



Chicagoland Sports Car Club

By-Laws

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be Chicagoland Sports Car Club, Inc.

Article II – Purpose

The general purpose of this organization shall be the encouragement of the preservation, ownership, and operation of sports and competition cars; the promotion of sports and competition car events; the development of the driving skill and safety of its members; the encouragement of sportsmanlike conduct and courtesy; and the furtherance of public respect for sports and competition cars and their drivers.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility for membership in the Club shall be restricted to those interested in furthering the purpose of this Club as stated in Article II.

Section 2 – Applications may be requested from the Membership Chairman or downloaded from the website (csc-racing.com). Completed applications shall be forwarded to the Membership Chairman.

Section 3 – Membership in this Club shall be a privilege and is subject to termination at any time as provided in Section 5 of this article.

Section 4 – There shall be three types of membership:

- a) A full member shall have all privileges of Club membership including voting privileges as provided in Articles V and VI. The Club shall pay his dues for membership in the Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs to entitle him to all privileges of such membership. The cost of those dues shall be included in the full members' annual dues.
- b) Spouse and non-active members shall have all privileges of Club membership including voting privilege as provided in Articles V and VI. The Club will not pay dues to Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs for spouse and non-active members and they are not entitled to the privileges of such membership.

Section 5 – Termination of Membership:

- a) Membership will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues on March 1st.
- b) Any membership may be suspended until the next Board of Directors meeting for infraction of Club rules or for any other cause if a majority of the Board shall deem such suspension in the best interest of the Club. Upon suspension, the member shall be immediately so informed in writing

and shall be given a reasonable and prompt opportunity to be heard thereon. If within sixty days of notice of suspension the Board of Directors has not reinstated the suspended member, his membership shall be terminated.

Section 6 – Any member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Secretary.

Section 7 – Upon review from the Board of Directors, an application for membership may be denied if a majority of the Board shall deem such denial in the best interest of the Club.

Article IV – Dues

Section 1 – Annual dues for all members will be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Upon application to the Secretary, members who are in the military service will be exempt from paying dues during that service.

Section 3 – The fiscal year shall begin January 1st.

Article V

Section 1 – The Elective year shall begin in January. An annual meeting of the Club shall be held each year for the purpose of introducing the newly elected officers, reports of officers, and such other business as lawfully may come before the meeting.

Section 2 – A general meeting of the members shall be held at least quarterly at any designated place.

Section 3 – Written notice stating the place, hour and day of any and all meetings shall be delivered to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. Such notice shall be posted at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

Section 4 – All actions concerning normal Club business and activities, except for amendments to these By-Laws, shall be by majority vote of those members present and voting.

Section 5 – Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Article VI – Officers and Elections

Section 1 – The governing body of the Club shall be the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – The Directors will elect from among themselves the officers of the Club.

a) There shall be seven (7) Directors.

Section 3 – The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 4 – Terms of Office:

a) The term of office for Officers shall be one year or until a successor is elected and qualified. No individual shall hold more than one office at a time.

b) The normal term for a Director shall be two years, with approximately half of the Directors being elected each year. If more than a simple majority of the Directorships are to be filled in any election, the current Board may set a term of one year for the Director having the least number of votes in the election, in order to even out the numbers elected in successive years. This action can only be taken before the nominating ballot is distributed, and must be announced with the nominating ballot and again with the final ballot.

c) The President may not be elected to office more than two years in succession.

Section 5 – Nominations for director are as follows:

- a) Each member may nominate himself or any other member by contacting the Secretary on or before November 1st of each year, by any means available.
- a) Each member may nominate no more than the number of Directors to be elected. Nominations received by November 15th shall comprise the legal vote.
- b) The Board of Directors shall prepare a ballot based upon a tally of the roster nominations. Those members receiving the most nominations and accepting said nominations will appear on the ballot.
- c) This ballot shall be delivered to each eligible member by the Secretary on or about December 1st of each year.
- d) Each member may vote for as many candidates as there are Directors to be elected, and return the ballot to the Secretary. Ballots received within two weeks of the distribution date shall comprise the legal vote.
- e) The Secretary shall count the ballots and inform the newly elected Directors. The newly elected Directors, plus the hold-over Directors, shall comprise the new Board of Directors.

