

# Bylaws of the Southern Classic Camaros

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### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to support the preservation and restoration of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd generation Camaros to include the years 1967 - 1992 through a community of classic car enthusiasts. We endeavor to foster friendships and share our love of the classic Camaro through fellowship, education, and participation in club related events.

### Article I. NAME AND LOGO

- Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Classic Camaros. SCC is also a recognized name for the Southern Classic Camaros. For the purposes of this document the "Club" is recognized as referring to the Southern Classic Camaros.
- Sec. 2. The official Club logo shall be as shown above to include a blue and red profile image facsimile of a Camaro followed by the Southern Classic Camaros club name in black, silver, or white. The logo at the top of this document is a representation of the Club logo and made a part of these bylaws. The use of the SCC logo and its likeness is proprietary and protected property of the SCC and shall only be used with the written permission of the SCC board of directors.

### Article II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1. Southern Classic Camaros is dedicated to uniting people of all backgrounds who share a love for Camaro automobiles. We value honesty, fairness, integrity and respect for each individual club member and members' families. This club is family oriented and promotes club activities that fulfill and demonstrate these principles in a safe and family-friendly manner. This club supports and promotes safe, responsible behavior by its members at all public events, meetings or gatherings. This club does not condone or endorse street racing, burnouts, or exhibitions of speed at any club event. At a facility where activities like these are legally permitted, a club member may participate at their own risk. The member will be accepting liability for their own personal participation. The club cannot be held liable for any activities outside of club sanctioned events.

- Sec. 2. The club was Formed in November 2023. The Club members participate in club related activities to include but not limited to cruise-ins, picnics, shows, rod runs, and supports events by other car clubs and charitable organizations.
- Sec. 3. The Club may attend and/or host events. The purpose would be to enjoy fellowship with other car enthusiasts and raise awareness of the Club.
- Sec. 4. Expenditures The Club may sponsor activities or purchase items that are for the potential benefit of all club members such as operating items for the Club show, trophies, sympathy cards and gifts, and reservations and food for a scheduled event such as a Christmas party or other club functions.
- Sec 5. Sponsorship Sponsors may be invited to participate in the promotion of the club and will receive logo and contact information advertising on our website and Facebook platforms. Sponsors must be submitted to the board for consideration. Donations from sponsorships shall be used for normal club activities and expenditures.

**Article III. MEMBERSHIP** – Club Membership is voluntary and available regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religious or political views.

# Sec. 1. Membership

- a. Members must be at least 21 years old.
- b. Membership in The Club shall be restricted to owners or enthusiasts of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3rd generation Camaros and their Spouse or partner.
- c. A Member is the primary member as listed on the membership application.
- d. The member may add their spouse or partner as a voting member for an additional fee.
- e. Members are encouraged to participate in the promotion of the club.
- f. Club discounts shall be limited to active dues paying members and their immediate family.
- g. Only dues paying members may hold an office or sit on any SCC board.
- h. Showing a Camaro(s) at Club events is reserved for dues paying members.

# Sec. 2. Voting Qualification and Rights

- a. Members in good standing shall have the right to vote.
- Sec. 3. To be a member in good standing Members shall
  - a. Abide by the code of conduct.
  - b. Must have completed and submitted a Club Membership Application.
  - c. Have paid the appropriate dues for the year.

Sec. 4. Honorary Membership – Prospective Honorary Members shall be nominated and approved by the general membership during a regular Club meeting. Honorary Members should be members of our community who have been long-standing promoters, enthusiasts, and supporters of our Club. They may participate in all Club activities but are not permitted to vote at Club Business Meetings.

# Sec. 5. Founding Member –

- a) Founding Members must have been present at the November 2023 meeting and pay a one-time Founding Member Fee.
- b) These members get the distinction of having "Founding Member" placed on any personal club item should they choose to do so.

# Sec. 6. Charter Members -

- a) Charter members must have joined the club within the first year of Club operation (Nov. '23 Nov. '24)
- b) Charter members will receive the distinction of having "Charter Member" placed on any personal club item, should they choose to do so.

