

# CONSTITUTION OF MID-WEST CORVETTES, INC.

## ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization will be known as the **MID-WEST COREVETTES, INC.** and may be designated in the abbreviated form as **MWC**.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

This Club is organized for the purpose of safely promoting social, charitable, and sporting activities centered on the common ownership of the Chevrolet Corvette.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

### A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Any Corvette owner and their spouse, companion, or significant other who are 18 years of age or older may become members upon written application to the Membership Director, payment of dues, and meeting the requirements as herein set forth.
2. Each prospective member will be encouraged to attend at least one MWC sponsored event, business meeting, or social event prior to application for membership.
3. National Council Corvette Club (**NCCC**) membership will be required of all members.
4. The Club sponsor's representative will be considered an ~~owner and eligible for membership~~ **honorary member**.
5. As a condition of membership, each member must sign a waiver assuming and acknowledging his/her privileges, responsibilities, and limitations.

### B. CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

Charter Membership in the **MWC** was closed on May 15, 1960, with the first ten members to join the Club.

### C. INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Members who no longer own a Corvette will be considered inactive and will lose voting privileges 90 days after the date of sale of the Corvette unless actively in the process of obtaining another qualifying vehicle.

### D. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Honorary membership may be conferred upon those non-**Midwest** Club members whom the membership feels have made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the Club.

2. Nominations for honorary membership may be submitted in writing at any regular business meeting with the elections held at the November business meeting. Voting will be by ballot on those names submitted in that calendar year; a two-thirds (2/3) majority is required of those present and voting.
3. The persons so honored will be recognized at an upcoming event deemed convenient to those individuals being honored.
4. NCCC membership is not required and they will not have voting rights.

#### **E. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

1. Lifetime Membership will be conferred upon any member with 25 cumulative years of membership.
2. Lifetime Members will be recognized at the annual Awards Banquet.
3. MWC dues will be waived for Lifetime Members. The Club will pay the NCCC dues, but once a Lifetime Member opts out of NCCC, they will have to contact the Membership Director to ask to be added back into NCCC.
4. Lifetime Members do not need to own a Corvette, but if no Corvette is owned, they will have no voting privileges. If a Corvette is owned, then they will have voting privileges.

### **ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FEES**

#### **A. DUES**

1. Yearly Membership – **MWC** only:
2. Single Member \$25
3. Spouse, companion, or significant other \$15
4. Couple \$40

Membership is required for any spouse, companion, or significant other who attends more than one meeting event. Yearly membership will be prorated by month for the first year until September 1. Dues paid after September 1 are good for the balance of the current year and automatic renewal for the following year.

#### **B. Dues - yearly membership – **MWC** and **NCCC**.**

Membership in **NCCC** is required with membership in **MWC**. Single member \$25 **MWC** and \$35 **NCCC**. Spouse, Companion or Significant other \$15 **MWC** and \$10 **NCCC**. Couple \$40 **MWC** and \$45 **NCCC**. First year **NCCC** includes a \$10 New Membership charge for Primary Members. This charge will not be assessed for subsequent renewals. Membership in **NCCC** is required with membership in **MWC**. **NCCC** dues shall be assessed according to the current pricing on the **NCCC** website.

1. Club dues are due no later than the date of the September business meeting of the current year for the next year's membership. Any member rejoining the Club after the October business meeting will pay **NCCC** new member renewals.
2. Dues may be changed any time by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) present at a regular business meeting.

### **C. FEES**

1. Events: Amount to be set by the membership at a regular monthly business meeting.
2. Patches, shirts, hats, and other Club accessories may be purchased by members only; the current prices subject to change.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. **PRESIDENT** – The President will preside at all meetings of the Club except Board meetings. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees, preside at all Board meetings in the absence of the Governor, and perform all duties as are normally required of the office.
2. **VICE PRESIDENT** – The Vice President will conduct all business of the Club in the absence of the President, see that business is conducted in the best interest of the Club, document committee chairs and persons planning drive-outs, help with events through the year, and act as Parliamentarian. The Vice President will also act as the Club's Communication Director – responsible for the Club's overall communication flow and quality content of information to all current members.
3. **GOVERNOR** – The Governor will preside over meetings of the Board. The Governor will have knowledge of the **NCCC Constitution** and rulings and may sit on the **NCCC Board of Directors** and on the **National Board of Governors** representing our Club.
4. **SECRETARY** – The Secretary will record and maintain minutes of all business meetings and make such information available to the membership. The Secretary will perform such duties as are incidental to the office and as are properly required.
5. **TREASURER** – The Treasurer will be in charge of funds of the Club, conduct its banking business, and facilitate the audit of all accounts. Any Club expenditures of \$200.00 or less will be brought before the Board of Directors for approval before payment. Any Club expenditures in excess of \$200.00 will be brought before the general membership for approval before payment. The Treasurer's records will be presented to the general membership at the next

business meeting. Financial activity for Club events requiring extensive resources will comply with the procedures as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures. (REVISED SEPT. 6, 2022)

