

# CONSTITUTION

## 1 Name

The name of the Club shall be CORVETTES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

## 2 Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be to promote the interests of Corvette enthusiasts and the preservation, promotion and enjoyment of the Corvette.

## 3 Jurisdiction

The Constitution shall be binding on all members

## 4 Committee

There shall be a General Committee hereinafter called 'The Committee' consisting of the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and two Committee Members

## 5 Election of Committee

The Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and should any office become vacant the Committee may elect a member to fill such vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting. Any office bearer ceasing to be a member of the Club shall ipso facto cease to be an office bearer of the Club. Any of the Committee Members can be removed from office by three quarters of the votes at a Special General Meeting. Notice of Motion to be posted at least fourteen (14) days beforehand. No Committee member can serve on the Committee in the same position for any period greater than three (3) years

## 6 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall -

- (i) Be responsible for the receipt of all monies paid to or received by him or her on behalf of the Club and shall issue receipts for those monies in the name of the Club.
- (ii) Pay all monies referred to in paragraph (i) into the accounts of the Club
- (iii) Make payments from the funds of the Club with the authority of a general meeting or of the Committee and in so doing ensure that all cheques are signed by any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

## 7 Nominations for Office

Nominations for candidates for the Committee shall be in writing to the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting or from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

## 8 Powers of the Committee

The Committee Shall -

- (i) carry out the management of the general affairs of the Club and incidental matters except in expulsion of members
- (ii) reserve the right to elect any sub-committee it so desires
- (iii) scrutinise and file a copy of all measurement forms at the central register of the Class
- (iv) make decisions relating to affiliation on behalf of the Club and liase with such bodies for the Club

## 9 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the first of June each year. The ordinary General Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Committee may appoint.

## 10 Special General meetings

A Special Meeting may be called at any time by order of the Committee or on a requisition signed by at least twenty (20) members, such requisition to state the object thereof.

**11 Notice of Meeting**

Fourteen (14) days notice of an Annual General or Special Meeting shall be given to the members by circular or other advertisement from time to time approved by Committee, stating the object and business of such meeting

**12 Quorum**

The lesser of 20% of the total membership or ten (10) members shall form a Quorum at all Annual and Special General Meetings and four (4) shall form a Quorum at all Committee meetings, and unless where provided by these rules to the contrary the decision of a majority of the vote recorded shall be binding.

**13 Method of Voting**

When a ballot is not expressly provided for by these rules, all questions shall be decided by a show of hands, provided always that three (3) members can demand a ballot

**14 Voting by Proxy**

Members may vote by proxy at any meeting. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing signed by the appointor and must be lodged with the Committee not later than the day preceding the meeting. No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not a member of the Club and entitled to vote. No person may act as a proxy for more than one other person at an Annual General or Special General Meeting.

**15 Committee Meetings**

The Committee shall meet whenever two (2) or more members of the Committee deem it necessary or when summoned by the President or Secretary.

**16 Members**

The number of members shall be unlimited. No person who has been struck off the Membership Roll for non-payment of subscription fees or dues shall be re-elected for membership until such subscriptions, fees or dues shall have been paid in full. Any person paying membership or any person nominated as a partner shall be known as a Member

**17 Conduct of Members**

- (i) All members shall be subject to the Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Club. If a complaint is made to the Committee that the conduct of any member either in or out of the Club is injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee may hold an enquiry into the matter. Such enquiry may be held either at an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee or as the Committee shall otherwise decide, and such enquiry may be adjourned from time to time.
- (ii) The member may be required to attend any meeting at which the enquiry or any adjournment thereof is to be held, and shall in any case (unless it shall be decided that the representations are groundless or trivial) give the member a reasonable opportunity of being heard in his/her defence.
- (iii) It shall be obligatory upon the member if summoned to attend and appear before the enquiring body on the date notified to him/her and if he/she shall fail to attend on such date the enquiring body may in his/her absence proceed with and complete the enquiry. Having completed the enquiry the enquiring body if they find the member at fault may either:
  - (a) reprimand the member and/or suspend the member for any period not exceeding six (6) calendar months
  - (b) Call upon such member to resign his/her membership and if such member shall refuse or neglect to forward his/her written resignation within seven (7) days it shall be the duty of the Committee to call a Special General Meeting of the Club to consider the members expulsion.

