Vision Statements must be approved by seventy-five percent (75%) of the club's voting membership. The Board of Regents will determine the method of voting.

Section 4. Membership Renewals:

4A. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31 each year.

4B. Condition of membership require that all memberships must be reviewed each year one (1) month prior to renewal date and may be reviewed at any time for violating the Mission or Vision Statement, By-Laws, or detrimental conduct towards LRCC, its Sponsor(s) or fellow members at any scheduled LRCC event or activity. All reviews shall be done under the following standards by the Board of Regents at a regularly scheduled Board meeting with all Board members notified of all reviews.

4C. Regular review to confirm that the member has met ownership and attendance requirements as required by membership type. An existing member that does not meet the ownership requirement may remain in the club as a Social member for a period no longer than 12 months.

Section 5. Dues:

5A. Dues, and/or initiation fees for membership will be published in the August issue of the LRCC newsletter. The dues structure shall be determined annually by the Board of Regents. All member dues are due by October 31st. Dues must be paid by October 31st if running for any Board of Regent position.

- Any membership renewal received after January 1st will be subject to all new member dues and fees and apply under the new member process.
- All persons applying for membership in LRCC shall pay 100% of all dues at time of application with the following adjustments:
 - Those voted in after June 30th shall pay 50% of all dues the next year.

- Those voted in after Oct 15 shall have their dues credited in full toward next year's dues.
- The full initiation fee is due regardless of initial application date.
- Membership renewal fees shall be 100% of the dues with the following adjustments.
 - Alumni (single or joint) dues will be 50% of the regular membership dues. Activity fees may apply.
 - Bereaved dues will be zero. Activity fees may apply.
 - Member Emeritus (single or joint) dues will be 50% of the regular membership dues.
- Any member that resigns or is removed from the Liberty Region Corvette Club shall forfeit all rights to any dues and fees paid to LRCC. Resignation will be accepted provided that the resigning member holds no club property. Letter notice to the LRCC Secretary is required. The club officers are responsible for legal action, if any, in case of substantial loss of club property.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Section 1. Composition

1A. LRCC shall have a Board of Regents consisting of seven (7) up to nine (9) members elected by order of popular vote, to these positions annually by the voting membership.

1B. Any voting member who has been a member of LRCC for at least 6 consecutive months prior to the election is eligible to run. Any member meeting this requirement and wishing to run for the Board of Regents shall notify the Election Chair in writing prior to September 30. All names shall be published in the October LRCC newsletter and read out loud at the October general meeting. Voting will be held at the November general meeting.

1C. The Membership Chair shall provide a current list of members to the Election chair one week prior to the November membership meeting to determine eligibility.

1D. If circumstances create an election situation in conflict with the By-Laws, the seated Board of Regents shall bring the situation to the general membership's attention for their resolution.

Section 2. Vacancies

2A. If a Regent position becomes vacant, and creates an election conflict within the bylaws, the current board will continue to execute club responsibilities in this emergency situation. The Board of Regents will immediately consult past board election results. The next candidate with the most votes during the last past election, will be appointed to the board of Regents. The emergency powers will not exceed 90 days.

2B. If no such individual exists, the following will occur:

- The Chief Regent shall appoint an interim member while observing the bylaws.
- The Board must concur with the selection and if needed, a special board meeting will be called to in accordance of the By-Laws.
- The candidate must be confirmed at the next general membership meeting.

2C. If an existing board member becomes a Social member, they relinquish their post on the board.

ARTICLE V. OFFICES AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Section 1. Term

1A. The term of the Board of Regents shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 2. Meetings

2A. The Board is required to meet monthly. The date, location and time are to be published in the LRCC newsletter. Any club member may bring business to the Board of Regents. The Board may refuse that member with valid cause. The Board may schedule speakers as required. Any Board of Regents member that fails to attend three (3) Board meetings during their term shall be immediately removed from office. The board can make exceptions for extenuating circumstances. Unscheduled Board meetings are permitted only when all Board members are notified, and two thirds of the members can attend.

Section 3. Voting

3A. A Regent may not be a voting Board Member on another Corvette Club. All members elected to the Board of Regents, shall have one vote on the Board of Regents.

