

SOONER MODEL A CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Sooner Model A Club. It shall be a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America with its principal office in the greater Oklahoma City area.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 1. This organization will be composed of owners of Model A Ford cars who are interested in restoring and maintaining the car in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community.

SECTION 2. This organization will serve as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information, and parts for owners and admirers of the Model A Ford car. It will also aid in efforts to restore and preserve the Model A Ford car.

SECTION 3. This organization will help owners become better acquainted with one another and encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociability and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

SECTION 4. This organization will be non-profit, non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The primary requirement for membership shall be an interest in the objectives of the organization and a desire to participate in its activities. Actual possession of a Model A Ford is not a necessity. A member must be of good character as to be of benefit to the club, its functions and activities. An active member must be a member of the Model A Ford Club of America.

SECTION 2. An active membership shall entitle each the husband and the wife or a single person the following privileges:

- A. One vote for each in club elections, amendments to the by-laws, etc.
- B. Participation for each in club competition for prizes, etc.
- C. Notice of club activities.
- D. A copy of the By-Laws.
- E. A copy of the membership roster.
- F. A copy of the club publication.

Items C thru F will be shared jointly by husband and wife.

SECTION 3. Family memberships shall be issued to the immediate members of the family of an active member. Family members must be of the same household as the active member. Family members will not have the right to vote, but will be entitled to all other benefits of the club.

SECTION 4. Membership dues shall be \$20.00 per year. Members are encouraged to pay their national dues directly to the Model A Ford Club of America. Memberships are not retroactive; they commence on January 1 or date dues are paid and expire on December 31. Dues will be considered delinquent and continuous membership will cease if dues are not paid by January 1.

SECTION 5. Dues paid by new members on or after November 1 will be valid to the end of the year in which paid, and the following year.

SECTION 6. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary. Such resignation shall not relieve the member resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

SECTION 7. Membership in this organization is not transferable.

SECTION 8. In the event of death of a club member or member's immediate family – in lieu of flowers – a memorial of \$25.00 will be sent to the charity or memorial fund of the family's choice.

ARTICLE IV – MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. The regular monthly meeting of the club members shall be held on a day of the month and time of day as recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the club membership. The day and time of any particular meeting may be varied by the Executive Board. Members must be given prior notice of such a change.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the members may be called either by the President or quorum of the Executive Board or not less than one-tenth of the members having voting rights. A written notice stating the place, day and time of any special meeting must be delivered to each member not less than five or more than forty days before the date of each meeting. The purpose for which the special meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board shall select the place of meeting for all club meetings.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Social Media Officer and two Directors.

SECTION 2. An Officer must be a member of the Sooner Model A Club. An Officer must be able to attend most of the monthly meetings of the members and the Executive Board. The Treasurer must be able to be bonded.

SECTION 3. The term of office shall be for a period of one year. An Officer can succeed himself or herself in the same office, for a maximum of three years, with the exception of the Office of Editor, which will be exempt for the maximum of three years. The term of office shall begin on January 1.

SECTION 4. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President by August 5th of each year. The committee shall consist of not less than three active club members. The committee shall nominate members who, in their opinion, will be best qualified to serve as officers of the club.

At least ten days prior to the September club meeting, the nominating committee shall cause all members to be notified of the candidates it will place in nomination.

At the regular September club meeting, the nominating committee shall place in nomination its candidates for the offices to be filled. The President shall open the meeting for nominations from the floor. No club member may be nominated by the nominating committee or from the floor unless said club member shall have been contacted regarding such nomination and shall have agreed to serve if elected.

SECTION 5. In the event that only one person is nominated for an office, that person will be elected by acclamation of the membership at the September club meeting.

If more than one person is nominated for an office, the nominating committee shall cause a ballot for each office so contended to be prepared for voting at the October club meeting. Members unable to attend the October club meeting may send their vote to the nominating committee prior to the October club meeting. Members voting by mail must identify themselves on the outside of the envelope. The ballots will be removed from the envelope at the October club meeting in such a fashion that no individual will know how another member voted, if possible.

SECTION 6. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the club and shall, in general, supervise all of the business and affairs of the club. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Executive Board. He or she shall perform all duties incident to the Office of President.

SECTION 7. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

SECTION 8. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meeting of the members and the Executive Board. He or she shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws, keep a register of the post office address of each member, and, in general, perform duties incident to the office of Secretary.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer shall have custody and responsibility for all funds of the club. All books and records of the club may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any purpose at any reasonable time. A newly elected Treasurer may request an audit of the books. After such request, two members of the outgoing Executive Board appointed by the President will review the status of the books.

SECTION 10. The Editor shall complete the monthly newsletter (Scuttlebutt) in a timely and mail it so it will be received by the membership prior to each month's meeting.

SECTION 11. The Web and Social Media Officer shall maintain a web presence at soonermodela.org and various social media platforms as determined by the Board.

SECTION 12. The Directors will serve in whatever capacity as needed at the direction of the President.

SECTION 13. Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Board will be filled by appointment by the Executive Board for the balance of the term.

SECTION 14. All officers are subject to recall. Charges shall be presented in writing to the Executive Board. Charges shall be signed by three members of the Executive Board or by twenty-five percent of the membership. The recalled officer(s) shall have the opportunity of defense at all meetings when the charges are discussed. If five members of the Executive Board present approve the recall, it shall be presented to the next meeting of members. If seventy-five percent of the members present approve the recall, the officer(s) shall be recalled.

SECTION 15. No member shall receive compensation for services rendered to the club.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the seven elected officers of the club.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall manage the affairs of the club, including but not limited to, management of the club finances and insure a minimum carry over of five hundred dollars in the club treasury to the next calendar year. Each officer shall have one vote at the Executive Board meeting.

SECTION 3. The regular monthly meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on a day of the month and time of day as recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the membership. The day and time of any particular meeting may be varied by the President. Executive Board members must be given at least 48 hours prior notice of such a change.

SECTION 4. The place of the regular monthly Executive Board meeting shall be determined by the Executive Board or the President.

SECTION 5. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or not less than three members of the Executive Board. Executive Board members must be given at least 48 hours prior notice of a special meeting stating time, place and purpose.

SECTION 6. The presence of four members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. If less than four members of the Executive Board are present, a meeting cannot be convened.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

A program committee, a membership committee and an activity/tour committee should be appointed by the President. Other committees may be appointed as necessary. It is recommended that one member (preferably the chairman) of each committee be a member of the Executive Board. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of each committee.

ARTICLE VIII – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed during the regular monthly meeting of the club.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

A proposed amendment to the by-laws must be approved by the Executive Board for submission to the membership. The proposed amendment shall be provided to the membership within sixty days. Questions concerning the amendments will be called for and discussed at the first regular club meeting after it is received. The members will vote on the amendment at the second regular club meeting after it is received. There will be an open vote unless a vote by ballot is requested. If the proposed amendment receives a majority vote of the members voting, it will be incorporated immediately in the by-laws of the club. Members unable to attend the meeting, at which a vote on the by-laws will be conducted, may send their vote to the Executive Board prior to the meeting. Members so voting must identify themselves on the outside of the envelope. The ballot will be removed from the envelope at the meeting in such a fashion that no individual will know how another member voted if possible.

ARTICLE X – TRUSTEES

The two Directors shall serve as trustees of the corporation.

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