

"Sham-Rods" Sandwich, MA

Article I Purpose:

The **Sham-Rods**, a nonprofit organization of street rodders, shall have as its purpose to support local Cape Cod charities and the less fortunate. Support will be in the form of functions, cruises, and other fund raising activities. Members of the **Sham-Rods** shall own and be interested in the pursuit, restoration, and/or preservation of American made automobiles, street-rods, street-machines, nostalgia autos, muscle cars, and performance trucks. Without demeaning their owners or their hobby, we state up front foreign, antiques, and pure-stock vehicles have no place in the "**Sham-Rods Sandwich, Ma.**" car club.

Article II Membership:

Membership in the **Sham-Rods** has been determined to be 15.

- Once the number 15 has been reached new members will only be considered when there is vacancy.

Application

An application may be made out at any time and presented to the **Sham-Rods** through a member in good standing. However, no application will be entertained before the regular meeting in November of the current cruising season. Applications will only be considered by the **Sham-Rods** during the months of November, December, January, February, and March. This will allow members new and old acquire their jackets, etc. before the upcoming cruising season.

Probation

Once an application has been received the applicant will be asked to demonstrate his/her interest and commitment by attending club functions and helping out as needed as though he/she were a member. The probationary candidate may be asked to provide input into discussions. However, he/she will not have a formal vote on any decision made by the membership.

Filling Vacancies

Potential membership will be filled by lottery, that is those names found to be worthy of membership will be placed in a hat and drawn during a regular meeting until the number of vacancies is filled. This is intended to reduce any hard feelings that might result from choosing one person over another.

- Membership shall be open to persons of good moral character with a genuine interest in the purpose of **Sham-Rods**.

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- The following policy will be used to induct new members into **Sham-Rods**:

- A. Applicant must be recommended by a member in good standing. The member does not necessarily have to know the applicant. However, the member must be willing to be his/her sponsor.

- B. A completed application form shall be made out and turned in to the sponsoring member.
- C. The sponsoring member shall present the application to the membership at the next regular meeting for placement in a file to be read during the November meeting.
- D. Applicants who appear to meet the high standards of **Sham-Rods** and have been selected by the lottery may then be invited to the next meeting.
- E. Applicants will, at their induction meeting, give the Secretary a sum of money equal to one years dues (not pro-rated) and the cost of a **Sham-Rods'** jacket. Current cost of a club jacket is estimated at \$55.00. Jackets, golf shirts, etc., will be ordered during the month of March. (To avoid set up costs to individuals and/or **Sham-Rods** jackets may not be purchased until there are at least six (6) to be ordered. However, new members wishing to absorb the cost may order their jacket earlier.)
- F. At the next meeting the applicant will be asked to state his/her clear understanding and acceptance of the by-laws as written, before the membership. He/she shall further be asked to sign the attached statement of understanding appearing at the end of this document. This signed statement will then be removed and placed in the club files.
- G. Membership is renewable annually. Members in good standing may be invited to return subject to a majority vote of the executive board prior to the annual meeting in January of each year.
- H. Membership in the **Sham-Rods** is exclusive in that, while a member of the **Sham-Rods**, persons shall not belong to any other local car clubs.
- I. Members of the **Sham-Rods** shall always project a positive attitude towards other clubs and their members and promote the goodwill of the **Sham-Rods** to our community and friends.

Article III Dues:

The dues of the **Sham-Rods'** shall be \$25.00 annually. Should a member choose to join midway through the year the dues will not be pro-rated.

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- Annual dues shall be payable at the March meeting.

Article IV Resignation & Expulsion:

- Member(s) wishing to resign may do so in writing to the Secretary or Treasurer. His/her resignation will become effective upon receipt of the letter.
- A member(s) may be asked to leave the **Sham-Rods** if it is found, by the Executive Board that said member(s), after a hearing, is guilty of, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Violation of the high standards set by **Sham-Rods**,

- B. Failure to pay his/her dues and/or assessments,
- C. Ignoring the by-laws in any way,
- D. Failure to attend 80 percent of scheduled meetings (Unless you live outside a 25 mile radius of the meeting place.),
- E. Been involved in the abuse of drugs and/or illegal substances,
- F. Slanderous and/or libelous statements regarding any club activity, functions, and any member of this organization,
- G. Being disruptive to the organization,
- H. Failure to participate or help support club activities when asked.