3B. All Board of Regent votes may pass with a simple majority. Any vote passed with less than five votes because of absent Regents may be revisited by the full Board except in the case of unscheduled board meetings.

Section 4. Positions

- Chief Regent
- Vice Chief Regent
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Chairperson
- Sergeant at Arms
- Regents at Large

Section 5. Duties

5A. All members of the Board of Regents have general authority.

5B. The Board if necessary, can create the position of Corresponding Secretary to assist the Secretary as needed. At its first meeting the Board shall decide who shall be placed in each of the Regent positions.

5C. Each Board of Regent shall chair one or more committees but may not be a member of the Election Committee.

5D. Each Board of Regent is required to follow the Board of Regents Roles & Responsibilities document found in the LRCC Handbook.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES/SPECIAL CLUB POSITIONS

Section 1. Each standing Committee Chairperson/Special Club Position and its members are required to follow all pertinent documents found in the LRCC Handbook.

ARTICLE VII. GENERAL BUSINESS ORDERS

Section 1. Meetings

1A. There shall be a minimum of one (1) general membership meeting scheduled every calendar month. The date, location and time of the meeting shall be published and distributed in the LRCC newsletter or via electronic measures prior to that date. Meetings canceled by the Board of Regents due to weather, lack of meeting place or other valid reason need not be made up except for the meeting for the election of the Board of Regents.

Section 2. Expenditures

2A. No expenditures of club funds by a member will be reimbursed by the LRCC without prior approval by the Board of Regents. Any expenditure of more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) must be approved by the general membership. Any expenditure by a Regent or Committee with an approved budget may be made without prior approval. A Regent may incur up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) of expenditures per term without prior approval by the Board. All expenditures must be documented with receipts. No reimbursements will be provided without a receipt.

Section 3. Club Related Information

3A. All LRCC information, listings, publications, equipment and materials are the exclusive property of the Liberty Region Corvette Club and may be requested to be immediately returned to the Board of Regents of LRCC at any time. All requests shall be made by letter through certified mail, returned receipt requested. The items shall be returned in a timely manner and in an acceptable condition.

Section 4. Rules of Order

4A. All meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order newly revised (RONR). These rules shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.

Section 5. Claims

5A. All corporations extending credit to, contracting with or having any claims against the Club shall only look to the funds and property of the Club for payment of any such contract or claim or for payment of any debt, damage, judgment, or decree, or any other money that may be otherwise become due or payable to them from the Club. So that neither the members of the Club, present or future, shall be liable. The Club as incorporated shall indemnify all elected officers against expenses which arise from any legal action, civil or criminal, for his or her good faith actions on behalf of the Club up to sixty-six (66) percent of the Club's treasury.

Section 6. Treasurer's Report

6A. The Treasurer's report including the listing of financial records, bank statements, expenditures and credits shall be made available at the general membership meeting. Copies shall be made available to the Board members at the Board meetings. An audit may be conducted at any time when requested by a quorum.

Section 7. Officer Indemnification

7A. The Club as incorporated shall indemnify all elected officers against expenses which arise from any legal action, civil or criminal, for his or her good faith actions on behalf of the Club up to sixty-six (66) percent of the Club's treasury.

Section 8. Bylaw Amendments

8A. No existing By-Laws shall be moved for amendment more than twice in a calendar year. Spelling errors or punctuation errors not affecting the intent of the subject may be corrected at any time without a motion.

ARTICLE VIII. Club Dissolution

Section 1. Disbandment of the Liberty Region Corvette Club shall occur if sixty seven percent (67%) of the voting membership decides to dissolve the club. (See Article III, Section 3.)

Section 2. In the event the club is dissolved, all club assets shall be liquidated. Liquidation of physical property shall be executed in the following manor:

- All physical property shall be offered in auction to all members in good standing for purchase
- Any physical property not sold in the above member auction shall be sold to liquidators.

Section 3. The Club Treasurer will pay in full all outstanding debts owed by Liberty Region Corvette Club from the treasury.

Section 4. The remaining balance of all club money including all moneys obtained and after all debts are paid, they shall be donated to certified charitable organizations chosen by a majority vote of the remaining club members in good standing.

Section 5. Disbandment will be complete when all of the above **SECTIONS** have been completed. This must be completed within 120 days after the results are announced.