



HONORING ALL MOTOR CARS

ANTIQUE – CLASSIC – VINTAGE

BY-LAWS

As Amended

ARTICLE I – NAME, EMBLEM AND PURPOSE

- Sec. No. 1: This Club shall be known as the Historical Vintage Car Club of Delaware Inc. (change effective December 31, 1975, from Historical Vintage Chevrolet Club of Delaware which was founded January 9, 1969).
- Sec. No. 2: The emblem shall be an antique car in the outline of the State of Delaware inside a diamond.
- Sec. No. 3: The purpose of the Club shall be to protect and preserve automobiles and their history, hold meets and tours, help fellow members in the old car hobby and establish good fellowship of the same.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Sec. No. 1: Applications for membership in the Club must be in writing, filed with the Membership Secretary, sponsored by a member in good standing and accompanied with the dues for the current year. Membership shall be in effect upon a vote consisting of a majority of the members present at a regular meeting.
- Sec. No. 2: All applications for membership received and accepted after November 1st shall include membership for the succeeding year, provided that the said member pays any increase in dues adopted for the succeeding year.
- Sec. No. 3: Annual dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.
- Sec. No. 4: The annual dues shall become payable at the beginning of each calendar year.
- Sec. No. 5: All privileges of membership shall automatically cease if a member fails to pay his dues before April 1st of each year.
- Sec. No. 6: A membership will include both member and spouse with full Club privileges including voting rights (effective December 1976).
- Sec. No. 7: When it becomes apparent that a member of the Club is behaving in a manner which is detrimental to the Club and its members and having been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, they may elect to expel such member with a two thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Sec. No. 1: The elected officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Website Editor and six elected members of the Board of Directors. (Number of Elected Board Members revised December 11, 1990, Newsletter Editor title revised and Website Editor added effective December 14, 2010). Term of office of officers shall be for one year or until their successors are elected. Terms of office of Board Directors shall be for 2 years or until their successors are elected with 3 elected every other year. (Terms of office for Board Members revised December 11, 1990.)
- Sec. No. 2: The immediate Past President automatically becomes a voting member of the Board of Directors.
- Sec. No. 3: The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
- Sec. No. 4: The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board and a voting member of the Board.
- Sec. No. 5: The Vice-President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor shall also be voting members of the Board of Directors.
- Sec. No. 6: The Website Editor will not be a voting member of the Board. This office is non-voting so that the addition of the Website Editor as an elected officer does not offset the benefit of having an odd numbered vote (13) among the Board and Officers which avoids the possibility of votes ending in ties. (Added December 14, 2010.)

ARTICLE IV – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Sec. No. 1: Prior to the September meeting of each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of four members. The Nominating Committee shall select candidates for the various offices and furnish the names to the secretary prior to the October meeting. When the President is not a candidate for reelection, he or she shall, unless disqualified, become a member of the nominating committee.
- Sec. No. 2: Nominations shall be taken from the floor at the regular meeting in October and November.
- Sec. No. 3: The Secretary shall provide a written list of all candidates to each member before the December meeting.
- Sec. No. 4: Election of officers and board shall take place at the December meeting.
- Sec. No. 5: The candidate for each office receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. Term of office shall start at the January meeting of the following year.
- Sec. No. 6: Vacancies for any cause shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, said officer to serve the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Sec. No. 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, shall appoint committees, shall preserve order and may call a special meeting at any time. He or she shall have the deciding vote on all questions of equal division.
- Sec. No. 2: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence. The Vice-President's duties also include Show Chairperson. (Effective December 31, 1976.)
- Sec. No. 3: The Secretary shall keep, in writing, the minutes of all regular Club meetings and Board of Director meetings. The Secretary shall receive and answer all correspondence to the Club.
- Sec. No. 4: The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Club and deposit same in such bank as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall pay out funds as directed by the Board of Directors or the members in meeting assembled. The Treasurer shall report the status of the funds at all regular meetings. The Treasurer may be required to post bond, as the Board of Directors may direct, in which case the cost of such bond shall be paid from the Treasury.
- Sec. No. 5: The Membership Secretary shall receive all applications for membership, read the applications at the next regular meeting for approval by the membership. The Membership Secretary shall receive and record dues when paid.
- Sec. No. 6: The Board of Directors shall have the power to proceed in any manner as may, in their judgment, serve the best interests of the Club. The decision of a majority of the Board of Directors on any question shall be binding.
- Sec. No. 7: The Newsletter Editor shall take appropriate action to create, update and distribute to members the Club's official printed newsletter on a timely basis. He or she must have the necessary publishing, language and grammatical skills to complete these tasks in a proper manner. The Newsletter shall be prepared in a fashion to favorably portray the Club and to communicate its events and news to Club Members and other readers of the newsletter. (Added December 14, 2010.)
- Sec. No. 8: The Website Editor shall take appropriate actions to create, maintain and update the Club's website. He or she must have the necessary internet and website skills as well as language and grammatical skills to complete these tasks in a proper manner. The website shall be presented in a fashion to favorably portray the Club and to communicate Club events and its news to Club Members and other parties accessing the site. (Added December 14, 2010.)