# Sec. 7. Code of Conduct - During club activities and in online posts, members shall:

- a. Conduct themselves in a manner that supports a safe and comfortable environment for all members.
- b. Respect each other's opinions during meetings and allow each member the opportunity to present his / her views.
- c. Refrain from making personal attacks and leave personal disputes outside of the club's activities and social media pages.
- d. Conduct themselves in a manner which promotes a complimentary opinion of the club.
- e. Refrain from using vulgar and profane language during any club activity or event.
- f. The Club will not tolerate hateful communications including, but not limited to those targeting race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, weight, or disability.
- g. No commitments are to be made on behalf of the club without the approval of the board.
- h. During events, all participants shall abide by local traffic laws.
- i. This club does not condone or endorse racing, burnouts, or exhibitions of speed at any time or location other than at official commercial racing facilities or other such venues designed and managed to accommodate those types of vehicle operations. (See Article II, Sec.1.)
- j. A member, participating in any club event, who is involved in any behavior that is counter to our code of conduct, will be asked to leave the event and could face disciplinary action.
- k. Maintain insurance and proper registration on their car as required by state law.

Sec. 8. Disciplinary Procedures – If a member breaks the club's code of conduct or a grievance is filed against a member:

- a. The details will be gathered by the board. This may include information from the member in question, other club members or other witnesses outside the membership.
- b. The member in question may be asked to leave an event / activity that is organized by the club.
- c. The member in question will be offered an opportunity to address the board and/or the club at large if they so desire, regarding their behavior.
- d. The officers will determine the disciplinary action.
- e. In the event that the member in question is a board officer or the proposed disciplinary action is suspension or expulsion, the board will form a disciplinary committee.
- f. Suspension or expulsion must be accepted by a majority of the members present at a regular monthly business meeting. Prior to any suspension or expulsion hearing, the person in question shall be notified by letter of the date, time and items to be considered at the meeting.

### Article IV. MEETINGS

- Sec. 1. There shall be an official business meeting, open to the general membership, once each month.
- Sec. 2. Directors, committee meetings and organizational meetings may be held as often as necessary to conduct their business.
- Sec. 3. A quorum to conduct business at any general business meeting of the club membership shall be deemed to be no less than twenty percent (20%) of the dues paying members. There shall only be one vote per member.
- Sec. 4. All business meetings shall be run according to "loose version of" Robert's Rules of Order.
- Sec. 5. Agenda for business meetings.
  - a. Call to order by President
  - b. Introduction of visitors
  - c. Approval/correction of the minutes of the previous meeting
  - d. Approval of Treasurers report
  - e. Reading of correspondence
  - f. Directors' reports
  - g. Old Business
  - h. New Business
  - i. Adjourn

**Article V. DUES** - All Checks should be made payable to the Southern Classic Camaros.

Sec. 1. Annual nonrefundable dues for continuing members shall be due January 1st. Members that are delinquent after March 1st shall be dropped from membership.

### Sec. 2.

- a. Member Dues shall be established by the board annually.
- b. Spouses or Partners can be added as voting members for an additional fee.

Sec. 3. Non-sufficient funds – Any check returned to the club for non-sufficient funds, the member shall be responsible for any bank related charges incurred.

### Article VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Officers of the Club shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. At large members as needed.

Sec. 2 At large members - Standing Committee chairs are considered voting ex-officio members of the board.

Sec 3. The board may make policies and procedures to manage the affairs of the organization.

### Article VII. ELECTIONS

- Sec. 1. The privilege of holding office shall be limited to members of the Club whose dues are paid and otherwise in good standing.
- Sec. 2. Nominations for Officers shall be held at the November business meeting.
- Sec. 3. Election of Officers shall be held at the December business meeting. The current board will oversee the Election of Officers at this meeting.

# Sec. 4. Vacancies

- a. In the event the President is unable to complete the term of office, the Vice-President shall become president for the remainder of the term.
- b. A vacant officer position other than the President will be filled by the President appointing an interim officer. The new officer will hold that position for the remainder of the term after confirmation by a majority vote at the next general business meeting.

- Sec. 5. Officers shall serve for the term of two years or until their successors are elected or appointed. Officers cannot hold more than one elected office.
- Sec. 6. The term of office for officers shall be 2 years in length except for the initial term in which the VP and Secretary shall have a 1-year initial term.

# Sec. 7. Proxy and Absentee voting

- a. At the annual December meeting and for the purposes of electing officers only, proxy voting is allowed by emailing the club membership no later than 2 days prior to the advertised meeting date, stating who your proxy is.
- b. Absentee voting is not allowed.

