# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE PRESQUE ISLE CORVETTE CLUB, Inc.

# ARTICLE I

# SECTION I

# **NAME**

The name of the Club shall be the Presque Isle Corvette Club, Inc.

#### SECTION II

#### **PURPOSES**

The general purposes of the Club are to encourage planned trips, events, social and civic activities, for the members of the Presque Isle Corvette Club (PICC); to provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Corvette owners; and to encourage careful and skillful driving on public highways. The PICC is a nonprofit organization existing for the benefit of its members.

# **ARTICLE II**

#### SECTION I

#### **MEMBERS**

Membership in the PICC shall be restricted to Corvette owners and their Spouses. Applicants wishing to join the PICC shall be placed on a probationary membership status for a period of 3 months or attending 3 PICC sponsored events from the date of application. After the probationary period they must have the approval for Membership by three-fourths of the members present at the monthly meeting who are qualified to vote. In the event the person(s) is voted in, dues of \$30.00 for a Individual and \$40.00 for a Couple (member and spouse) must be paid.

If a member is no longer a Corvette owner, said member must inform the officers of the PICC within 30 days in writing. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from the Club.

#### **SECTION II**

#### CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

A. ACTIVE

Any person duly elected under Section I of this Article, and having paid annual Dues and fees as required, and has attended at least 50% of the meetings or Club Sponsored events.

B. INACTIVE

Any person who wishes to be associated with the PICC, but does not want to be Required to attend at least 50% of the meetings or Club sponsored events.

C. HONORARY

Any person who has commended themselves to the Club esteem, or who may be elected at the annual meeting.

D. PROBATIONARY

A prospective member of the PICC; limited to a term of three months or may qualify for Active membership after attending three Club sponsored events after the date of application.

**SECTION III** 

DUES

A. ACTIVE

Individual dues are assessed at \$30 yearly and Couple dues are assessed at \$40 yearly and are to be paid at the annual

meeting in October.

B. INACTIVE

Same as above

C.HONORARY

NONE

D. PROBATIONARY

Individual members will be required to pay a \$10 application fee at the first attended meeting. The yearly dues of \$30 must be paid upon acceptance into the PICC. Couple members will be required to pay a \$15 application fee at the first attended meeting. The yearly dues of the \$40 must be paid

upon acceptance into the PICC.

DUES MUST BE PAID TO BE CONSIDERED AS A FULL MEMBER!

In both cases at the annual meeting in October, both forms of membership' will be required *To* pay the Annual dues for the upcoming fiscal year. .-

SECTION IV

**PRIVILEGES** 

Active (Individual or Couple), Inactive, Honorary, and Probationary members are entitled to participation at all Club events. A privilege such as the right to vote in the annual election or to hold office is restricted to active full members only. Probationary members will be asked to pay for events funded by the Club.

The purchase of any articles bearing the PICC member logo is restricted to active members. The couple active membership entitles both member/spouse to equal rights and privilege. Non-payment of dues by December 1st after the annual meeting will result in the loss of Club privileges

#### SECTION V TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member may be expelled for actions that are not in the best interest of the Club, as determined by three-fourths of the total membership. However, before such action is taken, the offending member shall have an opportunity to submit in writing or in person their position on any charge of which they shall be notified.

Membership may also be terminated for non-payment of dues by December 1st after the annual meeting in October when the yearly dues are payable.

#### SECTION VI

#### RESIGNATION

Any member may resign by directing a dated letter of resignation to the Secretary of the PICC Their resignation shall be effective upon receipt; providing all indebtedness to the PICC is paid.

#### **SECTION VII**

#### REJOINING THE PICC

A former member who left the PICC in good standing may rejoin at any time.

A former member of the PICC who did not leave in good standing and wishes to rejoin may do so by:

- a. Removing the fault, if possible; and
- b. Applying under the rules for new members.

# ARTICLE III

# SECTION I

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the membership shall be held on the second Wednesday in October of each year for the election of the officers, reports of officers, and such other business that as lawfully may come before the meeting.

#### SECTION II

#### MONTHL Y MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Unless revised by the officers.

#### SECTION III

#### SPECIAL MEETINGS

In addition to the regular monthly meetings, the President may call special meetings of the membership.

#### **SECTION IV**

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS

Notice of special meetings, stating the place, day, hour, and purpose of the meeting Shall be given by the Secretary and sent or phoned not less than seven days before the meeting.

#### SECTION V

At all stated meetings of the membership, 30% of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

# ARTICLE IV

#### **SECTION I**

#### **OFFICERS**

The elected Club Directors shall consist of four Officers and three Board members. The Officer positions shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall be elected to serve a one year term. The Board positions are elected to three year terms to be staggered annually, so that a Board position becomes available each year. The Board will if at all feasibly possible, contain at least one member that has a long standing relationship with the club. There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Directors in November of each year for the purpose of reviewing the Club financial position as the year closes, establishing a Fiscal Budget for the upcoming year. The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all members qualified to vote. No individual shall hold more than one office. A prospective officer must have attended at least 75% of the meetings of the previous year and have been an active member for at least one year.