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

- Sec. No. 1: The Club shall hold an annual meeting during the month of December. The business of this meeting shall be to elect officers and board members.
- Sec. No. 2: Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at such place as the President may designate. (Changed Jan. 8, 2013)

Sec. No. 3: A special board meeting may be called by the President at any time. The President shall notify the members of the Board of Directors prior to such meeting. A quorum of five board members may also call a special meeting.

ARTICLE VII – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Sec. No. 1: The Historical Vintage Car Club of Delaware is to be a nonprofit organization.

ARTICLE VIII – ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Sec. No. 1: Any proposition to amend these By-Laws must be submitted in writing and signed by the member or members submitting same. The proposal must be submitted to the Secretary in time to be read at the two meetings prior to the annual meeting. The Secretary shall read the entire proposal at the two meetings prior to the annual meeting and a final vote will be taken at the annual meeting with two-thirds vote of the membership present required for adoption.

ARTICLE IX – AUDITS

Sec. No. 1: At the annual meeting, the President shall appoint two members who are not officers, to an audit committee, to audit the financial accounts of the Treasurer.

Sec. No. 2: The auditing committee shall submit a report at the next meeting following their appointment.

ARTICLE X – PERPETUATION

Sec. No. 1: The Club shall keep in a bank in Delaware the amount of at least \$25.00 under the Club name for the perpetuation of said name.

ARTICLE XI – SENIOR CARS

Sec. No. 1: To qualify for a senior award, you must be a member of the Historical Vintage Car Club of Delaware and your car must be 25 years or older and must score 185 or more points out of 200 at the annual show. The re-judging committee (as outlined in Sec. No. 5) will look the car over to see if it qualifies as a senior car.

Sec. No. 2: The Senior Plaque must be displayed on the front of the car all the time it is a senior car. The plaque will be year dated.

Sec. No. 3: After five years, the car will have to be re-judged to remain a current senior car. The car will be re-judged by the re-judging committee at the annual car show. Beginning with the 1987 Annual Dover Mall Show, all new senior cars will have to be re-judged after a five year period. Senior cars prior to the 1987 show will have to be re-judged at the 1992 show.

Sec. No. 4: If a member sells his or her car, the Senior Plaque must be returned to the Club with the name of the new owner. A plaque will be made up and the Senior Award presented to the original owner for his or her accomplishment. The new owner of the car will have to earn the senior award for the car.

- Sec. No. 5: The re-judging committee will consist of the Chief Judge, Assistant Chief Judge, President and Vice-President. They will look over potential senior cars to see if they meet with the qualifications of the Club. They will re-judge the cars at the five year period to see if the car is keeping with the qualifications of a senior car. In the event a re-judging committee member's car is to be judged, an alternate will be picked by the committee before the annual show judging of the car.
- Sec. No. 6: The Chief Judge will contact the owner of each senior car that has to be re-judged one year prior to the annual show that the car is due for re-judging.

ARTICLE XII – FIRE EXTINGUISHERS – SAFETY PRECAUTION

- Sec. No. 1: A Fire Extinguisher is required on all vehicles to be judged. Fire Extinguishers of TYPE B or C (Underwriters Laboratories approved, fully charged, approximately 2.5 pounds) is recommended, and it need not be permanently mounted to the vehicle. In competition, failure to have a UL approved Fire Extinguisher will result in disqualification from judging and winning of any award.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

AMENDMENT – ARTICLE III

Sec. No. 1: The numbers of elected members of the Board of Directors will be increased to six (6), serving two-year terms with three (3) elected every other year.

