

## **Bylaws of Seven Slot Society of SWLA**

### **Article 1: Name of the Organization**

The name of the organization shall be “Seven Slot Society of SWLA”, and can be shortened to “Seven Slot Society” on banners, stickers, and other forms of signage.

### **Article 2: Purpose**

The purpose of the Seven Slot Society is to work to provide an environment where all people that share the common enthusiasm for Jeeps are welcomed. The club was organized in September of 2014 for the purposes of social, recreational, and educational activities. We will also strive to further the knowledge of the capabilities of our Jeeps through group activities and to share expertise with others who are interested in various levels of modification of Jeep vehicles, while adhering to the principles of *Tread Lightly!* Seven Slot Society members will participate in efforts to provide aid to community members. We will participate via donations and presence in charitable organizations. We, an environmentally sensitive group, will also work to educate our members on the importance of preserving state and federal lands for public use. No actions of the Seven Slot Society shall directly violate any laws established by the State of Louisiana or any state thereof. Any member violating the rules shall be removed from the Seven Slot Society and any further activities thereof based on a case by case basis with the final decision to come from the acting President and Vice President.

### **Article 3: Membership and Dues:**

A. To become a member of the Seven Slot Society, you must be at least 18 years of age and own a Jeep. Title only vehicles shall be in running order unless otherwise agreed upon by a majority of votes cast by members present. You must attend 3 gatherings, which must include at least one club meeting, to qualify as a member. New membership will be granted at the first meeting following the completion of all qualifications. Those meeting the qualifications who wish to join will complete a membership application, sign a waiver of liability, and complete emergency contact and health information forms and submit the forms to the President or Vice President at the monthly club meeting. Dues (when applicable) will be collected by the President or Vice President at the meeting that the membership application is completed and are non-refundable, and a receipt of payment will be provided when necessary.

B. Each membership includes the immediate family residing within the same household. Immediate family members are defined as spouses and minor children. At the age of 18, any member of the household that is a Jeep owner will be required to obtain their own membership at the family renewal date, and rate (if applicable).

C. All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion during all Seven Slot Society activities.

D. All Seven Slot Society members and their families may purchase club t-shirts and other club merchandise from the club board of directors or online.

E. All members must complete a member information sheet, medical information form, and waiver of liability.

F. For any member of the Seven Slot Society who is also an active member of any of the US armed forces, all dues will be waved with the exception of monies required for events, donations, Seven Slot Society Merchandise, and other monetary involvement.

G. Any member of the Seven Slot Society who is an active Civil Servant (Police, Fire, EMT) will only be required to pay half (1/2) the amount of total yearly dues with the exception of monies required for events, donations, Seven Slot Society Merchandise, and other monetary involvement.

#### Article 4: Meetings

A. Official meetings will be held once a month on a date determined by the President and Vice President. Members are required to attend at least 5 of these meetings annually to maintain membership status, unless authorized by the President and Vice President. At least 7 days of notice will be given if there will be a change in date, unless the President and Vice President see the need to change the date due to acts of god or unforeseen circumstances.

B. Social meetings and other events will be scheduled throughout the month and are not required to maintain membership, but encouraged.

C. Meeting and activity times and dates are subject to change and agreed upon by the President and Vice President.

#### Article 5: Vehicle Safety

A. All Jeeps participating in off-road events must have adequate equipment for safe and legal operation.

B. The necessary equipment for trail rides is outlined in the club literature titled "Trail Ride Guide" and is required for all member Jeeps participating in club off-road events. (NO EXCEPTIONS) All vehicles are subject to an initial inspection and may be inspected at any time thereafter to ensure that these items are still present and maintained.

C. No firearms, as governed by federal, state, and/or local laws are permitted on trail rides unless the member carries the correct permits and licensing for the weapons based on federal, state, and/or local laws and the firearms are registered to the owner and allowed in the area.

D. The Seven Slot Society logo must be displayed on any member's Jeep participating in a Seven Slot Society recognized event. This can be a windshield banner or small decal purchasable through the Board of Directors.

#### Article 6: Alcohol and Drugs

A. Alcohol, drugs and other intoxicating substances are not permitted while driving as per Louisiana law. If violation of this article occurs, the member/members may be asked not to attend subsequent events and/or their club membership(s) may be revoked, if decided by the President or Vice President.

B. Alcohol will only be permitted at campouts or other non-motorized activities unless approved by the President and Vice President.

#### Article 7: Administration and Officers

A. The Board of Directors of the Seven Slot Society shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Founders.

B. Additional elected positions shall include the club Recruiting Officer.

#### Article 8: Duties and Powers of Officers

A. President - The President is the executive head of Seven Slot Society and shall preside over all meetings of the Seven Slot Society. The President shall also act as spokesperson of the Seven Slot Society and its representatives at meetings with other organizations and committees unless another member is designated to do so by the President. If the office of President should become vacant, then the Vice President shall immediately fill the office and appoint a new Vice President.

