

# MID SOUTH MUSTANG CLUB

## BY LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### *NAME*

The name of the Organization shall be called Mid South Mustang Club and is a Chartered Regional Club of the National Organization Mustang Club of America and will abide by the By-Laws set forth by both the home club and the National Organization.

### ARTICLE II

#### *PURPOSE*

The purpose of the Organization is a non-profit automobile club which will conduct activities of a social and service manner for persons having a common interest in the appreciation of the Ford Mustang, Shelby, Roush, Saleen, Boss and other models of the Mustang and all generations of the Mustang automobiles from 1964½ to present. The organization will carry on Events, Social Activities, Road Rallies, and other non- speed events on public roads which members of the Organization are entitled to participate.

No part of the net earnings of the Organization shall insure to the benefit or be distributed to its Members, Directors, Officers or other private persons, except that the Organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein, provided that any monetary benefits which go to members shall be incidental to the operation of the Organization.

### ARTICLE III

#### *MEMBERSHIP*

Membership to the Organization shall be open to all persons with a genuine interest in the Ford Mustang, Shelby, Roush, Saleen, Boss and other models of the Mustang regardless of sex, race or religion. Membership shall require an annual fee as set by the Organization and subject to change with a vote of the Organization Officers.

Those individuals possessing membership shall enjoy all rights and privileges of this club. The Organization will accept individual memberships of persons 18 years of age and older and family memberships. Each individual will carry one vote in club meetings (family memberships will carry a vote for each spouse). Voting rights extend to paid members only.

Absentee Voting; will be allowed for Officer Elections only if for some reason a member cannot attend the November meeting. If a member is aware that he/she cannot attend the November meeting that person must request and fill out a ballot and return it to the Secretary signed and dated by the member and will also be signed by the Secretary who will give the member a receipt showing he/she did receive the ballot. That ballot will be included in the November voting results.

Membership; can be gained into the Organization in several different ways. A person may join at a Club Meeting, Event or Show where the club is present or by internet by going to the Club's website (www.midsouthmustangclub.com). Payment can be made in person, by cash or check or thru Paypal on the internet.

(The Organization holds the right to refuse any membership without any reason given and any monies paid by prospective member will be refunded).

A membership shall be terminated for failure to pay dues if dues are not paid by that members anniversary date. A letter will be sent to each member who's membership is coming due, before the membership is revoked the member will be allowed two (2) months past due date to pay dues. Infraction of club rules and/or other actions may also be cause for expulsion or disciplinary measures. Incidents in question will be brought before the Board consisting of club's Officers the member will be notified of infraction by the President. The Board Members will hold a Special Meeting and discuss said infraction; look at all variables relating to said infraction and the members standing with the organization. The Officers at that time will make a decision by vote if the said member will be removed from the organization. Also a decision will be made at that time if there will be a period when or if this member will be allowed back into the organization.

A member may resign his/her membership by filing a written resignation with the Club Secretary. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt of such notice. There will be no refund of unexpired dues.

## ARTICLE IV

### *DUES*

Annual Membership Dues; will be due on the Anniversary date of each year; example (if a member joins in June his/her dues will be renewed in June of the next year) and will be paid to the Membership Chairperson in the form of a check or cash along with a renewal form. Membership may also be renewed by going to the club website and filling out the proper form and pay dues thru Paypal. All membership renewals will be expected to be paid within 60 days of when due.

The dues may be changed with a vote of Club elected officers. The Fiscal Year for the Club will be December 31<sup>st</sup>. It is also requested each member keep current his / her MCA (Mustang Club of America) yearly dues.

## ARTICLE V

### *MEETINGS*

Regular club meetings of the members will be held on a monthly basis on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. During the course of the year, meetings may be held at other dates but will be announced sufficiently in advance to the membership. The majority of voting members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, any Officer or at the request of Fifty Percent (50%) or more members.

The meeting place will be designated by the President. A meeting place for monthly meetings will be set but could possibly change from time to time.

## *BOARD MEETINGS*

The Officers will meet periodically to handle the clubs business affairs and the business will be voted on at that meeting and relayed to the membership. The Officers of the club will be entrusted by the membership to handle the clubs business. At any monthly club meeting a member may inquire to any business that was taken care of in a Board Meeting. All elected Officers; the Director of Membership, Regional Director and appointed officers will carry one vote each in a Board Meeting at any time the President with the approval of the Board may nominate no more than two (2) Assisting Officers to sit in Board Meetings and place one (1) vote in the absence of an elected or appointed Board Member.

## ARTICLE VI

### *OFFICERS*

A member becomes eligible for nomination to hold office in the club after being a club member for at least two (2) full years and by attending no less than seventy five (75) % of club meetings and events but not a combination of both in the last 24 months of membership before nomination for office. Events can include Show & Shines and Car Shows or at a function the Board labels as an event on the Event Calendar.

The Officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, Director of Membership the MCA Regional Director and officers appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The Officers shall be selected by the membership thru a nomination and voting process except the Regional Director who is appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Nominations for Officers will take place during the October club meeting with voting on nominated Officers during the November club meeting. The newly elected Officers will assume office on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It is mandatory that any nominated and / or elected Officers of the Mid South Mustang Club be active members of Mustang Club of America.

\* The tenure of the Officers will run for a two (2) year period with nominations and voting taking place during the odd number years.

\* A proposed Amendment change was put before the membership present at the 10/27/2009 club meeting to keep this reading as is with two additional proposals, the meaning above, any officer in good standing that meets required qualifications can be nominated and elected for repeated terms of office in the same position. This proposal was voted on and passed to stay in the By-laws as reads above.