#### Article VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### Sec. 1. PRESIDENT

- a. To serve as Chairperson at all board and club membership meetings and to provide continuity and coordination to all functions.
- b. To act as Master of Ceremonies at Club events and other presentations.
- c. Must keep meetings orderly and on point to accomplish Club business in a timely fashion.
- d. Appoint Officers to fill vacancies and form committees as necessary. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- e. Coordinates the Officers, Directors, and Committees of the Club to ensure that the goals of the Club will be met.
- f. President shall have the authority to be a signatory on the financial accounts and documents.
- g. Confirms committee chairs to promote the efficient running of the club. These committees may be, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Membership Committee
  - 2. Events Committee
  - 3. Communications Committee

### Sec. 2. VICE-PRESIDENT

- a. To perform the duties of the President if he or she is unable to or as directed by the President.
- b. The Vice-President may sign club-related documents.

#### Sec. 3. SECRETARY

- a. Shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Club.
- b. Prepare the minutes for presentation to the membership in electronic format.
- c. Handle all Club correspondence.
- d. Keep all records and issue the notice for the election of Officers.
- e. Provide copies of the Club By-laws electronically for all members.
- f. The Secretary may sign club-related documents.

### Sec. 4. TREASURER

- a. The Treasurer shall deposit and keep the funds of the Club in a specified bank account
- b. The Treasurer shall have the authority to be a signatory on the financial accounts and documents and make payments from the Club account as necessary.
- c. Present a written statement of account at every business meeting of the club.
- d. Keep permanent books of accounts and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements of the Club, including the number of members and the dues collected from the members.
  - 1. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an officer of the Club.
- e. All operational expenditures shall first be approved by a majority vote of the Club officers. Any club activity expenditures above \$100 must first be approved by a majority vote of the general membership present at any regularly scheduled business meeting. All expenditures shall have receipts.
- f. Membership dues shall be collected by the Treasurer.
- g. Upon request from the board, the treasurer shall turn over all checking account ledgers, bank statements and any other pertinent documents necessary for the completion of an audit of the Clubs financial transactions and records.
- h. The bank account will have two signatories, President and Treasurer, but only one signature is needed for check writing.
- i. The Club's fiscal year is January 1 December 31.

### **Article IX. COMMITTEES**

### **GENERAL DUTIES OF COMMITTEES**

- a. Provides an expense and income estimate and obtains approval from the board prior to any obligation to or expenditure of funds related to any program or activity.
- b. At the conclusion of any activity or event that any committee is conducting, a record of all activities and an accounting of all expenditures shall be kept in detail.
- c. When the activity or event is closed, a reconciled report, any club funds and materials belonging to the Club shall be turned over to the club treasurer, including an income and expense statement.
- d. Committee chairs will be selected by the committees annually and the president will confirm the appointment.

# Sec. 1. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- a. Explores opportunities and develops programs to recruit new members.
- b. Keeps a complete list of current membership and provides copies as needed for members.
- c. Provides and collects copies of the Club Membership Application for potential new members.
- d. Coordinate with the Treasurer to maintain an accurate list of dues paying members.

# Sec. 2. EVENTS COMMITTEE

a. Organizes club events, car shows and other activities to promote fellowship within the club.

# Sec. 3. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- a. Promotes the club through various media outlets.
- b. Maintains and updates the website and social media platforms for public communications.
- c. Distributes information regarding club events and activities to the membership.

#### Article X. BY-LAWS AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Sec. 1. Any current member may propose an amendment to these By-Laws by providing a written petition with the proposed changes signed by a minimum of 20% of the membership or 10 members in good standing whichever is less.

- a. After the proposed amendment and required signatures are submitted to the board of directors, the proposal shall be presented to the general membership at the next official club business meeting for discussion and consideration.
- b. The signed petition and notes of discussion will be added to the minutes of this business meeting and distributed to the membership within 1 week of the meeting.
- c. At the next official club membership meeting following this meeting and at which a quorum is present, the proposed change to the bylaws will be read to the membership present.
- d. The floor may be opened for discussion and amendments may be proposed.
- e. The change including any amendments must be approved by a final vote of a majority of the members present.
- f. Proxy voting is not permitted for the purposes of voting on an amendment to the bylaws.
- g. If approved by a simple majority of the membership present and eligible to vote in person, the proposed change shall be adopted into the bylaws.

# ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION

Sec. 1. A majority vote of members in good standing may dissolve the Club.

- a. The assets of the Club shall be distributed as determined by a two-thirds majority of the remaining members after all outstanding debts have been paid.
- b. The assets must be distributed according to the nonprofit laws of NC and may not benefit anyone associated with the Club.

Sec. 2. No part of the net income or assets of this club shall ever inure to, or cause profit to, the benefit of any officer, director, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private persons.

THIS DOCUMENT WILL SUPERSEDE PREVIOUS BY-LAWS AND PREVIOUS CLUB RULINGS AND ACTIONS.

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