

CONNECTICUT VALLEY DRIVING CLUB, INC.

BY-LAWS

(as revised, May 2020)

ARTICLE I: MISSION STATEMENT

The Connecticut Valley Driving Club, Inc. (CVDC) is formed to promote the enjoyment of all aspects of carriage and sleigh driving by providing historical context, offering educational and sporting opportunities, and encouraging safety.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OFFICERS

- A. **PURPOSE:** The CVDC is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, in accordance with Article I, and with the intention of being exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the same may be amended from time to time.
- B. **OFFICERS:** Officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who will be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present (including by proxy) at an annual meeting in November or at a special meeting called for this purpose. Officers will also constitute the Board of Directors.
- C. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:** The President shall preside at all meetings and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all meetings and the Treasurer shall collect and keep an accurate account of all monies. The President may appoint a committee of one (1) to audit the books of the Treasurer and will ensure that a second signature is maintained on file at the bank in the event the Treasurer is unavailable to perform his or her duties.
- D. **TERMS OF OFFICERS:** All officers will be elected for one year term which run from December 1 through November 30. Any office vacated after election shall be filled by a nomination made by the Board of Directors providing the person nominated is willing to take the office and confirmed by a vote by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present (including by proxy) at a special meeting called for this purpose.
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ARTICLE III: COMMITTEES

Committees shall be formed and dissolved as needed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

The CVDC will hold regular meetings as determined annually by the Board of Directors. A meeting of the members will be held annually for the purpose of electing Officers and for the transaction of other club business properly brought before the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors. Notice of special meetings must be in writing (including by electronic means) by the Secretary to all members in good standing at least ten days in advance.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership accompanied by dues shall be made in writing (including by electronic means) to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI: ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues shall be set by the membership and shall be payable in November. The fiscal year will be from December 1 to November 30. Members three months in arrears will be dropped from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws if proposed in writing may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present (including by proxy) at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the CVDC, after paying and making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the CVDC, members shall donate all remaining assets to a not-for-profit organization, as the members shall by vote determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court in the county in which the principal office of the club is then located

Voted on and accepted by member vote, approved by the Board of Directors on Sept. 9, 2020.