



Quad Cities Cruisers, Incorporated

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Article I. NAME

The name of the Club shall be the Quad Cities Cruisers, Incorporated.

Article II. PURPOSE:

The Quad Cities Cruisers, Inc. is organized exclusively as a family-orientated Club and operated exclusively for the pleasure, recreation, promotion of safety and other non-profit purposes relating to the driving and exhibition of motor vehicles.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Qualification for admittance to this Club are:

- A. Application for membership will be read at three consecutive General and/or Executive Board meetings for approval or denial of membership. Applicant must be present for first reading. E-Board may conduct a closed meeting for private discussion on whether to approve or disapprove any application. By a majority vote, the E-Board may deny an application. If denied, the E-Board will notify the prospective member of the decision by mail.
- B. Applicable dues must accompany application. Prior members in good standing will require only one reading at a General Meeting for approval or denial. Applicant must be present at the meeting.

Section 2: Membership shall be defined as:

- A. All memberships are equal.
- B. Family membership has two votes, and each single membership has one vote.³. Members may join at age 18.

Section 3: Membership dues shall be as follows:

- A. Membership dues will be \$25.00 per year payable on or before July 1st each year.
- B. Members who renew their membership after July 1 but before September 1st will need to reapply for membership and will be required one reading at either a General or E-Board meeting which they must attend. Members that allow their membership to lapse on or beyond September 1st will need to reapply as a new member having a three-reading process. Any membership requiring a three-reading process will start overall club seniority and applicant will be considered a NEW member.



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Section 4: Conduct Unbecoming of a Cruiser:

A member may be expelled from the Club for special circumstances deemed unbecoming conduct as determined by the General Membership. These special circumstances may include, but are not limited to misrepresentation of the Club in a public forum, illegal, immoral, or disruptive conduct in public, or in a Club meeting, or any act that would undermine the credibility of the Quad Cities Cruisers. The offending member will be notified, in writing, of the expulsion hearings no less than 7 days in advance of the E-Board meeting. The offending member may attend and will be given an opportunity to defend his/her position. After discussion of the charges being levied, a motion must be made and seconded before a quorum of the E-Board. A two-thirds affirmative vote will forward the matter to the General Membership at the next General Membership Meeting. Voting method to be determined by the presiding officer.

Notice of the expulsion vote must be given to the General Membership at least 7 days prior to the General Membership Meeting.

At the General meeting, the matter will be presented to the General Membership for discussion and a determining vote. The offending member may attend and will be given an opportunity to defend his/her position. After discussion, a vote will be called for by the presiding officer. A two-thirds affirmative vote by the members voting at General Membership will expel the membership of the offending member. Voting method to be determined by the presiding officer.

Any expelled membership will not have their dues refunded.

Any expelled member may reapply for Membership after one calendar year of the date of the expulsion. In the event of an expelled member reapplying for Membership, it will require a three-reading procedure as stated in Article III, Section 1 of the Quad Cities Cruisers By Laws. First reading of the reapplication will be made to the E-Board. If this first reading results in a denial by the E-Board, no further readings are required. This gives the E-Board and the General Membership ample opportunity to discuss the potential reinstatement. Reading of expelled membership applications will only be at E-Board and General Membership Meetings. Members who resign rather than face expulsion must reapply under the above procedure.

Section 5: Prize Monies:

Any Club Participation prize money won at other car shows by members representing the Quad Cities Cruisers, Inc. will be turned into the Club Treasurer.



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Article IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The Board shall consist of five (5) elected officials and seven (7) elected Executive Board Representatives plus one (1) alternate, with each official or representative having one board vote. In addition, there shall be one (1) non-voting, advisory trustee who shall be the prior Club President, whose term shall be the first year after leaving office. If the prior President declines to serve as trustee, the Executive Board shall have the option of nominating or appointing a trustee if the Board deems it necessary. A nominee must be a member in the Club for one (1) year to be eligible to become an officer or representative.

Section 2: The Executive Board (hereafter referred to as "E-Board") shall handle the regular business of the Club.

Section 3: Meetings of the E-Board shall be held once monthly and additionally as required.

Section 4: A majority of the E-Board shall constitute a quorum. (7)

Section 5: Any Club member can attend an E-Board meeting as an observer only. However, written proposals may be submitted at any time by a Club member prior to the E-Board for inclusion on the next meeting's agenda.

Section 6: The E-Board shall approve and pay routine bills. Any Club expenditures in excess of \$750.00 shall be approved at a General Membership Meeting before the funds are disbursed.

Section 7: Any officer or E-Board representative can be removed from office by two-thirds vote of the Membership at a regular General Membership Meeting, with absentee voting permitted. Prior to that meeting, all members must be contacted and read a verbatim account of the charges as compiled by the remaining E-Board members. The E-Board shall then appoint a replacement for that position.

