



By-Laws

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Bylaw Review Committee: Marshall Zwicker, Gordon Floyd and Glen Heisler.
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All Members are asked to read these changes and voice your opinion at the upcoming meeting.

Article 1 - Name & Definition of By-laws:

A. The name of this club shall be "*Coastal Cruisers Car Club*"; it shall be a non-profit organization.

B. In these By-laws, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

i. "*Society*" means Coastal Cruisers Car Club;

ii. "*Registrar*" means the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies appointed under the Nova Scotia Companies Act;

iii. "*Special Resolution*" means a resolution passed by not less than three-fourths of such members entitled to vote, and are present at a regular meeting.

Article 2 - Objectives:

A. To promote interest in various types of motor vehicles and related subjects.

B. To create good fellowship and sportsmanship among the members.

C. Promote greater automotive safety in and around the community, and to provide interested individuals with an organized environment in which they may pursue their automotive hobbies and interests.

D. To conduct Club operations and activities in such a manner as to bring about a clearer understanding on the part of the public, the press and law enforcement agencies of organized Car Club activities.

Article 3 - Membership & Dues:

A. Any person interested in Motor Vehicles is eligible for membership.

B. Membership in the society shall not be transferable.

C. The Society shall consist of the following members:

i. Active Member - any person over the age of 16 with dues paid up and attends ½ of the regular meetings unless prevented from doing so by job or medically related reasons.

Article 3, Section C, Sub-Section i Active Member - any person over the age of 16 with dues paid up and attends 1/2 of the regular meetings unless prevented from doing so by job or medically related reasons. As members cannot be obligated to attend meetings, the latter part should be deleted to read: Active Member- any person over the age of 16 with dues paid up.

ii. Non-voting Member - all family members of a participating member are considered members of our club. This holds true of children that are over the age of 16 but still living at home. These members do not have voting privileges. To obtain voting privileges these members should obtain their own membership in the club.

iii. Junior Member - any person under the age of 16 years of age. Junior members are required to obtain written permission of their parent and/or guardian to be eligible for membership. Junior members do not have voting privileges.

iv. Honourary Lifetime Member - One who is held in high regard and has rendered notable service to the club. Recommendations for Honourary Lifetime Membership shall be voted by the membership. Honourary Lifetime Members do not have voting privileges and may not hold any office.

D. Annual dues are payable to the club Treasurer at the January meeting of each year.

E. Any member whose dues are two (2) months in arrears shall be sent a reminder note from the Treasurer. If no effort is made to correct his/her financial standings within thirty (30) days after being notified, the member will be subject to cancellation of his/her membership.

F. Every member of the society shall be entitled to attend any regular meeting of the society.

Article 3, Section F we suggest a change to correct an oversight by adding the annual general meeting, new wording would be ; Every member of the society shall be entitled to attend any regular or annual general meeting of the society.

G. Should any member or person attending a meeting or public demonstration of the society under the influence, become disorderly, profane or disagreeable, He/She shall be required to keep order or leave.

Article 3, Section G we suggest change the wording as such; add the word BE between society and under, and remove the word disagreeable and replace it with the wording SHOW IMPROPER CONDUCT, . The new section to be worded as such. Should any member or person attending a meeting or public demonstration of the society be under the influence, become disorderly, profane or show improper conduct, He/She shall be required to keep order or leave.

H. The Coastal Cruisers Car Club assumes no liability for any members actions at any time, but specifically, coming to, during, or going to the next destination, from any club-sponsored event, including regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

I. A member can only be dismissed from membership by a two-thirds vote of all members present at the meeting. This dismissal shall take place by written ballot only.

Article 3, Section I Article 5, Section B and Article 10, Section A

All three pertain to voting, as only active members can vote, we propose to change the wording in the three sections from "member" to "active member"

Article 4 - Officers:

A. The officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a minimum of 2 Directors.

B. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club. The President shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall prepare the agenda of all meetings of the Club.

C. The Vice President shall preside, in the absence of the chair. The Vice President shall serve a term of two (2) years.

D. The Treasurer shall collect dues, collect moneys due from the membership, keep the books, make regular reports of the financial condition of the Club at monthly Club meetings and make payments from the Club funds when so ordered by the Officers for miscellaneous expenses such as postage, flyers, posters, signs etceteras. The Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years.

Article 4, Section D This describes Treasurer's duties, we suggest changing the wording from "keep the books" to read "keep accounting records of all monetary transactions"

The Treasurer is asking for a clarification of the specific type of "accounting records of all monetary transactions", as the Treasurer is not an Accountant! *Comment added by the current Treasurer, Chris Garber.*

E. The Secretary of the Club shall attend the meetings and prepare the minutes/newsletter of such meetings. The Secretary shall have charge of all Clubs records, files and official documents. The Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes/newsletter of regular meetings of the Club promptly to Active & Junior Club members. The Secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years.

Article 5 - Election of Officers:

A. All nominees for office shall be active members in good standing.

B. Officers shall be selected to serve by majority vote of the members in attendance at the meeting. Officers may serve multiple terms. Election of officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of and officers shall begin their term of office immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

Article 3, Section I; **Article 5, Section B** and Article 10, Section A

All three pertain to voting, as only active members can vote, we propose to change the wording in the three sections from "member" to "active member"

C. In case of a vacancy, an elected replacement shall serve the remaining portion of that particular officers term. While hearing the agenda item any Club member may, nominate a replacement for the vacant office.

