

BY-LAWS OF THE MOTOR CITY VIPER OWNERS CLUB

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization is the **MOTOR CITY VIPER OWNERS**. *Here in after referred to as MCVO.*

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this Club shall be as follows:

- 1) To encourage and promote the admiration for and ownership, care and maintenance with safe and courteous operation of the VIPER Automobile.
- 2) To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for owners of the VIPER, to aid in preserving these automobiles in their original likeness.
- 3) To provide an organization for club members to meet, socialize and maintain the spirit of good fellowship and to participate in the activities, including the use of their VIPER.
- 4) To further the interest of owners and drivers of VIPERS and to promote the safety and enjoyment of motoring in all phases.
- 5) To operate in the State of Michigan within the scope of the laws of this state.
- 6) The club shall be a non-profit organization.
- 7) The club shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

a) ACTIVE MEMBER

An individual at least 18 years of age paying one membership fee, listed with the National Business Office (currently JR Thompson Company). Membership shall be limited to current owners of a Dodge Viper which includes (but not limited to) disclosing the VIN or VON number as confirmation of ownership. A member in "Good Standing" is considered to be such when his/her dues/financial obligations to the club are paid in full, they currently own a Viper and have no board proceedings against them.

b) MEMBER

A spouse or significant other of an active member in good standing.

c) HONORARY Chapter MEMBER

An honorary MCVO member shall be an individual whose particular efforts on behalf of VIPERS and/or the club are exceptional and noteworthy. An honorary member shall be nominated by the floor and accepted by a majority vote of a quorum of members at a major event. This membership is in "designation" only for the region and not an official VCA National Status. At the time of designation, it will be stated if this is a paid or free membership.

2. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

- a) Only Active Members have the right to vote in National/Regional elections/matters and to hold National office, except a Dealer/Owner may not hold Office at the Region President level or higher. Only the Active Member per household may vote in National/Regional elections/matters if only one membership fee has been paid. If more than one membership fee is paid per household, then each paid membership fee conveys the right to one Active

Member ballot in National/Regional elections/matters.

- b) Only the Active Members can hold MCVO Executive Office, members can hold MCVO Director Positions.
- c) All members have the right to attend and participate in Club activities.
- d) All members may attend open meetings of the National/Regional Board as observers if space permits. Observers may voice opinions and enter into discussion at such meetings if invited to do so by the Board. An observer may not make or second a motion, nor vote on any action taken by the Board.
- e) Members may write the National/Regional President at least 45 days prior to a National/Regional Board Meeting, stating matters they wish brought before the Board.

3. DUES

- a) Dues are set forth by the Board of Officers/Directors and are payable each year by January 1st. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31, and can be prorated based on joining date. Dues become delinquent one month after the renewal date: determined to be February 1st and non-payment results in automatic termination of membership. Renewal dates can vary based on Board of Officers/Directors vote requiring 2/3 majority.

4. MEMBERSHIP STATUS & REQUIREMENTS

- a) Those members who paid their dues prior to August 10, 1995 shall be entitled to be designated as charter members and to be so designated on any club identification, although in no other respects will their rights and privileges be more extensive than those granted to non-charter members.
- b) Membership status is affected immediately upon the loss or acquisition of a VIPER. The Board of Officers/Directors can grant up to a six (6) month grace period before termination of membership (or if a valid vehicle order is in the system, until receipt of said vehicle).
- c) Members must be in possession of a valid driver's license.
- d) Members must have possession of a public liability and property damage insurance, or other evidence of personal financial responsibility in either the minimum amount required by the State or National Government in the amount of whichever is greater *to participate in any club sponsored events*.
- e) The officers, namely the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four directors are hereby granted the exclusive power and discretion to reject applications or abolish the membership of any person. Such action shall be taken by this panel as a group and as a result of the agreement of the membership.

