

# Enniskillen & District



# Motorcycle Club



## CLUB RULES

Amended September 2016

## **1. TITLE**

The name of the club shall be 'Enniskillen & District Motorcycle Club', hereafter referred to as "the Club".

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

- a) To further interest in motorcycling.
- b) To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with motorcycling.
- c) To promote competitions in accordance with the rules of the MCUI/MRA
- d) To arrange tours, seminars, social and other meetings.
- e) To afford members such benefits and privileges, as it may be possible to arrange.

## **3. CONSTITUTION**

The membership shall consist of adult and junior members, (a) Honorary Members, (b) Full Members. Youth Members no less than 6 year of age (OFF-ROAD) and no less than 12 years old (TARMAC).

## **4. MANAGEMENT**

- a) The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club for its management shall be vested in a Council, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established or done by the Club in General Meeting.
- b) The President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees and sub-committees.
- c) At any meeting at which the Chairman/Convenor shall not be present, a Deputy Chairman/Convenor elected by the members present shall preside, and when doing so shall have all the powers of the Chairman.

## **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- a) The President, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Club, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Council shall have the power to co-opt other members, and elect an Assistant Secretary as deemed reasonable. The retiring officers and other members of the Council shall be eligible for re- election.
- b) In the event of nominations for the position of President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Council members being greater than the vacancies, the election shall be by ballot.

## **6. COUNCIL**

a) The Council shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer. All Council officers having been duly elected at the Annual General Meeting shall become Directors of the Club.

b) The Council shall consist of not less than four and not more than seventeen members. Four members of the Council shall form a quorum. The Council may co-opt such further members, as it deems requisite; such members will not be entitled to voting rights at Council.

Nominations of candidates for election to the Council must be made on official nomination forms and must be received by the Secretary not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting, with an intimation in writing signed by each members nominated that he or she is willing to serve. Nominations of candidates shall be signed by the proposer and the seconder. The Council shall have the power to appoint a Sub-Committee of not less than three persons to meet on its behalf in respect of any matter, which is specially referred to such a Sub-Committee.

## **7. MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OR SECTION COMMITTEE**

The Secretary either of his own accord or by the direction of the Chairman shall unless otherwise agreed by all the Council give at least 7 days written notice of a meeting. This rule shall also apply to Section Committee meetings.

## **8. ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL OR SECTION COMMITTEE**

Any member of the Council who shall, without sufficient reasons, absent himself from three consecutive Council meetings may be called upon to resign his position from the Council.

## **9. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

It shall be the duty of the relevant Secretary to attend in person or by deputy, all meetings of the Club and all meetings of the Committees or Council to take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be typed up, filed and presented for confirmation at the next Committee or Council meeting. The Secretary shall also conduct general correspondence of the Club.

Each Section Secretary shall provide the Council Secretary with copies of their minutes and other documents necessary for the management of the Club.

## **10. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

a) The Honorary Treasurer or Section Treasurer shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Club. The Treasurer shall also complete the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet for the Club.

b) All monies shall be banked in an account in the name of the Club.

c) Each Section shall hold its own bank accounts and all monies will be treated as the property of the Club.

d) The accounts of the Club shall be closed on the **31<sup>st</sup> September** annually, and shall be internally audited by at least 2 members of the Club appointed by the Council. The Club Auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

e) Only the Council shall authorise any purchase or disposal of any Club property.

### **11. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Applications of candidates for membership to the Club shall be submitted, with the appropriate fee, to the relevant Section Committee by the Section Secretary, and the election of such candidates shall be at the discretion of the Council. The name, address, telephone number and description of the candidate and names of his or her proposer and seconder, being members of the Club, shall be stated on each application submitted to the Council, provided that in the case of a candidate who knows no member of the Club, the Council shall be empowered to carry out the election after proper enquiries.

Membership of the Club shall continue only for the period covered by the current subscription.

### **12. VOTING OF COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Each member present at a meeting of Committee or the Council shall be entitled to one vote. The Committee or Council shall vote by ballot if any member present so demands. A vote on one third against any application for membership shall exclude from membership.

### **13. SUBSCRIPTION**

The **subscription** to be a full member of the Club shall be a minimum of **£10.00** per annum. All members shall notify the relevant Section Secretary of any change of address. Club Membership will be allocated to section as per membership form. If NO section nominated, then membership fee shall be divided.