B. Vice-President - The Vice President shall assume all powers and duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also act as an advisor to the President and the remainder of the officers. The Vice President shall serve as an additional signer on the club bank account in the event that the President is unavailable. The Vice President may be appointed other duties by the President.

C. Secretary - The Secretary shall keep all the minutes and information concerning the meetings of the Seven Slot Society. The Secretary will also keep and maintain the member roll and information regarding current members. In addition, the Secretary, or any member appointed by the Secretary, shall inform members of any meeting held other than the regular monthly meeting, only after the meeting is approved by the President and Vice President.

D. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall have charge and exercise general supervision of financial affairs and keep the records and the books of accounts thereof. The Treasurer shall collect any and all dues, revenues, and assessments of the Seven Slot Society and issue receipt for and have custody of its funds and make all disbursements thereof. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each meeting to the members when asked to do so by the President or Vice President. The President and Vice President must approve all disbursements, serve as the secondary signer on bank accounts, and verify all receipts by the Treasurer. If any reimbursement of funds is due to the President, Vice-President or the Treasurer, then that person may not be one of the two signers on the reimbursement check from the club. The Treasurer is directly responsible and will be held accountable for all funds of the Seven Slot Society.

E. The club founders shall be maintained as permanent members of the club and are permanent members of the Board of Directors with the same powers as the aforementioned officers. These

individuals will have the responsibility of ensuring that the club is operating in a manner consistent with the values and missions upon which the club was founded, at all times. These individuals shall investigate objectively any corruptions of the club involving ANY member, up to and including the Board of Directors. These individuals shall possess the power to make any necessary executive decisions to ensure that this club's integrity is maintained, up to and including the expulsion of any member whom is in conflict with the aforementioned responsibilities. ANY member that suspects that the club's integrity has been corrupted in any form or fashion may directly approach either of the founders if they feel that going through the normal venues of objection cannot be utilized.

#### Article 9: Removal of Officers/Members

A. Removal by Petition – A petition signed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the active membership of the club shall be presented to the remaining members of the Board of Directors for review.

B. Review - The remaining members of the Board of Directors will review the petition and investigate the claim that the officer in question is not performing the duties required of them by the Seven Slot Society by-laws.

C. Defense – The officer found to be rightfully accused of non-performance of their duties will be given the opportunity to confront their accuser(s) and offer a defense for their actions.

D. Vote by Membership – A majority vote, taken by anonymous ballot, by at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the active membership of the club, is required to remove the officer in question. If there are not a minimum of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the active membership present, the vote for removal will not take place until the required number of members are present.

#### Article 10: Election of Officers

A. The membership shall meet and elect vacant officer positions in September of each year. Each member, over 18 and in good standing with the club, will be allotted one vote.

B. Those who would like to run for an office will be required to announce his or her intentions no later than the July meeting of that year. If necessary, speeches will be held in August, before the vote is held. Members must be at least 18 years of age in order to hold any club office.

C. Simultaneous membership in the Seven Slot Society and any other Jeep Club will be permitted based on approval of the President and Vice President. However, if any member of the Seven Slot Society holds a club office or position within any other Jeep club, they will not be permitted to hold any office or position within in the Seven Slot Society unless approved by the President and Vice President.

D. Election of officers will be decided by a majority vote of members who are present at the election meeting. Any procedure for absentee voting will be set forth by the club President, but is not required.

E. In the event of a vacancy of an office, there will be a special election to fill that position, with the exception of the presidency, which is described in Article 8, Paragraph A. The President may designate a

member to fill the vacated position as an interim officer if necessary until a vote can be called to fill the position.

#### Article 11: Membership Actions

A. Any action that requires a vote by the general membership will be done so by majority vote 2/3 of the general membership present.

B. All literature, and or apparel representing Seven Slot Society that is to be passed out to the general public and/or the members of Seven Slot Society, or available for purchase, must have prior approval of the Board of Directors with the President and Vice President having the final judgment.

#### Article 12: Amendments

A. These bylaws are amended by majority vote of the membership. Any amendment to the bylaws must be presented to the Executive Committee in writing. They will then discuss the said amendment. If the executive committee approves, it will be presented to the Seven Slot Society members for a vote.

#### Article 13: Waiver of Liability

- A. Any member of the Seven Slot Society who decides to participate in any event sponsored, promoted or directed by the Seven Slot Society does so at his/her or its own risk and releases the Seven Slot Society, officers, and directors of the Seven Slot Society of all liability for any loss or damage. It is fully understood by members of the Seven Slot Society that there is some inherent risk associated with events, including damage to vehicles or persons. In addition, the members of the Seven Slot Society agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Seven Slot Society and officers, from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to such participation, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, including acts of god or unforeseen occurrences and AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK for any bodily injury, death, or property damage.

#### Article 14: Ultimate By-Law

- A. Have fun. Drive a Jeep.