5. EXPULSION OF MEMBERSHIP

The National or Regional Board, upon its own initiative or upon the resolution of the current legal governing body of any Zone, may bring expulsion charges against any member for conduct detrimental to the welfare of the Club. The affected member shall be notified in writing with a full statement of the reasons by first class mail sent to their last known address. Within thirty days of mailing the charges, the member may request a hearing before the Board by mailing such request to the National Business Office. If a request for hearing is not received within 30 days, the Board may decide whether to terminate the membership. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held at a place to be determined by the National/Regional President. The hearing shall be informal and the rules of evidence shall not apply. Following a hearing, the Board shall decide whether to terminate the membership. The Board may, with or without a hearing, take action less than expulsion, including reject the charges, reassign the member, reprimand the member or such other action as may be appropriate. The decision of the Board is final and cannot be appealed. If membership is terminated, all membership rights, including prepaid dues, shall be forfeited. Any member expelled, or who resigns after expulsion charges have been brought, is barred from any class of membership for life.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- a) The Executive Officers will be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- b) The Directors shall be Membership, Apparel, Motorsports and Social.
- c) An officer/director must be an active member in good standing.
- d) Nomination for Officers and elected positions shall be made by the November/December meeting or as outlined by the Board, but shall occur no later than the last day of the year. The cutoff date for the acceptance of nominations must be listed in the club newsletter. All running candidates must be identified by this date to be placed on the voting ballot. Any position with no nominations shall be identified with an open line. At the election, nominations for any open

positions can be made. If no candidate(s) are nominated at that time, the board will appoint the open position at its first board meeting. The Officer Election meeting must be listed in the club newsletter and must take place by the end of January, for the New Year. The term of office shall be for one (1) year and no one person shall serve on the Executive Board for more than six (6) consecutive years. Absentee ballots will be allowed, but the absentee member must sign his/her ballot for validation, and the ballot must be received by the Election meeting.

- e) Vacancy in office shall be filled for the unexpired term by nomination and vote of the members at the next regular meeting.
- f) The duties of the President are as follows:
 - 1) To issue the call for all regular and special meetings
 - 2) To preside over all meetings
 - 3) To schedule regular elections and ensure that they are held in accordance with the by-laws.
 - 4) To delegate authority and responsibility as necessary to accomplish the purpose of the club.
 - 5) To implement, administer and explain the policies of the executive panel.
 - 6) To act as Ex-Officio member on all committees.
- g) The duties of the Vice-President
 - 1) To perform, in the absence of the President, all of the duties of the President stated above.
 - 2) To be Chairman of the Program Committee, in that he/she shall plan the activities of the club in conjunction with the Committee.
- h) The duties of the Secretary are as follows:
 - 1) To record and maintain the minutes of the meetings.
 - 2) To supervise all records of the Club.
 - 3) To perform such duties that, from time to time, may be specifically assigned to him/her by the President.
- i) The duties of the Treasurer are as follows:
 - 1) To collect dues and other income of the club.
 - 2) To handle all incoming mail.
 - 3) To maintain Club accounting books.
 - 4) To make regular *monthly* reports of the Club's financial condition.
 - 5) To perform such duties that, from time to time may be specifically assigned to him/her by the President.
 - 6) To issue checks to be signed by two (2) of the Executive Officers.
- j) The duties of the four Directors shall consist of the description below and as assigned by the President.
 - **Membership Director – Maintain Club Membership Records/Club Directory**
 - **Apparel Director – Handle/Coordinate Club apparel and collectibles**
 - **Social Director – Handle/Coordinate Club Social functions**
 - **Motorsports Director – Handle/Coordinate Club Driving Events**
- k) The President shall appoint any and all Committees necessary to conduct the business of the Club. They shall include, but not be limited to the Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Finance Committee, Membership Committee and Newsletter Committee.
- l) The club shall have a Club Advisor position. This is a non-executive position, without voting rights that offers past experience and guidance to the board. The position is offered to the outgoing President first, if refused or if they are holding another office, then becomes an appointed position by the current board.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- a) The time and place of meetings shall be designated by the President.
- b) Written notice of all meetings shall be given to each member in good standing prior to the meeting.
- c) At all regular or special meetings, the active members in good standing who remain in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- d) All club business will be approved and/or rejected on the basis of a majority of votes cast by the members present at

any scheduled Club meeting.

- e) All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules and Order of Business.

ARTICLE VI **DISSOLUTION**

- a) In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, after satisfying its debts, all of its income, property and assets shall be distributed to such non-profit charitable, scientific, educational or municipal corporation or corporations as may be selected by its Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. In the event of the dissolution, in no way shall any of the assets or property of this corporation or the proceeds of any assets or property be distributed to its members.

ARTICLE VII **POLICIES**

- a) The club will maintain a minimum amount of \$2500 in its treasury at all times. This will serve as insurance for the club longevity. At NO TIME can the amount of club available funds dip below this amount.

ARTICLE VIII **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

- a) These by-laws may be altered, amended or replaced by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting at any regular meeting provided however, that such alteration, amendment or replacement shall be read at a regular meeting prior to the meeting at which such is to be considered and a copy of such matter shall be sent to the membership as a part to the notice prior to the meeting at which action is taken on such alteration, amendment or replacement.

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