Article 6 - Meetings:

A. A minimum of 4 members in good standing at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article 6 ,Section A Due to repetitiveness with Article 9, Section I, we suggest eliminating Article 9 , Section I and combining it with Article 6 , Section A. The new Article 6, Section A to be No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the society unless a Quorum of members are present. A minimum of 4 members in good standing at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

B. Regular membership meetings shall be held once a month on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise voted upon at a regular Club meeting and members notified.

C. The President may call special meetings in order to facilitate any Club projects or problems that need settling.

Article 7 - Committee:

This Society may consist of

- A. Ways Means & Entertainment Committee
- B. Telephone Committee.
- C. Membership Committee.
- D. Any other Committees as appointed by the President.

Article 7 - Committee We suggest the following changes to bring the committees more in line with our regular activities
Section A to be changed from "Ways Means & Entertainment Committee" to "Car Show Committee"
Section B to be changed from "Telephone Committee" to "Daytona Committee"
Section C to remain "Membership Committee"
Section D Now reads "Any other Committees as appointed by the President. " we suggest adding the wording "or as decided by the membership" after President.

Article 8 - Fiscal Year:

A fiscal year of the Society shall be the period from January 1, in any year to December 31, in that same year.

Article 9 - Meetings:

Article 9 is titled " Meetings" of which Article 6 being the same , We suggest renaming Article 9- Meeting Procedure:

A. The society shall meet at a regular place on a specified date every month or until a 2/3rd vote of the meeting decides otherwise.

Article 9, Section A This section has been already addressed in Article 6, Section B, so we suggest the elimination of this section. This would also change the lettering of all Sections in Article 9, B would become A etc.

B. When a motion is before the meeting and such motion is seconded, no other motion shall be made unless to postpone, divide or amend.

C. The chair only shall have the privilege of interrupting a member while speaking so as to call him to order or to admonish him to closer adherence to the subject under debate.

D. Any member wishing to speak on a motion or business before the membership, shall raise his hand until recognized. When two or more persons wish to speak at the same time, the chair shall name the person entitled to the floor.

E. The motion to adjourn shall be in order after regular business of the meeting is disposed of.

F. The annual meeting of the society shall be held within two months after the end of each fiscal year of the society.

G. At each monthly meeting of the society the following these items of business shall be dealt with and shall be deemed to be ordinary business:

- Recording of Attendance,
- Reading of the Minutes,
- Business arising out of the minutes.
- Correspondence,
- Treasurers Report,
- Committee Reports,
- New Business.

H. At each annual meeting the society, shall follow these items of business and shall be dealt with and shall be deemed to be ordinary business:

- Recording of Attendance,
- Minutes of the preceding annual meeting,
- Consideration of the annual report of the executive,
- Consideration of the financial statements, including balance sheet and report from the Auditors,
- Election of Executive for the coming year,
- Election of Auditors and Committees.

Article 9, Section H We suggest changing the line "Election of Executive for the coming year" to read " Election of Officers for the coming year". This would match the wording in the rest of the By-Laws.

I. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the society unless a quorum of members is present at the commencement of the meeting and a quorum shall consist of not less than 4 of the members.

Article 9, Section I We suggest the elimination of this section for it is already addressed in Article 6 Section A.

J. The Chair shall have no vote except in the case of equality of votes. In this case, he shall cast the deciding vote.

K. The Chair has the privilege to recess any meeting for the purpose of gathering additional information or for the purpose of providing refreshments to the members of the society. No business shall be transacted during said recess other than business left unfinished at the meeting from which the said recess took place.

L. At any general meeting a poll is required as proof of the number or proportion of the members recorded in favor of against or abstained from any motion.

Article 10 - Delegations:

A. In the event that the Club is dissolved the money in the treasury, after payment of club debts, shall be donated to a charity of which shall be approved by majority vote of attending members.

Article 3, Section I; Article 5, Section B and **Article 10, Section A**

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B. The President shall have custody of any awards or trophies presented to the Club only for the duration of his/her term of office. They are not his/her personal property to keep on a permanent basis. In the event the Club is dissolved, the disposition of such trophies and awards will be determined by a majority vote of participating members.

Article 11 - Repeal and Amendments:

A. The Society has the power to repeal, amend, or rescind these By-laws, and the introduction of new By - Laws by a special resolution passed in the manner prescribed by law or by order of the officers. These changes may take place at any regular or special meeting of the membership by majority vote of the attending members.

B. Amendments so adopted shall take effect immediately.

Article 11 We suggest the addition of a new section , Section "C. These By-Laws shall be reviewed every 5 years, and all active members to have a copy.

Article 12 - Miscellaneous:

A. The society shall file with the registrar, with its annual statement, a list of its directors with their address, occupations and date of appointment or election. Within fourteen days of the change of directors, the registrar should be notified.

B. The society shall file with the registrar a copy in duplicate of every special resolution within fourteen days after the resolution has been passed.

C. The books and records of the society may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time within two days prior to the annual meeting at the registered office of the society.

D. Contracts, deeds, bills of exchange and other expenditures may be authorized on behalf of the society by the officers. No member shall contract any bill in the name of the society unless approved by the officers.

E. The borrowing power of the society may be exercised by special resolution of the members.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2011.

Signed: _____, Coastal Cruisers President.

_____, Coastal Cruisers By - Laws Committee Chair