

# BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHERN CRUZERS CAR CLUB

## ARTICLE I

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The goals and objectives of the club is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas and information for Automotive Enthusiasts and to aid them in their efforts to appreciate, restore and preserve their vehicles. To create a feeling of good fellowship among all members of the Club. To enjoy the camaraderie of people with similar interests, and to conduct Club functions and activities in a manner befitting members of the Club and must display sincerity of the club. Also, to encourage a better understanding of the automotive hobby to the public.
2. The goal is to unite in a central organization, individuals who are interested in maintaining automobiles in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community, and it shall further be the purpose of this Club to help these owners become better acquainted, encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality, and fair play through sponsored activities.
3. The Southern Cruzers Car Club is an all-volunteer membership, which shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan and non-profit. The ownership of a vehicle is not required for membership; the club does not discriminate against any type, model, make or condition of vehicle.

## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERS

1. Members and Voting Rights.
  - A. Club members shall be 18 years old or older to be entitled to receive the Cruz News, the Club's official newsletter, a copy of the membership roster, and notices of Club activities.
  - B. Family members shall include only the children, under the age of 18, living in the household. Family Members will not receive the Club newsletter or have the right to vote, but will be entitled to all other benefits of the Club.
  - C. A member is defined as the individual that filled out the application or renewal and their significant other if they listed one on said application or renewal. Note that there will be only one copy of the Cruz News distributed per membership.
  - D. The Club Members shall be responsible for notifying the Membership Coordinator of any change in the USPS mailing and/or e-mail address.

2. Dues.

- A. The cost of dues for New and Renewing members shall be reviewed and/or changed at the annual meeting. For renewing members dues must be paid prior to, or at, the January Monthly Meeting for that current year. New members may join the club anytime during the year. New members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> will pay the applicable yearly rate, which will cover their dues for the remainder of the year they join, and the following year until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership dues would be \$25.00 for new members and renewals would stay at \$20.00. Current members not renewing before the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, would be treated as a new member and pay the \$25.00 new member fee.
- B. A member shall be considered in default in the payment of dues after the January Meeting. If a member's dues are not paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, their membership will be considered terminated.
- C. In order to participate in any Club functions or events, or to receive any benefits or considerations from the Club financially or otherwise, a member must be a current paid club member.

- 3. Expulsion of Member. The Officers by a majority vote may in the best interests of the Club, after review of the relevant facts and circumstances, with documentation of the pertinent facts, expel a member. Normally such member shall be given written notice of pending expulsion and sufficient time to respond to the notice. Expulsion will be considered if any member shall infringe on the right of the Southern Cruzers to enjoy a good reputation within the community. Upon expulsion from the Club, an individual must receive approval by a majority vote of the Officers before reinstatement.
- 4. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Membership Coordinator, but such resignation shall not entitle said member to any refund of annual dues already paid.
- 5. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this club is not transferable or assignable.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 1. Quorum. A quorum shall constitute a minimum of ten (10) Club Members provided a majority of the Officers is present. A quorum is necessary for transaction of business at any meeting.
- 2. Notice of Meeting. Notice shall be given to all Club members of all meetings via the Cruz News monthly newsletter, not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.
- 3. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at the regular October meeting. The purpose of said meeting shall be for the nomination of Officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

4. Monthly Meetings. General membership meetings will be held monthly with dates, locations and times to be published in the Cruz News.
5. Fiscal Year. The annual fiscal year of the Club shall be January 1 to December 31.

## ARTICLE IV

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Nominees must be a member of the Southern Cruzers.
2. Names of nominees will be accepted by the Officers in writing or in person.
3. Nominations must be accepted by the nominated member either in person, in writing, or verbally by phone if the nominee is unable to attend the Annual Meeting.
4. Notification of the nominated Officers shall be published in the November issue of the Cruz News, which will be available to all Club Members by November 4<sup>th</sup>. Election ballots will be included with the notification. In the event a member cannot attend the monthly meeting, in November, to vote in person, their ballots shall be returned to the Secretary no later than the day prior to the November Monthly Meeting in order to be included in the count.
5. In the event there is only one nominee for a position, the vote for that position will take place at the Annual Meeting, and the results reported in the November Cruz News.
6. Written ballots are required for nominated officers where there is more than one candidate.

## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS

1. Officers. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, Secretary, and a Membership Coordinator. Officers may hold only one position. Each Officer shall be an Active Member of the Club.
2. Election and Term of Office. The Club Members at the November Meeting of each Year shall elect the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Coordinator of the Club. Officer's term of office shall be from January 1 through December 31.
3. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, termination, or otherwise, may be filled temporarily by vote of the Club Members for the un-expired portion of the term. This may be accomplished at the next official Club Meeting.

4. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Club. He/She shall preside at meetings of the membership. He/She shall have general active management of the business of the Club. He/She shall be an exofficio member of all standing committees, and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management.
5. Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. Along with the Secretary, the Vice-President shall be responsible for tallying, verifying and reporting the results of the annual Election of Officers for the coming year. He/She shall also aid other officers in their duties as well as perform such other duties as prescribed.
6. Secretary. The secretary shall attend meetings of the Officers and meetings of the membership and record votes and the minutes of proceedings in a book kept for that purpose; and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. He/She shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the membership and Officers. He/She shall be responsible for the writing of all Club correspondence except the Club Newsletter. The Secretary, along with the Vice-President, shall be responsible for tallying, verifying and reporting the results of the annual Election of Officers for the coming year. The Secretary shall perform other such duties as may be prescribed by the President.
7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the Club funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Club. He/She shall deposit all monies, and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the Club, in such depositories as may be designated by the Officers. He/She shall disburse the funds of the Club as may be ordered by the membership of the Officers taking proper receipts for such disbursements. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting money immediately following the closing of the event. The Treasurer or Vice President and Event Coordinator must both be present for accuracy in the counting of the Event funds.

Each Officer shall be entitled to spend up to \$100 in furtherance of the business affairs or general purposes of the Club. Such expenditures shall be documented with receipts. Expenditures over \$100 shall be approved by a quorum of the membership. The Treasurer shall render to the Officers and membership at all regular meetings of the membership, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial conditions of the Club. The Treasurer should submit a proposed budget to the membership for approval at the March membership meeting. If the Treasurer is unable or unwilling to perform his/her duties as directed by these Bylaws, the co-signer of the accounts will immediately assume the responsibilities. The vacancy will be filled as stated in the Bylaws.

8. Membership Coordinator. The Membership Coordinator shall be responsible for the membership directory, which shall be maintained on a current basis. He/She shall be responsible for recording and maintaining all applications for membership as well as collecting all membership dues to the Club. The dues shall be turned over to the Treasurer with a listing of all members. He/She shall distribute and be responsible for the membership cards. The Membership Coordinator shall continue to seek out ways and means to increase the Club membership maintaining contact and goodwill with all members. He/She shall also be responsible for keeping a current list of all members eligible for door prize drawings and mailings. He/She shall also be responsible for furnishing a current membership listing to the newsletter editor.

## ARTICLE VI

### CRUZ NEWS

1. Editor. A Club member shall be selected annually by vote of the Membership to edit and prepare the Cruz News. The responsibilities of the Cruz News Editor shall include, but not limited to, the editing and publication of news articles by the Club membership as appropriate according to the Club objectives and other news the editor may deem appropriate or interesting to the membership. The Cruz News Editor shall be responsible for getting a final version of the Cruz News to the Club Webmaster in a Word or PDF file format for publishing on the website. The Cruz News Editor shall be authorized to spend up to \$100 per month for necessary supplies providing receipts for said expenditures.
2. Webmaster. The Webmaster's position is to maintain the web sight to whatever standards set by the Officers, but at the minimum must include a downloadable version of the monthly Cruz News.
3. Cruz News Editor and Webmaster may be combined as one position.

## ARTICLE VII

### COMMITTEES

1. Events Chairperson. Will be approved by the membership. Chairperson will be responsible for submitting all income from events directly to the Treasurer or other Officer immediately following the close of the event. A designated committee member must be present for the tallying of the event income.
2. Committees. Committees not having and exercising the authority of the Officers in the management of the Club may be designated by resolution adopted by a majority of the membership present at a meeting, except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of each such committee shall be members of the Club. Committees are required to prepare a budget for the event they are responsible for, and said budget must be approved by the Club at a Monthly Meeting.
3. Audit Committee. A committee shall be created to audit the Club accounts on behalf of the membership. The committee shall be responsible for insuring accuracy of the Club accounts and securing of receipts for disbursements. The audit shall be conducted annually. The Audit Committee shall be selected at the Annual Meeting. No Officer of the Club shall be a member of the Audit Committee.
4. Rules. Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these Bylaws or as directed by the membership.
5. Limits of Liabilities. Any Club member who stores or uses Club property to perform Club business need only exercise due care of said property while this property is in the member's custody.

## ARTICLE VIII

### AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. Amendments. Any bylaw amendment must be presented to an Officer. The Officers shall then order said proposals to be published in the Cruz News as a recommendation to the membership from the Board. Bylaws may be amended in April and October. Amendments may be presented at, or prior to, the March and September Meetings for publications in the following month's Cruz News. Voting on amendments will be done in April and October. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the club members voting shall be required to pass an amendment.
2. Bylaw Amendments. All amendments must be voted on by written ballot. All mail in ballots must be signed by the voting member to insure proper tallying of ballots.

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