#### SECTION II

In the event that any of the aforementioned officers shall resign or become unable to hold office before the end of their elected term, the vacancy shall be filled by special election of the members.

#### **SECTION III**

The Secretary, Treasurer, will for the duration of their elected term, not be held liable for their annual membership dues. These club officers will be entitled to all club privileges without restriction, as long as they hold that said office and remain active **PICC** members.

#### **SECTION IV**

A Nominating Committee which shall be headed by the Vice-President shall be implemented by the August meeting to identify members interested in holding office. These members will be nominated for the offices at the September meeting. This committee will consist of three persons, the Vice-President and two other members.

#### **SECTION V**

Any officer or board member must be paid in full and attend 50% of the meetings.

# ARTICLE V

#### SECTION I

#### **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, preserve order therein, enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of the PICC, see that all officers perform their respective duties, and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. They shall have the right to serve on all committees by virtue of their office. The President shall be Chief Executive of the PICC.

#### **SECTION II**

#### **DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

In absence, disability, or request of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall perform all other duties and exercise all other powers usually pertaining to this office. The Vice-President shall be the Chair the Nominating committee.

#### **SECTION III**

#### **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall attend all of the meetings of the membership and shall record all minutes and votes in a book kept for this purpose. The secretary shall keep an up-to date attendance of all PICC members, and shall give notices of special meetings to the members. In the absence of the Secretary from any of the said meetings, the presiding officer shall choose a Secretary Pro Tempore. The Secretary only must mail any correspondence pertaining to PICC business. The PICC will not be responsible for any correspondence mailed or initiated by others.

#### SECTION IV

#### DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the officers, have custody of all monies, debts, and obligations belonging to the PICC The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the PICC and deposit same in the PICC's account, and shall make all payments of the PICC's debts approved by the officers. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes, or other orders from the payment of money shall be signed in the name of the PICC by the Treasurer and If over \$50, countersigned by the President. The Treasurer shall give a report of the financial status of the Club at the annual meeting and at each monthly meeting.

#### SECTION V BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the Board are elected by the Club membership based upon a staggered annual schedule as specified in Article IV Section I. Board members are responsible for assisting the Officers of Club in preparing the Annual Budget and in planning any special social or financial Objectives for the Club at the November Annual Board Meeting. They shall be present at any special meetings called by the President on Club business and shall have full voting rights on any decisions potentially having a major effect on the Club financial or legal position prior to bringing such matters before the membership. They are responsible for reviewing periodically and informally the operation of the Club and bringing to the President's attention any discrepancies found that may have a negative impact on fulfilling the purposes of the Club or the expectations of the membership. To that extent, Board members act in an Ombudsman role for the membership.

# **ARTICLE VI**

# SECTION I

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such committees as are desirable from time to time and shall outline the duties and responsibilities of such committees. The majority of the entire committee must vote all reports or action taken by a committee on before being presented to the Club members for final vote or approval.

#### SECTION II ACTIVITIES

The activities of the **PICC** shall consist of planned trips and events for Corvette owners and enthusiasts. Members in good standing may attend any scheduled activities held by the PICC and an individual member may invite a guest; the guest is the responsibility of the Club member.

# **ARTICLE VII**

#### **SECTION I**

#### FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year of the **PICC** shall be from October 1st to September 30th.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### SECTION I

#### PERSONAL LIABILITY

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against the **PICC** or it's officers, shall look only to the funds and property of the **PICC** for payment of such contract or claim, or for payment of any debt, damage, judgment, or any other money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the **PICC** or its officers, so that neither the members of the **PICC** nor it's officers, present or future, shall be liable personally therefore.

# **ARTICLE IX**

#### **SECTION I**

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The Directors of the **PICC** may prepare amendments to these By-Laws by consensus and present them to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the membership for ratification.

Any ten active members of the Club in good standing may propose an amendment to these By-Laws by submitting a written proposal to the Secretary. The Secretary shall prepare a copy thereof for distribution to the Directors for timely review and comment. The Secretary shall prepare a summary of such comments and present the amendment and comments to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting for ratification.

The By-Laws will be reviewed every three (3) years.

# **ARTICLE X**

#### **SECTION I**

#### DISSOLUTION

If for any reason this organization is disbanded, all property held in the PICC name shall be liquidated and turned into cash in accordance with the decisions made by all active members at the time of the disbandment. After all PICC liabilities have been paid, the remaining cash shall be donated to a non-profit, charitable organization chosen by those active members in the PICC at that time.