# Revised Constitution \& By-Laws of The Lehigh Valley Corvair Club A Chapter of The Corvair Society of America (CORSA), Inc. 

## Article I Name \& Purpose

Sec. 1, This club shall be known as the Lehigh Valley Corvair Club Inc. (LVCC).

Sec. 2, The purpose of this club shall be the preservation and enjoyment of the Corvair cars, trucks, and related vehicles such as the Fitch Sprint and Yenko Stinger, and any other Corvair powered vehicles. Another purpose is to encourage and publish studies and research pertaining to the history of the Corvair. An additional purpose shall be to conduct meetings, activities and programs of any sort relating to the development and history of the Corvair automobile.

## Article II Officers

Sec. 1, The elected officers of this club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the latter which may be a combined post (Secretary-Treasurer). The term of office, for each of the above shall be one year, or until their successors are elected.

Sec. 2, LVCC shall have a Board of Directors. The members of the board shall consist of the elected officers.

## Article III Election of Officers

Sec. 1, Candidates for office shall be nominated at a duly scheduled meeting in the month of September or close thereto and voting shall take place by ballot at a duly scheduled the meeting in the month of the October or close thereto.

Sec. 2, A ballot shall be provided to each member, in person, by mail, or by electronic means. This ballot is to include all the duly-nominated candidates and blank space for write-in votes for each office.

Sec. 3, Each member shall mark his or her ballot, and submit it to the Secretary prior to or at the duly scheduled meeting at which voting is to take place. Ballots may be submitted to the Secretary in person, by mail, or by electronic means.

Sec. 4, The President shall appoint at least two tellers present at the meeting at which voting is to take place, to count the ballots and report the results of the election to the members. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

Sec. 5, Vacancies for any cause shall be filled by a vote of the members present at the next regular meeting of the club, said officer to serve unexpired term.

Sec. 6, In case of a tie vote, the members present at the next regular LVCC meeting will re-vote to break the tie.

## Article IV Duties of the Officers

Sec. 1, The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, shall appoint committees, shall preserve order, and may call a special meeting at any time. The President shall have the deciding vote on all questions of equal division.

Sec. 2, The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President.

Sec. 3, The Secretary shall keep in writing the minutes of all the meetings of the club. The Secretary shall receive all applications for membership. The Secretary shall receive and answer all correspondence to the club. The U.S. postal address of the Secretary shall be the club's official address unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4, The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the officers, have custody of all monies, debts, and obligations belonging to the club. He shall receive all monies of the club and deposit same in the club account. The Treasurer shall make all payment of club debts. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes, or other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the club Treasurer, or, in the absence of the Treasurer, the President. The Treasurer shall give bond at club expense, if required by the officers. The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the club at all regular meetings, and at any time if so required by the membership. No obligation or debt, or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without the specific prior approval of the majority of the officers.

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A majority of the officers may appoint an AssistantTreasurer to act in the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer.

Sec. 5, The Directors shall have the responsibility to assist in formulating club policy and operational decisions. Directors may serve on committees and shall assist the President as he directs.

## Article V Meetings

Sec. 1, General membership meetings shall be held a minimum of four times per year at times and places designated by the President and agreeable to the majority of the Board of Directors. The order of business at general membership meetings shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 2, The Board of Directors shall have the right to cancel or postpone or reschedule meetings due to holidays, inclement weather, etc. The Board of Directors shall also have the right to call special meetings. When a special meeting is called, all members shall be notified at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 3, A quorum shall be defined as the minimum number of members who must be present at a meeting to vote upon a motion made by a club member. For voting purposes, ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4, Subject to the quorum rules above and except as provided in Article XII, a simple majority of votes shall be required to approve any motion made by a club member.

Sec. 5, If a quorum is not present at three successive meetings, the Board of Directors shall have the right but not the obligation to either approve or disapprove any outstanding motion.

Sec. 6, In the event of an emergency or when time is of the essence, the Board of Directors may make motions and conduct voting on such motions by telephonic or other means of communication (such as email), provided however, that (a) reasonable efforts are made to contact all the members and (b) the tally of votes is documented for inspection at the next regular meeting. For any decision made by this method to be rendered effective, the total number of votes tallied shall meet or exceed the quorum percentages stated above.

## Article VI Members

Sec. 1, LVCC encourages its members to join the Corvair Society of America Inc. (CORSA). The Bard of Directors shall have the right to impose a surcharge on dues for those members who cannot demonstrate current membership in CORSA.

Sec. 2, Membership in the LVCC shall be extended to any person or persons interested in the restoration, preservation or operation of the Corvair automobile. Membership shall be extended to individuals and to families, the latter defined as two adults and all dependent children under the age of 18 living as a household at a single address.

Sec. 3, All privileges of membership may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

1. Dues unpaid with a final notice by the end of October and a grace period of 30 days.
2. Conduct unbecoming a person which would be detrimental to the organization. Such conduct should be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, who will in turn discuss the complaint. If the complaint is deemed legitimate, the member will be called before the board and given a chance to refute the charges against him or her. The Board of Directors may, by majority vote of the entire board membership, decide to expel that member. No refund of dues will be made.
3. Refusal of a member to appear before the Board of Directors within a reasonable length of time (maximum 2 regular meetings after having been notified) will result in automatic expulsion from LVCC.

## Article VII Dues

Sec. 1, Dues for membership in LVCC are on a year to year basis as follows: First of August to 31st of July the following year, at a rate decided on by a majority vote of the membership at a regular membership meeting.

Sec. 2, Dues for new members shall be included with the application and given to the club Secretary.

## Article VIII Newsletter

Sec. 1, The LVCC newsletter shall be named The Fifth WHEEL.

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Sec. 2, The newsletter shall be published and distributed to the membership monthly on a regular basis.

Sec. 3, An editor for ThE FIFTH WHEEL shall be appointed and be responsible for publication and timely distribution.

## Article IX Committees

Sec. 1, Special committees \& committee chairmen, shall be appointed as needed. The committees shall serve until the project is completed, or until the end of the program year.

## Article X Personal Liability

Sec. 1, All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with or having any claim against this club or the officers shall look only to the funds \& property of the club for payment of any contract or claim of, for the payment of any debt, or of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the club or the officers, so that neither the members of the club, or the officers, present or future, shall be personally liable therefore.

## Article IX Non-Profit Organization

Sec. 1, This club is a Non-Profit Organization, the members here of shall not be entitled to any individual or collective interest, participation, share, right and-or property right in and to the assets of this club, but such assets shall be and constitute the indivisible property right of the club; no dividends, pecuniary profits; stock dividends or payments of the like manner shall ever be declared or paid to the members of this club.

Sec. 2, In the event the LVCC should dissolve, after all obligations, debts, and contracts are paid in full, all remaining assets shall be turned over to The Corvair Society of America, Inc., or it's successors.

## Article XII Amendments

Sec. 1, This constitution \& these by-laws may be amended after the proposal to amend has been submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, and presented at a regular membership meeting for discussion. It then must be published in the newsletter intact as presented. At the next general membership meeting, it shall be voted on, a twothirds vote of a quorum is necessary for passage.

## Article XIII Audits

Sec. 1, The President shall, at his or her discretion, appoint two members who are not officers or members of any committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this club, and report on the audit at a subsequent general meeting.

Approved and Adopted
May 20, 2023

