

***The Long Island & New York City
Oldsmobile Club
OCA Chapter #5 By-Laws***

Definitions: Masculine Pronouns are used to indicate all genders and are not intended to be discriminatory.

ARTICLE #1 – Name & Purpose

- 1.1 This Club shall be known as the “Long Island & New York City Oldsmobile Club”, a car oriented organization; hereafter known as the “CLUB”.
- 1.2 The members of this Club are united under one common goal: The Preservation, Restoration, and Enjoyment of the vehicles end products associated with the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation and the founder of the Olds Motor Works, Ransom Eli Olds.
- 1.3 The Club shall encourage it’s members to:
 - A. Help each other in all efforts and activities in connection with the Club.
 - B. Help in promotion of, full discussion of, and exchange of ideas regarding the planning and conduct of Club activities.
 - C. Help in the support and improvement of the methods used in those efforts and activities.

ARTICLE #2 – Officers & Board Members

- 2.1 The Officers of this Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman.
- 2.2 Officers shall be elected to a term of no more that (1) one year and serve no more than (3) consecutive terms in any one (1) office.
- 2.3 The term Board shall mean the Board of Directors consisting of five (5) elected officers plus the Web Master and the immediate past President.

ARTICLE #3 – Duties of the Officers & Board

- 3.1 The President shall preside at all Club meetings and shall be an official member of all committees. He shall perform all such duties as are incidental to the OFFICE such as being responsible for the appointment of all committee members and the Webmaster.
- 3.2 The Vice-President in the absence of the President shall exercise all the functions and duties of the President and shall be vested with all of his/her powers. The Vice-President shall also be the Activities Coordinator of the Club, and be

responsible for the appointment of each Activity Chairperson. He will also be responsible for the collection of information and data from each Activity Chairperson for presentation to the Board.

- 3.3 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club and shall read the appropriate minutes at the next respective meeting. He will take charge of all documents belonging to the Club when requested.
- 3.4 The Treasurer shall have charge of all Club funds and shall conduct all the Clubs financial business and keep an accurate record there-of. The Treasurer and/or the President shall sign all checks drawn. The Treasurer shall present a working budget to the Board at the first (1st) Board Meeting of the calendar year.
- 3.5 The Membership Chairman shall maintain all the Club's records pertaining to current membership, shall make available applications to anyone requesting them, shall collect all membership dues and maintain all records of the meeting(s) attendance and shall be responsible for the issuance of club By-Laws to each new member and record when issued.
- 3.6 The Board is to resolve any and all issues presented before it, obtain from the Vice President updates on all committees each month for presentation to the membership. Decide what items require membership involvement and set an agenda for the next general membership meeting. The Board at the first board meeting of the calendar year try to formulate a "Calendar of Events" for the coming year.

ARTICLE #4 - Membership

- 4.1 Membership in the Club will not be denied to anyone on the basis of Race, Creed, Color, Sex, National Origin, Religion, or Sexual Preference.
- 4.2 Each Club member must be at least eighteen (18) years old.
- 4.3 The Membership fee, as determined by the majority of the members present, shall be for a period of one (1) year.
- 4.4 The application for membership in the Club will include the members spouse and children under the age of eighteen (18).
- 4.5 Membership in the Club entitles that member to one vote, participation in all Club functions and meetings, and to all benefits provided by the Club.
- 4.6 Resignation of any Club member does not entitle that member to a refund of dues.
- 4.7 Resignation of any Club Officer shall be done in writing to the Secretary.
- 4.8 Any member who has failed to remit payment of their dues by the first day of the month following the renewal shall fall out of "Good Standing" within the Club.
- 4.9 A Member is considered in "Good Standing" when said member is not delinquent in their dues, has worked for the benefit of the Club, and has attended a minimum of four (4) general membership meetings between September of one year and August of the next.
- 4.10 All members are responsible for their copy of the Club By-Laws once they have been issued and must adhere to all Club membership rules.

ARTICLE #5 – Disciplinary Action

- 5.1 Disciplinary action may be requested against any member who jeopardizes the integrity and/or policies of the Club.
- 5.2 Any Request for Disciplinary action must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- 5.3 A Disciplinary committee must be formed by the President or subsequent officer, of at least three (3) of the general members, other than elected officers, to review the charges.
- 5.4 The President will notify the member under review in writing within thirty (30) days of the original complaint.
- 5.5 The accused member will have the right to prepare a defense in a manner and time acceptable to and convenient to the committee.
- 5.6 Disciplinary action of a member must be decided by all five (5) Officers after receiving the findings and recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 5.7 Any Disciplined Member will receive notification of the action of the Board from the President, in writing, within sixty (60) days of the original complaint.
- 5.8 Disciplinary actions may consist of one or all of the following: 1) A written or verbal warning. 2) Temporary suspension of which the term shall be determined by the Board. 3) Dismissal from the Club.