6. **DIRECTOR OF SPEED EVENTS** – This Director will assist the event chairman, give assistance in planning an event if the chairman so requests, and keep all Club equipment pertaining to the events.
7. **DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – This Director will assist in the planning and scheduling of all social activities and drive-outs of the Club if so requested.
8. **DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP** – This Director will be responsible for all membership matters, i.e. signing up new members, collecting dues, and maintaining membership records. **NCCC** applications and renewals will be coordinated with the Governor. The Director will also be responsible for maintaining the **MWC** membership list and ensures the Vice President has an up-to-date list for communication to the membership.
9. **DIRECTOR OF CHARITY** – This Director will be responsible to promote and direct the Club toward a common goal of helping those in need in our community. A special account for all charity monies will be established. All disbursements will comply with the guidelines as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures.
10. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS of MWC** – ~~Will consist of the current officers and directors.~~ The Board of Directors will consist of active members only. The Board of Directors will be responsible to review the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standard Operating Procedures annually at the January Board meeting.

## ARTICLE VI – CHAIRMANSIPS

- A. At the January business meeting, or as soon as possible thereafter, the President will appoint the following chairmen for the year:
  1. **WEBMASTER** – Responsible for building and maintaining the **Mid-West Corvette Club** website **which** includes publishing and updating all Club information, securing the domain name, and providing a server to host the website. The Webmaster will publish information and other requests from the members as deemed appropriate. Club events requiring extensive resources will comply with the procedures as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures. **Webmaster is not required to be a member of the Club.**
  2. **CAR SHOW CHAIRMAN** – Will assist any and all shows and concours events the Club may decide to have and provide information to the membership regarding other area car shows. Club events requiring

extensive resources will comply with the procedures as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures.

3. **PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN** – Responsible for arranging for publicity with all news media pertaining to the Club events, charity work, etc. Club events requiring extensive resources will comply with the procedures as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures.
  4. **PARADE** – Responsible for contacting schools and organizations concerning parades, arranging for Club members to drive in the parades, ensuring that they do so, and collecting the proper fees afterwards. Club events requiring extensive resources will follow the procedures as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures.
  5. **QUARTERMASTER** – Responsible for ordering, keeping, and making available for sale all items that the Club has to sell such as shirts, patches, hats, and other Corvette related items. Club events requiring extensive resources will follow the procedures as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures.
  6. **HISTORIAN** – Responsible for storing and keeping in order all historical items belonging to the Club.
  7. **SUNSHINE** – Responsible for sending thank you notes, gifts, cards, or flowers as necessary.
- B. Any member or officer can hold one or more of these appointed positions and may recruit other members to assist.
- C. The President may form any other committee of membership, publication, social activity, rally, safety, etc. as is deemed necessary.
- D. The vote of the majority of the committee will be the vote of the committee.
- E. Board members may also serve on the committee or be chairman of the committee.
- F. Any request from the membership should be channeled through any of the board members or the Vice President for presentation to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- A. General monthly business meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, excluding legal holidays, when the meeting **date** will be ~~held on the second Tuesday~~ **rescheduled by the President for an alternate date**.
- B. The agenda of the business meetings will be defined in the Standard Operating Procedures.
- C. Board of Directors meeting will be held as are deemed necessary. Board of Directors meetings can be conducted in person, in the form of an email, or other social media session. Each board member will have one vote.

- D. Committee meetings will be held as are deemed necessary and can be conducted in person, in the form of an email, or other social media session.
- E. A meeting quorum consists of two-thirds (2/3) of the board members.

## ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS

- A. The officers and directors will be nominated in writing by the membership at the October business meeting and elected by ballot at the November business meeting, after all candidate(s) names have been published and recorded in the minutes. Any positions that are not contested can be approved by motion and passed with a simple majority. They will assume office in January for the period of one calendar year. Only those members who have paid their membership dues for the upcoming year and are present at the November meeting will be allowed to vote in this election.
- B. A vacancy in any office may be elected by ballot, or by motion if uncontested, at any regular monthly business meeting to fill out the balance of the term. If a vacancy cannot be filled by ballot, the vacancy of an office will be filled by appointment of the President.
- C. Any officer, director, chairman, or member can be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership in a regular monthly business meeting.

## ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

- A. Proposed amendments to this Constitution ~~must be presented in writing at a regular monthly business meeting, read by the Secretary at such a meeting, left on the table and published in the minutes, until~~ will be electronically submitted on the website and in email communication form before the next meeting when a show-of-hands vote will be taken. If two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting vote in favor of the amendment, this Constitution shall be so changed.
  - B. Maintenance of the Constitution will be the responsibility of the President and the Secretary. They will be responsible to record and maintain all changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standard Operating Procedures. The Webmaster will be responsible to distribute this information over the website.
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