- (iv) The proceedings before any Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of dealing with a complaint against a member shall be by the way of re-hearing and the decision of such Special General Meeting shall be final. Such Special General Meeting may impose any penalty or punishment which the enquiring body might have imposed or may expel the member from the Club. Any resolution at such Special General Meeting shall require not less three-fifths of the votes (including proxy votes) of those present and voting to carry it.
- (v) At any enquiry at any Special General Meeting both the enquiring body, the Committee and the member shall be entitled to place before the meeting such relevant evidence (whether of members or non-members) as they shall desire. The rules of evidence shall not apply unless the Chairman shall otherwise determine

**18 Honorary Members**

Any person for sufficient reason may if nominated by the Committee for that purpose be elected at any General Meeting as an honorary member of the Club. Such nomination and election shall be by ballot. Honorary Life Members and their nominated partner shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club and shall be eligible to vote and bear office but shall not be subject to expulsion under these rules or liable to pay an annual subscription.

**19 Subscriptions**

The Subscription payable for membership to the Club for each year shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting.

**20 Financial Year**

The financial year of the Club shall commence on the first day of July and shall end on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of June each year. Any member failing to make payment of his/her subscription by thirty (30) days of his/her expiry date may at the discretion of the Committee be removed from the list of members. The Committee may reinstate such member upon payment of such subscription.

**21 Members in Arrears**

At the discretion of the Committee no member who is still in arrears after thirty (30) days of expiry with his/her subscription shall be entitled to the use of the Club privileges, nor shall he/she be entitled to vote at any meetings of the Club nor to compete for any prizes offered by it until his/her subscription be paid.

**22 Property**

All Property real and personal of the Club shall be held by the Committee for the time being as trustees for the Club and appropriate declarations of trust shall be made by them. PROVED HOWEVER that any two of them may operate on the Clubs bank account. All monies received on behalf of the Club shall be banked promptly in such bank or banks as the Committee shall from time to time determine. Any monies not required immediately for the Clubs purpose may be invested by the Trustees in such securities as the Committee may from time to time determine.

**23 Borrowing powers**

The Club may borrow money with or without giving security over any of its assets and may give such mortgages and charges to secure any money or monies borrowed as the Committee shall think fit provided that no monies shall be borrowed except in accordance with a resolution approving such borrowing passed by a majority at a General Meeting at which notice of intention to move such resolution has been given.

**24 Affiliation**

The Club may affiliate with any other organisation whose objectives do not conflict with the objectives of this Club.

**25 Constitution and Rules**

In addition to alteration or revision of this Constitution shall not be made except at an Annual or Special General Meeting and passed by a majority of three-fourths of the members present and voting either by person or by proxy. The Committee may make rules consistent with this Constitution relating to the conduct of functions, the use of facilities and any matters incidental thereto PROVIDED HOWEVER that any three (3) members may by written requisition require a rule to be submitted to a Special General Meeting and the Committee shall be bound by the decision of such meeting.

**26 Winding Up**

- (i) The Club may be voluntarily wound up if at a General Meeting a resolution requiring the Club to be wound up is passed and the resolution is confirmed as aforesaid at a subsequent General Meeting called for that purpose and held not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date on which the resolution so to be confirmed was passed
- (ii) Upon the winding up of the Club, any assets remaining after all the liabilities of the Club have been paid, discharged or satisfied shall be paid or transferred to such other Club or Clubs incorporated or body corporate or charity and in such shares or proportions if more than that one has the Club in the General Meeting decides.

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