

**BYLAWS OF  
THE COUNTS OF THE COBBLESTONE CAR CLUB, INC.**

**ARTICLE 1**

- SEC 1        The name of this Club shall be “Counts of the Cobblestone Car Club”.
- SEC 2        The Club shall have the official insignia or logo as pictured below.



- SEC 3        This Club shall be headquartered at 5601 Old Mill Road, Blackhawk, SD 57718.

**ARTICLE 2**

**THIS CLUB SHALL:**

- SEC 1        Promote interest in various types of street rod and street machine activities.
- SEC 2        Create good fellowship and sportsmanship among the members.
- SEC 3        Conduct Club operations and activities in such a manner as to bring about a clearer understanding on the part of the public, press, and law enforcement agencies of organized street rod and street machine activities.
- SEC 4        Uphold the principles of good government.
- SEC 5        Promote safety in automobile maintenance and operation.

### **ARTICLE 3**

- SEC 1        There will be four kinds of membership in the Club: Active, Life, Family, and Junior.
- SEC 2        Any person of good character and interest in street rod and machine activities is eligible for active membership in this Club with full privileges thereof. The member's spouse is accorded a family membership with no voting rights. Junior membership is accorded to individuals who are not yet of age to obtain a driver's license and do not include voting rights. Individual consideration shall be given in special circumstances.
- SEC 3        Life Membership shall be accorded to members who have been active in good standing for twenty-five years. Life members will be awarded a special silver jacket to commemorate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the club. Life membership may also be accorded for special significant contributions to the club. Special life membership will be determined by current life members and granted only after approval by the Board of Directors.
- SEC 4        All applications for membership shall be accompanied by initiation fees. Dues are to be paid annually by the end of January each year. Members joining mid-year shall pay pro-rated dues to the end of the calendar year.
- SEC 5        All applications for membership must be sponsored by an active member in good standing and must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled business meeting.
- SEC 6        All applicants for membership must own or be in the process of building a street rod or street machine to be eligible.
- SEC 7
- SEC 8        Any member who commits unsafe driving acts on public highways or whose conduct is otherwise derogative to the Club purposes or standing may be suspended, or expelled from active membership in the Club by a two-thirds vote of all active members after being given a proper hearing.
- SEC 9        Membership shall not be denied based upon applicant belonging to any ethnic or religious group.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

- SEC 1        The initiation fee for applications for membership shall be as established by the Board of Directors.
- SEC 2        The dues for active membership in the Club shall be as established by the Board of Directors and shall be payable to the Treasurer annually by the last business meeting in January.
- SEC 3        Any member who owes the Club treasury more than \$10.00 may be suspended from membership. Member can be reinstated to good standing only upon full payment of the debt.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

- SEC 1        The elective office of the Club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors.
- SEC 2        The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for a two-year term of office. There are no term limits.
- SEC 3        The Vice President shall be the President elect and assume the office of President upon the end of their term as Vice President. Each position will be held for a single year, unless membership agrees to continue current President and Vice President for another year, and current President and Vice President agree. Terms not to exceed 2 years.
- SEC 4        The elected Board of Directors shall consist of five members, four of which are an elected Director position that shall be held for one year with no term limit. The fifth member shall be the immediate Past-President.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

- SEC 1        All nominees for office shall be active members in good standing.
- SEC 2        All elective and appointive officers must remain active members in good standing during their term of office.
- SEC 3        All officers shall be elected at the last meeting prior to the beginning of the new term and shall assume office at the first regular meeting of the new term. Election shall be at the last regular business meeting in October of each year.
- SEC 4        Nominations shall be made from the floor. All voting for Officers and Directors shall be by secret ballot if more than one nominee exists.

SEC 5 Elections shall be decided by a majority vote of all active members present and in good standing.

## ARTICLE 7

SEC 1 The President shall:

- a) Preside at all such meetings of the Club.
- b) Appoint such committees as necessary to carry out activities of the Club.
- c) Act as the ex-officio member of all committees.
- d) See that regular elections are held in accordance with the by-laws.
- e) Ensure that the rules set up by the by-laws are followed.
- f) Oversee the actions of the treasurer to ensure continuity of operation and reporting of financial account activity.

SEC 2 The Vice President shall:

- a) Perform all duties of any officer in their absence.
- b) Keep the “Member-of-the-Year” book up to date.

SEC 3 The Secretary shall:

- a) Keep the minutes of the meetings.
- b) Keep the Club meeting records.
- c) Keep the seal of the Corporation.

SEC 4 The Treasure shall:

- a) Oversee all money due the club.
- b) Make payments from Club funds as approved by the membership.
- c) Keep accounts of Club money matters.
- d) Submit financial reports at scheduled business meetings to the membership.
- e) Ensure timely reporting of financial matters as required by law.
- f) Delegate responsibility for funds and signature authority for a committee specific checking account, to committee chairperson(s) after a majority vote of approval for each such individual delegation is obtained. The vote shall be obtained from the majority of active members at a regular club business meeting.
- g) To invest discretionary funds into an interest-bearing account, with guaranteed future value, and to ensure cash from such investments is readily available for approved club purposes.
- h) To coordinate with the President and ensure continuity of operation by providing passwords or special instructions regarding the access, transfer, and reporting or interest account activity.

SEC 5 The Board of Directors shall:

- a) Ensure elected Officers conduct their duties appropriately.
- b) Ensure club compliance with the by-laws and rules.

- c) Manage property lease or rental agreements.
- d) Ensure all committees perform their duties as required.
- e) Review and approve/disapprove candidates for life membership.

## ARTICLE 8

- SEC 1      A minimum of 20 members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
- SEC 2      Regular membership meetings shall be held weekly at a place and time determined by the membership. The President may call special meetings as he sees fit.
- SEC 3      Robert's Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure at all meetings.
- SEC 4      Standing committees of the Club are:
- a) **Rod Run** – To put on the annual Black Hills Rod Run.
  - b) **Entertainment/Activity** – To provide ideas and decide for monthly Club activities and entertainment.
  - c) **Publicity** – To write news releases and advertise Club functions and activities.
  - d) **Membership** - To meet and recruit prospective members, explain Club regulations to them, inspect their vehicles, and report to the membership on them.
  - e) **Car Show Committee** - To organize, promote, and direct car shows.
  - f) **Building and Grounds** -To monitor the condition and maintain club owned real estate.
  - g) **Merchandise** -To order, receive, inventory, and account for club promotional items and apparel.
  - h) **Club Photographer** – To record club functions and activities.
  - i) **Club Correspondent** – Shall have authority to answer Club mail and oversee newsletter publications.
  - j) **SDSRA Representative** – Represents the Club to the South Dakota Street Rod Association as appropriate.

## ARTICLE 9

- SEC 1      Every member's car shall be given the opportunity to an NSRA Safety Inspection every 12 month.
- SEC 2      All members' cars that qualify for Car-Of-The-Year awards must be voted upon by the membership and have passed an NSRA Safety Inspection for the year.

**ARTICLE 10**

SEC 1 Delegations shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval by the membership, to represent the Club at any convention, meeting, or assembly as shall be deemed necessary. Such delegations shall exercise only those powers which are specifically vested in them by the members.

**ARTICLE 11**

SEC 1 These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership at which a quorum is present. Notice must be given to the members at least three weeks in advance of voting.

SEC 2 Amendments so adopted shall take effect immediately.

Date of Adoption of Amended Bylaws: October 27, 2020

Signature of President: David L. Hintz

Signature of Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Imprint Corporate Seal Below