AMENDMENT – ARTICLE XI

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ADOPTIONS/REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 11, 1975

REVISED: JANUARY 1, 1979

REVISED: DECEMBER 8, 1981

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 9, 1986 – ARTICLE XI

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 11, 1988 – ARTICLE XII

REVISED: DECEMBER 11, 1990 – AMENDMENT – ARTICLE III, SEC. NO. 1

REVISED: DECEMBER 10, 1991 – AMENDMENT – ARTICLE XI, SEC. NO. 1

REVISED: DECEMBER 14, 2010 – ARTICLE III, SEC. NO. 1

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 14, 2010 – ARTICLE III, SEC. NO. 6
AND ARTICLE V, SEC. NOS. 7 AND 8

SUBMITTED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 – ARTICLE VI, SEC. NO. 2

ADOPTED: JANUARY 8, 2013 – ARTICLE VI, SEC. NO. 2

Proposed Changes to Article III, Sec. No. 1:

The elected officers of the club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Web Site Editor, and six elected members of the Board of Directors. (Changes. 1. Added 'Newsletter' to Editor to differentiate between hard copy editor and (internet) Web Site Editor. 2. Added new position - Web Site Editor.)

Proposed By-Law Additions

Addition #1

The Web Site Editor shall take appropriate actions to create, maintain, and update the Club's Web site. He or she must have the necessary internet and web site skills as well as language and grammatical skills to complete these tasks in a proper manner. The web site shall be presented in a fashion to favorably portray the Club and to communicate Club events and its news to Club Members and other parties accessing the site.

In order not to offset the benefit of having an odd numbered vote (13) among the Board and Officers, which avoids the possibility of votes ending in ties, the Web Site Editor will not be a voting member.

Reasoning:

The internet has become a very important part of everyday communication. Many people look to the internet for information on organizations and businesses and many organizations have web sites to provide information to their membership and the general public in a knowledgeable and favorable fashion. In order to publicize the Club and provide timely information, the Club should have a web site and a responsible person to maintain the site

Addition #2

The Newsletter Editor shall take appropriate actions to create, update and distribute to members the Club's official printed newsletter on a timely basis. He or she must have the necessary publishing, language and grammatical skills to complete these tasks in a proper manner. The Newsletter shall be prepared in a fashion to favorably portray the Club and to communicate its events and news to Club Members and other readers of the newsletter.

Reasoning: *Currently there are no duties and/or qualifications listed for the Editor.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Adopted: February 11, 1975

Revised: January 1, 1979

Revised: December, 8 1981

Revised: December 9, 1986

Revised: December 11, 1988

Revised: December, 11, 1990

Revised: December, 10, 1991

ADOPTED

Revised: Dec. 14, 2010

Article III, Sec. No. 1

REVISED June 20 2011

1. John Bartseh Pres.
2. Jerry Speace V-Pres
3. Sharon Hawk Sec.
4. Elba Wise Tres.
5. Al Peters B. Dir.
6. Dr. Art Gilbert
7. Deborah Sorensen
8. Merle Cleeton
9. Charlie Hawk
10. John Skinner
Bob Sorensen past pres.

This page added June 25, 2013, per Elba Wise

Proposed Changes to the HVCCD By-Laws

Article VIII provides the following:

Any proposition to amend these by-laws must be submitted in writing and signed by the member or members submitting the same. The proposal must be submitted to the Secretary in time to read the entire proposal at the two meetings prior to the annual meeting and the final vote will be taken at the annual meeting with two thirds vote of membership present required for adoption.

Reasoning for the proposed change:

The designated time for the monthly meeting as stated in the by-laws is currently 8:00 p.m. Members agreed that in order to have the meetings end earlier the social and refreshment time was moved to 7:00 p.m. rather than after the meeting. Most members have adjusted their schedules and have been arriving for the meeting by 7:00 p.m.

Proposed Changes to Article VI- Meetings, Sec. No. 2:

Sec. No. 2 Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at such place as the President may designate.

Date: September 25, 2012

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