Section 8: Three unexcused absences from an E-Board meeting will result in dismissal of a representative.

Section 9: The alternate E-Board representative's presence is only required in the absence of a regular E-Board member. The alternate member's vote is only required when attending in the absence of a regular E-Board member. Regular E-Board members who cannot attend an E-Board meeting must notify the President and the alternate representative to request that he or she attend in their absence.



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Article V. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Section 1: There shall be the following elected officers:

President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

Section 2: Duties of President:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the E-Board and General Meetings and any special meetings.
- B. Appoint committee chairs and, as deemed advisable, committee members.
- C. Sign all contracts with the Vice President after approval of the E-Board.
- D. Serve as Co Chairman of the Car Show Committee.
- E. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- F. Call special meetings when necessary.
- G. Perform duties as prescribed by the E-Board.

Section 3: Duties of Vice President:

- A. Perform the duties as above described in the absence of the President.
- B. Perform all such duties as are assigned by the President.

Section 4: Duties of Recording Secretary:

- A. Record the minutes of the proceedings of the E-Board and General Membership Meetings.
- B. Provide notices in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws as required by law.

Section 5: Duties of Corresponding Secretary:

- A. Handle all correspondence of the Club and perform all such duties as are assigned by the President.

Section 6: Duties of Treasurer:

- A. Have charge of all the Club's funds.
- B. Present a written financial statement at every meeting of this Club and at other times as requested by the E-Board, making a full report at the annual meeting.



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- C. The Treasurer's books shall be examined annually by a committee of not less than three (3) members as appointed by the President who, satisfied that the Treasurer's books are correct, shall sign a statement at the end of said report certifying its correctness. In the event the Treasurer's books are not correct, this shall be brought to the attention of the E-Board for investigation.
- D. Be bonded.
- E. May keep (upon request of the E-Board) restricted funds of the Club in one or more separate accounts.

Article VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1: Term of Office

Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. (See Article VI Section 7 Transition of Administration).

Section 2: Nominations

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the April General Membership Meeting by the presiding officer. Each member nominated will choose to accept or decline the nomination. Members nominated will have 3 days to notify the presiding officer of a change to his/her acceptance or declination of the nomination for office. Members nominated but not attending the meeting will be notified by the presiding officer and given 3 days to accept or decline the nomination. Following the acceptance of nomination by the candidates, an Election Officer (EO) will be selected to conduct the business of the election by the President. The EO will not be a current nominee.

Section 3: Candidates

The list of nominated candidates will be published in the General Membership Meeting Minutes prior to the election for consideration by the membership at the May General Membership Meeting.

Section 4: Procedure

- A. Elections shall be by secret ballot at the May General Membership Meeting.
- B. Duties of the Election Officer (EO)
 - i. Prepare ballots for election. Ballots will not be provided to the membership in advance of the May General Membership Meeting. (Exception is addressed in Article VI: Section 5). The ballot must contain the following statement "There must be no more than one (1) vote for each Officer and seven (7) votes for E-Board. Any votes in excess of the stated limits will invalidate that section.



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- ii. Provide absentee ballots as provided in Article VI: Section 5.
 - iii. Provide ballots at the May General Membership Meeting.
 - iv. Record all ballots issued, absentee and regular, utilizing the most current membership list.
 - v. Determine with the ballot committee (Article VI: Section 4: Paragraph 3) the total number of ballots (regular and absentee) to be counted.
 - vi. The EO will read from the ballots the name of the person voted for each office, while the election committee members record the votes for each position. When no vote for an office or less than 7 votes for E-Board are cast then the tally sheet will be marked on the "No Vote Cast" line. The total on the "No Vote Cast" line will be included in the number of votes for each position to be compared to the total number of votes to be counted for each position.
 - vii. When all votes are recorded, compare the results recorded by each committee member. The results must equal. If not, determine which positions do not equal and recount those positions. The total votes for each position must equal the total number of ballots to be counted.
 - viii. When it is determined that the results of the ballots are correct, give the results to the presiding officer who will announce the results to the general membership.
 - ix. Any member whose name appears on the ballot may ask for the number of votes cast for each candidate in the section where they were a candidate or request a recount within 5 days of the announcement of the election results. The recount will be conducted by a quorum of the E-Board as soon as possible after the election results are announced.
 - x. Turn all ballots and tally sheets over to the President to be filed with the club records for one year.
- C. A Ballot Committee of three (3) or more members shall be appointed by the President to count the ballots at the May General Membership Meeting. The Ballot Committee shall conduct an audit with the EO to assure accurate number of ballots tallied.