Section 6 – Vacancies on the Board, arising from any cause, shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

Section 7 – Any Director may be removed from office by a majority vote of the membership.

Section 8 – Any elected or appointed officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Directors.

Section 9 – Any elected or appointed Officer or Board member missing three (3) consecutive meetings, without notification, may be terminated from office by a majority vote of the BoD.

Article VII – Duties of Officers

Section 1 – The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to this office. He shall officially represent the club in all affairs. He must co-sign, with other proper officers, all deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed. He shall make appointments per Article IX, subject to the approval by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – In the absence of the President, any officer can and shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 3 – The Treasurer shall, subject to the restrictions and conditions as may be made by the Board of Directors, have custody of all monies, debts and obligations belonging to the Club. He shall receive all monies of the Club and deposit same to the Club account. He shall have direct control over and supervision of all payment of the Club debts. The Treasurer shall give a report of the financial status of the Club at the annual meeting and, if so requested, at any meeting of the Board of Directors. He shall make the annual report required by law to the Secretary of State.

Section 4 – The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the members of the Board of Directors. He shall insure that notice of all meetings required by law or by these By-Laws is given to all members as required by Article V Section 3. He shall be custodian of the corporate seal and all corporate or Club records. In addition, he shall perform all other duties incident to this office.

Article VIII – Board of Directors

Section 1 – Bimonthly meeting will be held by the Board of Directors. An absolute majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A vote of one less an absolute majority, or a majority of those Directors present, whichever is larger, is required to carry any motion at any Board meeting.

Section 2 – Additional meetings may be called from time to time by a Director or an Officer through the President.

Article IX – Appointed Officers

Section 1 – The following officers are designated to be appointed. Appointees are subject to removal under the conditions set forth in Article VI Section 8.

- a) A membership chairman who will distribute, process and validate applications for membership. He shall maintain all records necessary for the processing of new members and shall inform all applicants of the status of their applications. He shall give proper notification of dues and handle the renewal of all memberships. He shall maintain an up-to-date roster of all the Club members and make periodic distribution of this roster to the membership. He shall insure that the Midwestern Council has a complete up-to-date list of all full members, and that Council dues are paid. He shall handle any and all other matters concerning membership.
- b) A Chief Steward who shall officially represent the Club in all licensed competition activities and shall represent the Club at all Midwestern Council Contest Board meetings. The Chief Steward may appoint an Assistant Steward, subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Directors. An elected officer shall not be appointed Chief Steward.

Section 2 – The President shall make such other appointments as are described and timely, and shall outline the duties and responsibilities of such appointees.

Article X – Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs

All competition rules and regulations of the Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs shall supersede these By-Laws when in conflict.

Article XI – Parliamentary Authority

Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern all meetings of the members or the Board of Directors in all parliamentary situations not covered by these By-Laws.

Article XII – Amendment of the By-Laws

Section 1 – The Board of Directors must review these By-Laws annually at the meeting at which officers are elected for the year. Recommendations for amendments, if necessary, will be by majority vote of the Directors present and voting.

Section 2 – A proposal to amend these By-Laws may be made by any member by sending it in writing to the Secretary. The Board of Directors shall make a recommendation for action by the membership on any proposal submitted under this section.

Section 3 – Notice will be given that changes to the By-Laws will be proposed at the next meeting. Copies of the proposed amendments will be distributed to all members present at the subsequent meeting. The amendments will be voted and the notice of that meeting shall state such vote will be taken.

Section 4 – Amendments to these By-Laws become effective immediately upon affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members present at any meeting, so long as the provisions of Section 3 of this article are met.

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