Any Officer may be removed by a majority vote of the active membership whenever, in their judgment, the best interest of the Club would be served by such action. Such removal shall be carried out only after the Officer has been notified in writing of the intended action and has been given an opportunity to submit his/her position to the membership.

Vacancies of any Officers position, for any reason, shall be filled by regular membership vote, with such special election applicable to unexpired term portion of the office concerned. Any member in good standing with the club and who meets all requirements to fill a position as an officer in the club may be nominated for the special election to fill a vacated position on the Board to finish that term.

## *OFFICERS POSITIONS*

**President:** The President shall be the principle Officer of the Club and shall, in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Club. He/she shall attend all meetings of the membership and any meetings of committees. The President has the authority to appoint any committee with a Chair Person at any time without approval from the Board. The President will also be in charge of the Clubs monthly News Letter. All Committee Chair Persons, all Officers and the Web master will report to the President.

**Vice President:** In the absence of the President, or in the inability of the President to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the power of the President. The Vice President shall perform other duties as assigned to him/her by the President. The Vice President shall also oversee all yearly events the club and be responsible for coordinating events and may appoint committees to assist in events. These events include the Annual Poker Run, the Annual Mustang and Ford Show and other events appointed by the President and report to the President.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the clubs monthly meetings, any special meeting and Board Meetings. The minutes will be presented to the President within one (1) week of the monthly meeting so as to be included in the monthly News Letter. The Secretary shall perform other duties as assigned to him/her by the President.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds the club may receive; give receipts for monies due and payable, deposit such monies in a reasonable amount of time in the name of the Club in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose. The Treasurer will generate a detailed budget report and email a copy to each officer before the monthly meeting. He/she will also present all detailed financial records in December for review by the Officers and may be subject to audit at that time; in general, perform all duties incidental to the office and other duties as assigned by the President.

**Director of Membership:** The Director of Membership is in charge of all membership coordination and will be the Chairperson over the Membership Committee if one is appointed. He/she will collect and deposit all monies from new members that join at any function. He/she will coordinate with the Treasurer of all deposits made and keep an up-to-date Club Roster monthly. All Officers will be emailed an up-to-date roster after each event where new members join and at the end of each month.

He/she will coordinate with the Treasurer and the Membership Committee any membership renewals due by reminding members through email or postal mail that their membership dues are due the month before their Anniversary date. The Director of Membership will also be in charge of any Merchandise the club has for sale to members.

\* **Regional Director:** The Regional Director is an appointed position by the Club President with the approval of the Board; this person is considered an Officer of the club and has a voice on the Board but is not a nominated position the Regional Director will hold one (1) vote in Board Meetings. The Regional Director will be reimbursed for one (1) nights lodging by MSMC up to \$100.00 per any Quarterly MCA meeting attended. This reimbursement will be paid upon the MSMC Club Treasurer receiving a receipt for said lodging in a timely manner from the Regional Director on Hotel/Motel letterhead he/she stayed.

The Regional Director is a representative and voice for MSMC at the MCA Directors Meetings and is responsible for meeting with the Club Board Officers and reviewing the agenda of the MCA Director Meetings before said meeting takes place. The Regional Director will attend the MCA National Director Meetings when able and place his/her vote in said meeting on specified motions which is consistent with the agreement of the Club Board.

\* This amendment change (addition to By-laws) was put before the present membership as a motion at the 10/27/2009 club meeting and was voted on and passed to accept as reads.

## ARTICLE VII

### *COMMITTEES*

Committees shall be appointed on an as need basis, and may be dissolved when the need is deemed necessary. Budgets may be set for a committee to speed the production and/or delivery of items needed for club equipment, affairs or business needs. If items of the club are for sale the committee overseeing that designated area will set a fair price for items which the club will sell to offset any costs the club may incur in the production or delivery of such items.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *CLUB RULES*

Club rules are set to help project a positive image to the public and sponsors to which we as members can be proud to display any Logo or Image associated with the Club.

1. The Club, as a group attending any event, will not do burn outs or drive in a reckless manner while attending events or leaving events. The events shall include but are not limited to club meetings, cruise-ins and show-in-shines.
2. No member at any event will consume alcohol or drugs while attending club events or meetings, the only exception is the Annual Bon Fire and Annual Christmas Party.
3. When at meetings or events, refrain from using vulgar language.
4. Street Racing will not be allowed nor condoned. There are places where racing can take place off the public roadways.
5. Parties / Dinners: Members will conduct themselves responsibly.
6. Any member who has been disciplined by the club for an infraction against any By-law of the organization may require a probation period depending on the infraction, to be voted on by the club officers. The probationary period may/will not exceed 1 year and the member has served a probationary period it also has to be approved by any club sponsors who had a problem with that member during an event and does not have a problem with that member being reinstated but with the knowledge of a second infraction against any By-law will bring permanent termination from the organization.

Remember when you wear a T Shirt, Sweatshirt, etc that displays the Club Logo you are putting the Club in the limelight and possibly recruiting new members. Any actions taken by members, is a reflection on the Club as a whole.

## ARTICLE IX

### *AMENDMENTS TO BY LAWS*

These By-laws may be amended periodically; amended changes of the By-laws will be emailed to all Club Officers sitting on the Board for review, any changes each officer feels needs to be changed will return such change made to the document written in BLUE and these changes will be voted on at the next Board Meeting of the club officers. All changes will be recorded on a Master Copy of the By-laws and the By-laws will then be printed to reflect any amendments.

*These changes were voted on by the Mid South Mustang Club Officers and approved January 7, 2012.*