

**COOL CRUISERS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**  
**CONSTITUTION January 01, 2022**

**ARTICLE 1. NAME & AFFILIATION**

1. The name of this club is "Cool Cruisers of Southwest Florida, Inc."
2. The Cool Cruisers of Southwest Florida is a nonprofit organization.

**ARTICLE 2. MISSION**

The mission of this Club is to preserve and promote interest in collector automobiles; and through participation in public events involving promotion and exhibition of these automobiles, to raise funds for local charities (including individuals in need) as identified by our Charity Committee and approved by our Board of Directors

**ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Members must have an active interest in special interest automobiles.
2. Membership shall be applied for by written application. Family membership shall be considered a membership consisting of two adult voting members and all children under the age of 21 entitled to attend club meetings and participate in club-sponsored activities. Single membership shall be considered a membership consisting of one voting member and all children under 21 years of age. The initiation fee for new membership is \$30.00 payable at the time membership is applied for; except for membership applied for between July and December when the fee will be \$15.00. Annual dues for continuing members are \$20.00 payable by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewal notices will be sent to every member in November. Non- payment of dues within a 30-day grace period will result in re-application and a new membership fee of \$30.00.
3. Members are expected and encouraged to make reasonable effort:
  - To attend regular monthly meetings.
  - To join in club social activities.
  - To participate in club fundraising and other community projects.
  - To represent the Cool Cruisers in a professional, respectable manner.
4. Membership in the club can be terminated by:
  - a. Failure to pay dues within the 30 (thirty) day grace period.
  - b. Failure to comply with the terms of Article 3.3 and a vote of the Board of Directors.
5. All vehicles participating in club functions must be registered and tagged by a State Department of Motor Vehicles and must be covered by Liability Insurance. Liability for the transport of individuals will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner (not the club).

**ARTICLE 4. PURCHASES**

1. Advance approval is required by the Officers for all purchases exceeding \$150.00.

**ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS**

1. Membership meetings will be held during the first week of each month (with the exception of April, May, June, July, August, September) the day of the week to be determined by the Board. Location, date and time of such meetings will be posted in the Events List at least thirty days in advance.
2. Special membership meetings may be called by the Officers providing the membership has been notified by phone or e-mail at least seven days in advance of the meeting date.
3. A majority of members present constitutes a quorum for conducting business at all membership meetings.

## **ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES & OFFICERS**

1. The Board shall consist of eleven members:
  - A. Executive Committee: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary.
  - B. Past President-Ex Officio (with approval of the Officers).
  - C. Six or seven Board Members (to total eleven Board Members)
2. Officers to fill the positions of President or Vice-President shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and elected and installed at the May membership meeting. New Officers shall take office at that May meeting. Notice of the meeting to elect Officers will be sent to all active members. The notice will include the date, time and place of said meeting.
3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and Vice-President within thirty days of the election.
4. The term of office will be one year with no term limitations.
5. All members will serve without compensation.
6. The Board shall be appointed by the Officers within thirty days of the annual election. Any member wishing to serve as a Board Member may submit his/her name to the Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) for inclusion on a list of eligible candidates. As openings occur eligible candidates will be selected and appointed by the Executive Committee. Any Board Member may be removed by a majority vote of the Board.
7. Board meetings will be called at the discretion of the officers. Meeting locations, dates and times will be announced at membership meetings.
8. Vacancies that occur on the Board shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Board within thirty days after the resignation.
9. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint such committees as necessary to carry out the activities of the club, act as Ex Officio member of all committees, issue the call for all regular and special meetings.
10. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.
11. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for all Club funds; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the Club; and perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer. Club bank account withdrawal transactions shall require the signatures of two Officers. Cash Receipts shall be counted by two individuals and certified by their signatures on a dated tally sheet which shall be retained for reconciliation purposes. Treasury records shall be reconciled annually.
12. The Secretary shall record, distribute and maintain minutes of the Club meetings, give notice of all regular and special meetings, and handle Club correspondence.

## **ARTICLE 7. STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Standing Committees will be established and terminated at the discretion of the Officers who will assign a Chairperson and individual members as appropriate.

## **ARTICLE 8. DISSOLUTION**

1. Upon dissolution of Club, all assets shall upon majority voice vote be given to recognized charity of members' choice.

## **ARTICLE 9. EQUIPMENT**

1. Club equipment shall only be used for official club functions.

## **ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

1. The Constitution may be altered, amended or repealed and new Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a meeting for which written notice shall be given at least one month prior to the intention to alter, amend, repeal or adopt the new Constitution.