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Section 5. Absentee Vote

An absentee vote will be accepted from any member unable to vote for officers or representatives in the May election. Absentee ballots must be obtained from the EO. Ballots cannot be sent or received by Electronic Mail. Absentee ballots must be filled out and mailed to the EO as to be received prior to the beginning of the May General Membership Meeting. Any member requesting an absentee ballot then choosing to vote at the General Membership Meeting and not use the absentee ballot, must notify the EO prior to the meeting and surrender the ballot. Absentee ballots must remain sealed until all members present have voted. Absentee ballots will then be opened and counted along with the ballots cast at the meeting.

Section 6: Tie Vote

In the event of a tie, the EO will select a tie breaking method to determine the winner in front of the membership.

Section 7: Transition of Administration

There shall be a meeting of the E-Board immediately following installation (first meeting in July). This should include the incoming and outgoing Officers and E-Board Members. Upon the introduction of New Business, the gavel, charter, and files are then turned over to the newly installed President, who then becomes the presiding officer.

Article VII. GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 1: Monthly Meeting

There shall be a monthly meeting of the General Membership to be held on a date determined by the Membership.

Section 2: Special meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or a member of the E-Board. The general membership will be notified prior to the meeting.

Article VIII. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Section 1: Upon receipt of a signed petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of all members recommending dissolution of this Club, the E-Board shall submit the question of dissolution to a vote at an open Membership meeting. At that time all monies of the Club shall be frozen, except for those bills outstanding until the question of dissolution has been decided.



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Section 2: Written notice stating the question of such dissolution shall be given to each member. Only those persons who are members of this Club on the date of submission of the question of dissolution and who continue to be members on the date of the resolution meeting shall be entitled to vote on the question of dissolution.

Section 3: Approval of dissolution of this Club shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the resolution meeting.

Section 4: All monies left in the Treasury after all debts are settled at the dissolution of the Club shall be split equally and be donated to various designated charities chosen by the Membership.

Article IX. QUAD CITIES CRUISERS TANGIBLE ASSETS

Section 1:

1	Enclosed Trailer	1	Stanchion Cart	27	Stanchions
2	Sound Systems	7	30 Gallon Trash Containers	20	Parking Cones
1	Portable Generator	5	Money aprons	1	Jumper Cables Set
5	Walkie – Talkies	3	QCC Banners	7	Easel Signs
1	Ticket Tumbler	1	12-Volt Air Pump		Rope Flags
5	Plastic Folding Tables	6	Florescent Vests		

Article X. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given at the previous regular meeting and written notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to all members at least three (3) days prior to such meeting at which the amendment(s) is to be considered.



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Article XI. T-Shirt Images

Club T-Shirts will display 3 of the member's cars on the front and the Cruiser of the Year's car on the back. Those chosen as Cruiser of the Year who have had or will have their car featured on the back of the T-Shirts are still eligible for the drawing to be on the front. Cars will be chosen by three drawings of member's names who attend the meeting in which the drawing takes place. The monthly General meeting in which the drawing takes place will be preceded by a notice in the Club newsletter. Names will include only those memberships who have not yet had their cars on the front of the T-Shirts.

- A. The first drawing will consist of Cruisers who have been members for 10 years or more.
- B. Names not chosen in the first drawing will be placed in the second drawing along with those who have been members for 5 years or more.
- C. The third drawing will include the remaining Cruisers who are members present for the drawing not already chosen.
- D. Club membership is relied upon to monitor itself regarding previous T-Shirt images.

Article XII. Determining Dollar Amount to Disburse to Charities

Section 1: The E-board will make a recommendation for the General meeting, using the following formula:

- A. $A - B / C = D$ (rounded to the nearest \$100)
- B. A = Total of all accounts one month after the annual Car Show
- C. B = Current-year Car Show total expenses
- D. C = Number of Charities to receive a donation
- E. D = Total recommended amount for each charity, rounded to the nearest \$100

Section 2: The E-board recommendation will be brought to the floor at the General meeting for a vote; 50% of the voting membership will carry.

Section 3: In the event that the recommendation fails to pass, open discussion on a new amount will be reached and voted on; 50% of the voting membership or more will carry.

Section 4: In the event that the second vote fails, Article XII, Section 3 will be repeated until the vote carries.



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Article XIII. Time Frame Limitations for Local Charities

Section 1: The local charities will be chosen for the upcoming cruise-in/car show season at the February general meeting.

Section 2: A local charity can be chosen three consecutive years in a row. Once the charity has been chosen three years in a row the charity will not be eligible the following year. Once the one year of ineligibility is served the charity can be considered again. On the night of the general meeting in February the prospective charities will present themselves for consideration. Once they have all spoken, we will vote by secret ballot. Each charity will be assigned a number 1-8. Each member will get 1 piece of paper and they will write their numbers for the corresponding charities.

Signed

President Byron Eichmeier **Secretary** Jeanine Allen

Effective date of these By-Laws: 1 December 2020