

# **BY-LAWS**

## **DALLAS-FORT WORTH CHAPTER**

### **MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA**

#### **ARTICLE I - OBJECTIVES**

Section 1. The Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America is a family club dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and development of a greater appreciation for the Model T Ford and shall serve as a source of accurate and technical information concerning the Model T Ford for the benefit of its members as well as the general public.

#### **ARTICLE II - OFFICES**

Section 1. The offices of this Chapter shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) Directors, all which shall be active in the local Chapter and members in good standing with the National Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. The Officers and Directors shall be elected as part of the November business meeting, and installed during the December meeting, and shall serve for one year or until successors are duly qualified and elected.

#### **DUTIES OF THE OFFICES**

Section 2.

A. The President shall preside over all the meetings of the board of Directors and meetings of the members. He shall sign all contracts and other instruments of writing which shall have first been approved by the Board of Directors and/or the membership at a regular meeting. The President shall appoint an editor for the Chapter Newsletter, whose duties are effective January 1st of the new year, and a nominating committee by August 1st of the same year. Other committees may be appointed as required for the benefit of the Chapter.

B. In the absence of the President, or his inability to act, the Vice President shall preside in his place.

C. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the members; shall make service of such notices as may be necessary and proper; shall supervise and control the keeping of the books and accounts of the Chapter and shall discharge such other duties as pertain to his office or as prescribed by the Board of Directors. Prior to January 15th of each year, the Secretary shall certify to the National Club the names of the Officers elected to serve in the ensuing year and furnish a list of Chapter members with their addresses.

D. The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the Chapter and deposit same in such bank as may be convenient. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Chapter as may be ordered only by the Board of Directors, and shall render to the President and Directors when they request it, an account of all transactions of the office. The Chapter funds shall be paid out on the check of the Chapter, and shall require the signature of two (2) of the above Officers to be valid.

E. Directors (2). The Directors shall consist of two (2) elected members who are to combine their efforts in conjunction with the above Officers, forming the Board of Directors for the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter, Model T Ford Club of America. The Board of Directors shall actively participate in the management and control of all affairs of the Chapter.

F. Any office may be declared vacant by a 2/3 vote of the Board or the written resignation of an Office. A vacant office must be filled within thirty (30) days by a majority vote of the Board. An Officer appointed in this manner will serve until replaced or re-elected during the following November annual business meeting.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. **ACTIVE MEMBER:** Any person interested in actively promoting the objectives of this Chapter; which active member is entitled to all Chapter privileges, including the right to hold office and one (1) vote.

Section 2. **FAMILY UNIT:** Members living under the same roof, including the spouse, and children under the age 18, shall be considered the family unit. There shall be two (2) votes per family unit, one from the husband and one from the wife.

Section 3. **APPLICATION:** Application for membership in this Chapter must be submitted in writing annually to the Secretary, accompanied by dues for the current year and shall become effective upon issuance of a membership card by the Secretary.

Section 4. **DUES:** Chapter dues for each member or family unit are assessed for the calendar year. Such dues are payable January 1st of each year and are delinquent February 1st. After that date all voting privileges, delivery of information and publications will be suspended to a delinquent member. New members received after October 1st of any year will be effective through the following year.

Section 5. **SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, REINSTATEMENT:** Any member is automatically suspended from the club for non-payment of dues after February 1st and will be dropped from the active roster. The Board of Directors shall have summary power to suspend, expel or terminate the membership of any member for conduct which is, in its opinion, disturbing to the order, dignity, business, harmony, or impairs the good name, popularity or good will of the organization. Upon expulsion a member shall not be reinstated without full approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. **GENERAL:** Upon suspension, resignation, expulsion, or death of a member, his rights and privileges as a member of this club shall cease.

### **ARTICLE IV - MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. **ORGANIZATION MEETINGS:** Regular membership meetings shall be held at 2:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, except when changed by a membership vote at a preceding meeting or changed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Chapter shall hold a minimum of three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors during the fiscal year. It may hold as many such meetings as the membership and Board of Directors may desire.

Section 3. **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION:** The Chapter shall hold its annual business meeting and election of the Officers and Directors in November of each year. The Board of Directors and Officers shall serve for one year as outlined in Article II, Section 1.

### **ARTICLE V - CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Certificate of membership shall be of form and device as the Board of Directors may elect, and each certificate shall be signed by the President or his duly assigned agent, and express on its face its number, and the name of the person to whom it is issued.

### **ARTICLE VI - PERSONAL LIABILITY**

Section 1. All persons of the organization extending credit to, contracting with or having any claim against the organization, shall look only to the funds and property of the organization for payment of any contract, claim, debt, judgment, damage, decree or cause, any money that may in any way become payable from the Chapter.

Section 2. Neither the members of the organization, the Board of Directors, nor Officers, present or future, shall be personally liable for any debt as set forth in Section 1. of Article VI.

Section 3. This organization is a non-profit organization, and a Texas Corporation; the members hereof shall not be entitled to any individual or collective interest, participation, share, right and/or proprietary right in and to assets of this club, but such assets shall be and constitute the individual property of this club; no dividends, pecunlary profits or payments of like nature shall ever be declared or paid to the members of this club.

#### **ARTICLE VII - FISCAL YEAR**

Section 1. The fiscal year of the club shall be the calendar year, beginning on the 1st day of January each year.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. BY MEMBERS: New By-laws may be adopted or these By-laws may be amended or repealed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active voting members present at the next meeting following a proposed By-law amendment, thus allowing the entire membership to be notified through the club Newsletter of the proposed amendment.

Section 2. BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, or repeal the By-laws. To become effective a proposed amendment or change must receive a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a regular or called special meeting of the Board of Directors present at a regular or called special meeting of the Board of Directors and a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Directors present at the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors with the allowance of two weeks minimum between such meetings. Amendments of Chapter By-laws made by the Board of Directors shall be published in the Chapter Newsletter.