

# LUBBOCK MUSTANG CLUB

## Official Bylaws

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the Lubbock Mustang Club is to facilitate the preservation and enjoyment of Ford Mustang automobiles in the Lubbock area through club activities and interaction between members. The Lubbock Mustang Club does not encourage or condone any unsafe or illegal activities relating to automobiles or the operation of same. All vehicles participating in or driving to and from Lubbock Mustang Club functions are required to be in compliance with all applicable laws including but not limited to coverage with liability insurance. Furthermore, all persons in joining the Lubbock Mustang Club or in participating in functions thereof recognize that operation of a motor vehicle has inherent risks which operator and passengers assume voluntarily and in the event of accident or injury, they agree to hold blameless the Lubbock Mustang Club, its officers, and its membership.

### **Membership**

Membership in the Lubbock Mustang Club is open to all people and is not restricted by age or car ownership (Minors and Mustang non-owners are permitted to join) and is based on the calendar year. *However, any person in joining or renewing membership agrees to abide by the bylaws of the club as a condition of their acceptance as, or continuing status as a member.* Members become voting members immediately after their dues are received by the treasurer. Memberships are to be renewed annually no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. Failure to pay dues for one month past the renewal month will result in the member's name being dropped from the rolls. Renewal reminders are published in the newsletter. Dropped members may rejoin at any time. In addition to receiving the newsletter, membership entitles the member, his/her immediate family living at home, and his/her guests to participate in all club events. Regardless of the number in the member's family, each family membership carries one vote in any and all matters of club policy. The only exception being if more than one family member is a duly elected or appointed officer. Club officers all have one vote regardless of their membership status. Furthermore, it is not against club policy for there to be more than one paid and voting membership within the same family or household.

## **Election of Officers**

The elected offices are president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, events director, club historian, and newsletter editor. Officers' duties are self-explanatory and interpreted by the current officers. Each officer may appoint other members to help them in their duties, but such appointees are not voting officers unless they have been approved by membership vote at the officer elections: Terms of office run from January 1, through December 31 and there are no term limits. Members may be nominated for office or volunteer at any time including at the time and place of the election. Elections are held at some published time and place (decided by the officers) before January 1, and are decided by simple majority of voting members present provided at least five are present. There are no absentee or proxy votes considered in any election, but any residing member of a household may cast that family's vote.

## **Rules of Succession**

In the event that the president is not able to fulfill his/her duties, the vice president shall perform temporarily or permanently in his/her place. If both president and vice-president are not able to perform their duties either temporarily or permanently, the remaining officers shall, by mutual consent and agreement, assume the duties of leadership. All other vacancies or non-performances of officers will be dealt with on an individual basis by mutual consent and agreement of the remaining officers and the membership.

## **Alcoholic Beverages**

No alcoholic beverages are served or allowed to be consumed at any function of the Lubbock Mustang Club.

## **Participation in Displays and Shows**

All official club displays and/or shows including but not limited to parades, volunteer shows, and paid shows are restricted to Mustangs (all years) and Ford-built automobiles (Ford, Lincoln, Mercury). The only exception being a show such as the annual car show which has classes for non-Ford makes. Members are not restricted in makes that are driven to meetings and other club functions that are not of a display nature.

## **Treasury Expenditures**

With the exception of the newsletter expenses, any expenditure of treasury funds in excess of fifty dollars, must be approved by three current officers.

## **Method To Add or Alter Bylaws**

The handling of situations not specifically covered by the bylaws or any interpretation of same be the duty of the club officers. Changes or additions to the bylaws shall be dealt with in the following manner:

Any member may present in person in writing any change, addition, or proposal at any officers' meeting. The officers present, provided there are at least five, compose the bylaw committee and they decide, by simple majority vote, to propose or not to propose said change to the membership. If the vote is to propose, the proposal shall be published in two consecutive newsletters with the time and place of the final vote. Said final vote shall be held at the next scheduled officers' meeting after the two newsletter publications. Success or defeat of the measure will be decided by simple majority of the members present, provided there are at least five in attendance. If the five required members are not present, the vote will be postponed to the next officers' meeting. Defeated proposals may be re-submitted at any time.