

Island Classic Mustang Club



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By-Laws of the Island Classic Mustang Club

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Article 1: Name, Purpose and Emblem

Section I:

The name of this organization shall be *Island Classic Mustang Club*, referred to hereafter as *The Club*.

Section II:

The purpose of *The Club* shall be to:

- A. To bring together owners and enthusiasts of Ford Mustangs and other special interest Ford and Lincoln-Mercury vehicles to promote motoring as a sport and a past time. To encourage pride of ownership and to preserve these automobiles.
- B. To promote, organize and supervise *Club* outings, meetings and events including, but not limited to, tours, rallies, the annual show and any other events that *The Club* may choose to partake in.
- C. To establish and enforce rules and regulations governing all *Club* activities.
- D. To provide members with technical information and to encourage the exchange of ideas and general information pertaining to the efficient operation of member's vehicles.
- E. To promote and encourage safe driving skills.

Section III:

The emblem of *The Club* shall be of any design selected by two-Thirds majority of the general membership, but shall always contain the inscription *Island Classic Mustang Club*.

Article 2: Membership, Dues and Termination

Section I:

Regular Members must:

- A. Have an enthusiasm for Ford Mustangs in particular and other Ford vehicles in general.
- B. Possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and insurance Coverage that satisfies the WA State Responsibility Act. Members, both current and prospective, must be able to show proof of these items upon request of the executive committee.
- C. Have paid dues and Fees as provided by Section 3 of this article.

Section II:

- A. Application for membership to *The Club* shall be made on the form provided by *The Club*. Applicants may be required to show proof of insurance and a valid driver's license before acceptance.
- B. Persons under 18 years of age are accepted under a family membership until the end of the calendar year of their 18th birthday. After reaching 18 years of age, they will be required to pay dues to remain in *The Club*. Persons under the age of 18 will be accepted as individual regular members only with the express written consent of a parent or guardian relieving *The Club* of any and all liability.

Section III:

- A. Acceptance shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of *The Club* members present at the time of application.
- B. *Club* dues will be payable at *The Club* meeting in January of each year.
- C. Yearly Dues to be set by Articles 5 – Section I – Paragraph A.
- D. All new members will receive a copy of *The Club's* By-laws, a current membership list and decal of club emblem. These will be given to the member at the first meeting following their acceptance by *The Club*, provided all dues and fees are current.

Section IV:

- A. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, a member can be suspended if they have not paid the current year's dues by *The Club* meeting in March.
- B. Any member can be suspended by a two-thirds majority vote of the presiding members for infractions of *The Club's* rules or any other causes considered by the Executive Committee to be detrimental to *The Club* or its members. Upon suspension, The member shall be informed in writing of said action and shall be given reasonable opportunity to be heard by the Executive Committee.
- C. Suspended members can be expelled from *The Club* by a two-thirds majority vote of the members. The Executive Committee shall notify the member in writing within one week of the meeting that expulsion is being considered. Any member being considered for expulsion shall have the opportunity upon request to have the charges against them read and to state their case at the next *Club* meeting. After hearing the charge and the defense, the membership shall vote by secret ballot. A two-thirds majority will be required for expulsion. *The Club's* final decision will be given to the member in question by certified letter within one week of the ballot.
- D. Any member may resign from *The Club* by directing a Letter of Resignation to the Executive Committee. Resignation will be effective upon receipt or by a date specified in the letter. No outstanding dues will be refunded to resigning members.
- E. Any member indebted to *The Club* for any reason at the time of resignation or expulsion shall still remain responsible to *The Club* for the debt. If the debt remains unpaid after 60 days from the termination of membership, the Executive Committee may take action to collect the debt as it sees fit.
- F. The *Island Classic Mustang Club*, its officers and members will not tolerate prejudice, harassment or discrimination in any form. *The Club* is open to all persons of any color, creed,

gender, nationality, religion or sexual preference. Any form of abuse against anyone based on their origins, preferences or gender shall be grounds for immediate suspension and expulsion from *The Club*.

Article 3: The Club Government

Section I:

- A. The government of *The Club* will be by the Executive Committee, the elected officers and necessary committees as herein defined.

Section II:

- A. The elected officers of *The Club* shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. Nominations for each elected office may be made by the membership at the October and November meetings. Nominations will be closed at the close of the November meeting.
- C. Officers shall be declared elected upon receiving a majority of votes cast at the Annual Meeting/Christmas party in December.

Section III:

- A. The President shall serve no more than two terms in succession. If, after a year as a regular member, a former president wishes to run again, that will be permitted. Other officers shall be permitted to serve any number of consecutive terms.
- B. The Vice-President shall chair meetings, both general and the Executive Committee, in the President's absence. The VP will assume the role of President should the President leave *The Club* for any reason.
- C. The Secretary will document all *Club*-related functions and will take minutes of all general meetings. The secretary ranks immediately below the Vice-President in the chain of seniority on the Executive Committee.

- D. The Treasurer shall receive monies of *The Club* and make payments of *The Club's* debts. The Treasurer shall give a report of *The Club's* financial status at every *Club* meeting of the membership. The Treasurer is fourth in seniority on the Executive Committee.
- E. The President has the power to appoint committees as needed to perform functions for *The Club*. These functions can include, but are not limited to, show and parades.
- F. All officers and committee members must be regular members in good standing with *The Club*.
- G. A *Club* Historian shall be appointed to keep a record of *The Club's* history and corresponding events.

Section IV:

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members: The four elected officers and the past president. If the past president is unable or unwilling to serve on the committee, the other four members of the committee will select a regular member. A quorum shall consist of three of the five members.
- B. The chair of a meeting of the Executive Committee will be the highest-ranking member of the committee present.
- C. Only the Executive Committee is authorized to commit *The Club's* members or money to any purpose.
- D. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the members of *The Club*. Only members of the Committee will be allowed to vote in these meetings. Members attending but not on the Committee shall be allowed to voice opinions on the matter at hand if recognized by the chair at his or her discretion.
- E. The Executive Committee shall approve all general operating expenditures of *The Club*. Any member who wishes reimbursement from *The Club* must obtain permission for the expense from the Committee first and submit a bill in writing to

the Treasurer for payment. In the event that the expense has not been approved, the member may request consideration for payment by the Executive Committee. Expenses related to regular *Club* business such as, but not limited to, the Newsletter or mailbox rent are not subject to these restrictions.

Article 4: Dissolution of The Club

- A. In the unlikely event that *The Club* should be dissolved, any funds held by *The Club* shall be donated to a charity chosen by a simple majority vote of any remaining *Club* Members. In the event that a majority cannot be obtained, the funds will be divided equally among the chosen charities. This (these) donation(s) will be made following the payment of any outstanding debts owed to any *Club* members, officers or vendors.

Article 5:

Section I:

- A. Dues as of January 1, 2011 for *The Club* shall be \$15.00 per year for a family membership. For our purposes, family is defined as a household group.
- B. Changes to this document can only be made by a two-thirds vote of the members at a general meeting.

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