



Cruisin Cajun Country Car Club Bylaws

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Revision A

Section 1 - Purpose

Cruisin Cajun Country (CCC) was organized for the purpose of holding a vehicle cruise-in event every May. The Club shall generate, preserve, and enhance a sense of community through the club activities and facilitate interaction, involvement, community pride, responsibility and the sharing of ideas, common interest, and resources. This organization is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit club.

The home base for the club is in New Iberia, LA.

This corporation is organized, and it shall be operated exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including for such purposes the making and distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

This Corporation shall be a non-profit corporation and shall have no capital stock. It shall be operated and maintained by such dues and contributions as the membership shall make and as the officers shall determine to be necessary or acceptable for the proper functioning of the corporation.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall be used to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered.

Section 2 - Membership

Membership in Cruisin Cajun Country shall be open to any person interested in promoting the purpose of this club and is current in payment of dues, agrees to abide by the bylaws of the club and, conducts themselves in a manner that does not reflect adversely upon CCC. Membership in the club shall be open to persons interested in promoting club events.

The members of CCC shall consist of either informed members, active members, or active family members. Active members shall be at **least 16 years of age**, current with club dues and attendance of at least **25%** of club functions, to include: meetings, club car shows, club events or any combinations thereof.

Attendance of meeting is determined using sign-in sheets, where each active member must verify and/or include contact information such as each member's name. To have a voting privilege, you must be considered in active status. For new members to qualify as active, they must join within the first 6 months of each fiscal year and participate as previously described. Each active member shall have one vote and all active members shall have equal rights and privileges, provided. However, in no event shall there be more than one vote per member.

Active member dues are set by the active members during club meeting held in July and those dues will remain in effect until the next year and are subject to change at the end of each fiscal year thereafter (July 1st to June 30th of the following year). Active Membership consists of participation from the previous fiscal year.

Family membership will include one main member and one of the following: spouse, partner, child, sibling, or grandchild being 16 years of age. Each person in the family membership must qualify as Active Member as described. Family membership will have an additional charge of \$10.00 above the current main membership dues. Family membership is limited to two persons. Current membership dues are \$25 each year, \$35 for a family membership. Membership is open throughout the year and will be pro-rated depending on the month a new member joins.

Informed members are those who do not actively engage or otherwise qualify as active members. Informed members will only be privy to email communication regarding upcoming events. The informed member dues are set by the active members each July. Informed members will not have any right to be selected for vehicle on event t-shirts, vote, nominate, elect, or hold office in the club. For an informed member to become an active member they must have one fiscal year of active status definition.

Collecting of dues will begin in January, dues are due by June 30 of the ending fiscal year. Any member who is in default of paying dues on time (June 30th of each year), may have all rights suspended on July 1st and such will not have rights or privileges.

Members may not vote by proxy.

Section 3 - Member Conduct

During Club activities and other events, members shall:

- Conduct themselves in a manner that promotes cooperation among members.
- Respect each other's opinions during meetings and allow each member the opportunity to present his/her views.
- Refrain from making personal attacks and leave personal disputes outside of the club's activities.
- Conduct themselves in a manner which promotes a favorable public opinion of the club and its activities/events.
- Operate all vehicles in a safe manner.
- Not make commitments on behalf of the club without the vote of club members during meetings.

Section 4 - Duties of Officers

4.1 - President

- To serve as the chairperson at all meetings and provide continuity and coordination to all functions. To act as Master of Ceremonies at club functions. Must keep meetings orderly and on point to accomplish club business in a timely fashion. Appoint committees as necessary and be an ex-officio member of all committees. Coordinates the officers and committees of the club to ensure that the goals of the club are met.

- May appoint committee chairs to promote the efficient running of the club. These committee positions may be, but are not limited to:
 - Event Planner
 - Merchandise sales
 - Event parking
 - Marketing
 - Sponsor
 - Registration
 - Poker Run
 - Food
 - Entertainment

4.2 - Vice-President

- To perform the duties of the president if he or she is absent having all the powers and restrictions of the President

4.3 - Secretary

- Shall record the minutes of the meeting of the club, prepare copies of the minutes for distribution prior to the next business meeting, handle all club correspondence, keep all records, and issue the notice for election of officers
- Provide copies of the club by-laws for all members.

4.4 - Treasurer

- The treasurer shall deposit and keep the funds of the club in a specified bank account, make payments from the club account as necessary and present a written statement of account at every business meeting of the club.
- Keep permanent books of account and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of net income, receipts and disbursements of the club including the number of members and the dues collected from the members. Such books of account and records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by an officer of the club or any club member.
- Secure liability insurance so that members, officers, present and future will not be held personally liable for any claim, damage, or debt against the club.
- Maintain all legal and financial records with local, state, and federal governments as required by law.

4.5 – Audits

- An audit will be conducted immediately upon the resignation of the Treasurer before the end of their term.
- An audit will be performed upon the request of president if deemed necessary.

- The auditor shall be responsible for conducting an official audit of the Club's financial transactions and records. The auditor shall be someone other than the Treasurer and preferably someone not currently an officer of the club.