ARTICLE #6 Elections of Officers & Voting Rights

- 6.1 Any Club member may run for office providing they have been a member in “Good Standing”, as described in Article #4, Section 4.9 for one (1) full year (12 months) or more and has attended at least six (6) general membership meetings of the Club prior to the September annual meeting.
- 6.2 The annual meeting of the Club will be the September meeting
- 6.3 Elections of Club Officers will be held at the Annual Meeting.
- 6.4 At a general membership meeting to be held no later than July, a nominating committee shall be formed of two (2) volunteers of the general membership. If none are forthcoming, the President shall appoint them. The nominating committee will seek at least two members for each office as mentioned in Article 2. All nominees must meet the criteria in Article 6, Section 6.1
- 6.5 The Nominating Committee will present a list of nominees to the membership at the August and September meetings.
- 6.6 Names of all candidates must be placed in a nomination from the floor at the August and September meetings.
- 6.7 Voting will take place at the September annual meeting before all the other business is conducted.
- 6.8 Voting will be conducted by secret ballot only in the event of two (2) or more nominees. If only one (1) person seek the particular office, that person must receive a “Vote of Confidence” by the general membership.
- 6.9 The Nominees receiving the majority of the votes cast will be installed into office at the end of the annual meeting.

- 6.10 Any Club member will be allowed to vote in the election providing that they have been a member for six (6) months and is currently a member in "Good Standing" as described in Article 4, Section 4.9
- 6.11 No member shall accept a nomination for more than one (1) office.
- 6.12 In the event of a resignation of an officer, or should a vacancy in any office excluding the presidency occur, the Club Officers remaining shall elect a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. In the case of the President, the Vice-President will succeed.
- 6.13 Members currently holding office may run for the same office or another office at the time of the Annual Meeting. However there will be a maximum limit of three (3) consecutive terms that any Officer may hold the same office, as described in Article 2, Section 2.2

ARTICLE #7 – Amendments

- 7.1 The By-Laws may be amended by a three quarter (2/3) majority vote of the members who qualify as stated in Article 6, Section 6.10
- 7.2 Any amendment(s) shall be must be presented to the active members at a regular meeting one (1) month prior to meeting at which the vote will take place. Active members are those individuals who are eligible to vote in the General Elections as stated in Article 6 Section 6.10.
- 7.3 All amendments will become effective immediately upon passage.

ARTICLE #8 – Meetings

- 8.1 Meetings will be held for the general membership on a monthly basis.
- 8.2 Board meetings (Board Members / Club Officers) will be held quarterly or as needed.
- 8.3 The Club Officers reserve the right to change the date, time, and place of the meetings.
- 8.4 Unless otherwise asked to attend, only the Board Members and Club Officers will attend Board meetings.
- 8.5 The vote of the majority of the Board Members at any meeting shall be the vote of The Board. Any vote of the Board that affects "Club Policy" must be ratified by a majority vote of the Membership at the next General Membership meeting.

Article 9 – Web Site

- 9.1 The Club shall maintain a Web Site to support the General Membership and Car Collector Community with news, events, photos, stories, and general information.
- 9.2 The Board shall appoint a Web Master to manage and maintain the Web Site.
- 9.3 The Club shall offer "Paid for Advertising and Sponsorships", to supplement the cost of the Web Site.
- 9.4 Items posted to the Web site will be overseen by the President and Vice President to ensure that all web site content and information is correct and meets the general guidelines of the Club to support the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of the vehicles associated with the Oldsmobile Division of the General Motors Corporation and the founder of the Olds Motor Works Ranson E Olds.

Article 10 – Committees

- 10.1 Any Club Member may serve on a committee as outlines in Article 3, Section 3.1
- 10.2 A Committee must consist of at least (2) Members.
- 10.3 All Committees shall be governed by a majority vote of that Committee.
- 10.4 The By-Laws Committee appointed by the President as outlined in Article 3. Section 3.1, will periodically review the By-Laws of the Club to see if any Article(s) need amending, review, and acceptance by The board, shall carry these recommendations to the General Membership for ratification.

Article – 11 – Official Club Color

- 11.1 The official color of The Club shall be Maroon.

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