Should it become necessary to ask a member to leave the following process will be used:

- A. A formal written complaint shall be made stating the alleged infractions. Said complaint shall be signed, dated, and addressed to the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board shall meet and make what investigation it deems necessary to determine the validity of said charges. If the Board feels that a violation has occurred they shall schedule a meeting with the accused to give him/her an opportunity to refute the charges.
- C. If the Executive Board, after the hearing, feels the charges are valid it may remove the member from the club.
- D. The decision of the Executive Board is final and cannot be appealed to any other forum.

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- E. Remaining dues shall be forfeited to the **Sham-Rods**.

Article V Officers:

- The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Affairs. Any member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office. The officers of this organization shall be elected by the membership of this organization, and the officers shall serve for a period of two years.
- Election of officers shall take place at the January meeting.
- Any officer may be removed from office by vote of the entire membership.
- The PRESIDENT shall be the chief executive officer of the **Sham-Rods**, and shall preside at all meetings of its membership. The president shall supervise all affairs of the organization.

- The VICE-PRESIDENT shall act as the president of this organization during the president's absence, or when the office of president is vacant, until a meeting of this membership elects a successor. The vice-president shall head all committees and report of their success.
- The SECRETARY shall be responsible for recording the minutes of meeting and proceedings of this organization and shall be empowered to certify jointly with the president as to such proceedings. The secretary shall also handle all correspondence and maintain an attendance record for said organization.
- The TREASURER shall have custody of all organization funds and securities and shall keep in books belonging to the organization full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements; he/she shall deposit all moneys, securities, and other valuable effects in the name of the organization in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the executive board. He/she shall disburse the funds of the organization as may be directed by the officers and membership; taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the officers and membership at the regular monthly meetings, and/or wherever requested by them, an account of all his/her transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the organization. In general any disbursement of funds will require the approval of a majority of the organizations' officers. However, the treasurer may spend up to \$100.00 without approval in the case of births, injuries, illnesses, and/or death as it may relate to a member.

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- The PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to public relations and media coverage of all events and functions of the **Sham-Rods**.
- The EXECUTIVE BOARD shall be made up of the officers stated above. Among their other duties they shall meet each December to review and vote on the renewal membership(s) of all club members. They shall after voting on the membership standing of each member send a letter stating whether or not said member(s) were renewed.

Article VI MEETINGS:

- The monthly meetings of **Sham-Rods** shall be held on the second Tuesday of every month.
- A quorum shall be necessary to conduct business at all meetings.
- A quorum is a majority of the membership (at present this number is 8).
- All meetings shall be governed in accordance with "Roberts Rules of Order".
- Voting privileges shall extend to dues paying members only.

- The annual meeting of **Sham-Rods** will be the second Tuesday of January. At which time a review of the previous year will be made and a discussion of future events/projects may be discussed. All active committees and officers shall give their reports.
- Special meetings may be called at any time by the executive board.
- Business conducted at meetings of **Sham-Rods** is to be voted on by the members present. Those members who are not present shall be bound by the votes taken. For there to be discussion of reconsideration, a 2/3 vote of the members present will be required to bring up an item voted on at a previous meeting. A motion for reconsideration can only be brought up by a member who voted in favor of the item in question at a previous meeting.

Article VII Club Logo and Apparel:

Sham-Rods' apparel such as jackets, golf shirts, T-shirts, etc. shall not be altered in any way. The jacket shall be a jade green with a large gold-outlined shamrock appearing on the back and a smaller one on the front. The logo will be outlined in gold with a street rod in the center.

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The following guidelines are to be followed regarding apparel:

- A. Members of **Sham-Rods'** will be expected to purchase club approved apparel jackets, golf shirts, T-shirts, etc..
- B. Members name or nickname shall be embroidered on the jacket front opposite the club logo.
- C. Patches and other appropriate items may only be placed on the sleeves of the jacket.
- D. Members shall only wear **Sham-Rods'** apparel to meetings and other club sanctioned activities. At no time shall apparel of other car clubs be worn at meetings and/or functions of the **Sham-Rods**. However, neutral apparel may be worn as is appropriate and acceptable to club members during the winter months, October through April.

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Application For Membership

Date of application: _____ Date accepted or rejected (circle): _____

Name: _____

Home phone: _____

Mail address: _____

Work phone: _____

Street address: _____

Cellular: _____

Town: _____ MA Zip: _____

Pager: _____

DOB: ____/____/____

Occupation: _____

Wife/Friend: _____

Bus. Address: _____

Vehicle(s) Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Other interests: _____

Statement of understanding:

I certify that all information provided above is accurate and truthful and having read the **By-laws** of the **Sham-Rods** do hereby to abide by them and the will of the membership.

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Applicant's name: _____

Sponsor name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____