Section 5 - Meetings

- General meetings shall be held on date chosen by current president. Location, time, and meeting agenda will be communicated to members in advance.
- A special meeting of the members may be called at any time having given notice to the members, at the direction of the President.
- A quorum shall consist of 50% total active members present at any regular or special meetings for voting purposes.
- All business meetings shall be run according to Robert's rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

Agenda for business meetings:

- A. Call to order by President
- B. Introduction of visitors / new members
- C. Approval / correction of the minutes of the previous meeting
- D. Approval of Treasurers report
- E. Old business
- F. New business
- G. Adjourn

Section 6 - Dues

Annual nonrefundable dues for continuing members shall be collected beginning January 1st. Members that are delinquent after June 30th shall be dropped from membership. (See section 2 for complete information on dues).

Section 7 - Elections

- The privilege of holding office shall be limited to members of the Club whose dues are paid and otherwise in good standing. (See membership for voting information)
- Unless any officer resigns, loses active member status or the active members vote to remove due to misconduct, the officers of this corporation shall serve until their successors are nominated and elected in accordance with the provisions herein.

- In the event President is unable to complete the term office, the Vice-President shall become the President for the remainder of the term.
- Any active club member seeking office shall communicate, via email, to the current club secretary, the office they wish to seek. This communication shall be no later than June 30. An active club member making a nomination of another active club member, shall also communicate via email to the current club secretary, the name and office of the member they wish to nominate. This communication shall be no later than June 30. The club secretary shall send out via email a ballot listing all candidates for each office on July 1st. Officer elections will be held July of each fiscal year. Only Active members will be allowed to nominate, run, vote, or hold office. Ballots shall be used for officer voting.
- The term of office for officers shall be from August 1st to the next July 30th.

Section 8 - Committees

8.1 - Event Planner

- Shall be responsible for the planning and organizing of the CCC May event. The committee shall research, visit, collect information on places to cruise, tour, take excursions and eat. This information shall be provided to the club for discussion prior to the January meeting. All plans for the May event shall be finalized by the February meeting.

8.2 - Merchandise sales

- Shall be responsible for maintaining inventory of Club items that are sold during all CCC events. Responsible for the sales, collection of monies and keeping records of all sales. Responsible for reorder of inventory upon depletion and storage of same. Responsible for event shirts, work with vendor to get samples, colors, and design of event shirt. Set up merchandise table at all Club events for the sale of all club inventory items.

8.3 - Event parking

- Shall be responsible for parking of vehicles at all events. Must maintain order and provide safe directions for the parking of vehicles. Provide input or recommendations for event parking dependent on location.

8.4 - Marketing

- Shall be responsible for all marketing and advertising for the Club. Provide to the Club any advertising recommendations such as TV, Radio, or any publications. Create Sponsor board, banners, flyer, and other printed material for the event. Welcome packet with directions to each venue for the May event.

8.5 - Sponsor

- Shall be responsible for seeking out sponsors for the May event. All sponsors will be advertised on the back of the club event shirt. Assure that all sponsors are paid up prior to March 1st. Securing door prizes and handling of door prizes throughout the event.

8.6 - Registration

- Responsible for processing early registration participants. Prepare registration packets for participants. Assure registration table is fully staffed for the event. Register on-site participants.

8.7 - Poker Run

- Responsible for setting up poker run stops, seeking help for poker run stops. Prepare all documents that are required for the poker run. These include instructions, addresses and directions to each poker stop. Assure that those manning the poker stops are fully trained and understand the rules.

8.9 - Food

- Responsible for working with club members to secure food (whether donated or club provided) for venues. Assure there are enough club members to serve as needed. Plan with club members for cooking and serving. Assure there are tables and chairs set up for participants. Assure drinks are available, obtaining ice and ice chests for each venue as needed.

8.10 - Entertainment

- Responsible for vetting and hiring entertainment (bands, DJ, etc) for each venue as agreed by club.

Section 9 – Charitable Donations

Charitable donations can be made using excess funds as voted on by Active Club Members and distributed annually.

Section 10 – Adoption and Amendments to Bylaws

The members or officers may make, alter, amend, and repeal the bylaws of the Corporation at any meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, at which a quorum (50% of total active members) is present by the affirmative vote of most of the members present. Any adoption, amendment, or repeal of any or all the bylaws shall be distributed during the next monthly meeting.

Section 11 – Dissolution

In the event the number of members becomes ten or less, the remaining members may by majority vote to dissolve the corporation.

The assets of the corporation shall be distributed as determined by the majority vote of the remaining members after all outstanding debts have been paid. The assets of the corporation may not be distributed to or benefit anyone associated with the corporation/club and must be distributed to another non-profit holding 501(c)(3) status as required by law.

Section 12 - Logos



The Cruisin Cajun Country Logo is owned and trademarked by the Cruisin Cajun Country Car Club.



The Sugar Daddy Car Show Logo is owned and trademarked by the Cruisin Cajun Country Car Club.

The foregoing Bylaws were adopted by the Officers and Members of the Cruisin Cajun Car Club at a meeting held on the January 23, 2024.

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