### **14. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**Subscriptions** shall become due on the **first day of September** each year.

### **15. RESIGNATION**

Any member wishing to resign his membership shall give in writing of such desire to the relevant Section Secretary on or before the date on which his subscription would have become due for renewal in any year, otherwise he shall be liable to pay his subscription for the ensuing year. Also any member ceasing, voluntarily or otherwise, to become a member of the Club, shall thereafter cease to have any claim upon the property of the Club or to enjoy any privilege of membership, but he or she shall remain liable for the payment of any debts due to the Club from him or her.

## **16. USE OF CLUB NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name and address of the Club shall not be given by a member as his address for trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

## **17. LIFE MEMBERS**

**There will be no Life members of the club.**

## **18. HONORARY MEMBERS**

The Council may elect as Honorary Members, any persons distinguished for their political, scientific, literary, and industrial and administrative capacities, or who have been distinguished in promoting the cause of motoring in general or the Club in particular.

All Honorary Members must be elected or re-elected at the Annual General Meeting, any share of the property of the Club upon its dissolution will be donated to nominated charity.

## **19. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

a) It shall be the duty of the Council if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, by letter, to invite any member to withdraw from the Club within a time specified in such a letter, and in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of his or her expulsion to a meeting of the Council to be held within six weeks after the date of such letter.

Members of the Council shall be given at least 7 days notice that a question of withdrawal or expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting of the Council. The member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least 7 days notice of such a meeting and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his conduct verbally or in writing and if two thirds of the members present the vote for his or her expulsion, he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.

b) It shall be the duty of the Council if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, by letter, to invite any Section to withdraw and disassociate from the Club, having in their opinion brought disrepute upon the Club. Procedures for Section expulsion shall be the same as those for expulsion of individual members.

## **20. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of \***September** in each year upon a date, venue and at a time to be fixed by the Council. The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive from the Council and Section Committees a statement of accounts duly audited by the Company Auditor showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending
- b) Receive from the Council and Section Committees a report of activities of the Club during the said year.
- c) Elect the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club and appoint the Solicitor and Auditor if applicable.
- d) Elect the Council and Committees.
- e) Settle any remuneration's for the Officers of the Club and the Solicitor and Auditor.
- f) Decide on any resolution, which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.
- g) Any member wishing to propose a motion shall give the Honorary Secretary written notice of the proposal at least twenty-one (21) days before the proposed date of the Annual General Meeting.

## **21. AGENDA FOR THE AGM**

A copy of the agenda shall be sent to each member least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not received a copy of the agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings. No business, which is not included in the agenda, shall be discussed at the meeting unless a majority present is in favour thereof. Should the proposer of any motion fail to move a resolution in respect of the relevant item on the agenda, then, another member shall be entitled to do so.

## **22. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Council, Chairman, or on a requisition of the Section Secretary stating the business for which the Special General Meeting is required and signed by not less than 15 members. If a meeting so requisitioned is not convened with 21 days, the said 15 members may convene such a meeting. 15 members shall for a quorum. No business other than that mentioned in any such notice shall be discussed at the meeting.

### **23. RIGHT TO BE PRESENT**

No one can take part in any official meetings unless he or she has been elected as a full member of the Club, or has been invited by the Council.

### **24. VOTING**

Every member with a right to be present may exercise one vote, except as provided in rule. The Chairman/Convenor shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all meetings, except as provided in rule 26, a majority of votes decides a resolution.

Confirmation of full membership may be required at any meeting before a member is permitted to vote.

### **25. OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETAION OF THE RULES**

Every member binds himself or herself to abide by the Rules of the Club, and also by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such rules, and also to accept as final and binding the decision of the Council in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules. No member or members may represent the Club without the authority of the Council or Section.

### **26. ALTERATION OF THE RULES**

These rules shall not be altered, revoked or amended except at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting convened in accordance with these rules and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting.

### **27. EVENTS**

All motor competitions organised by the Club shall be held under the rules and requirements of the MCUI/MRA.

Any member convicted of an offence arising out of his or her being in charge of a motor vehicle in any Club event or on Club business may thereupon be liable to expulsion of the Club under rule 19.

### **28. COPIES OF THE RULES**

Every member shall be furnished with a copy of the Club rules on election. Every member shall be furnished with an updated copy of the rules if any subsequent alterations are sanctioned.

## **29. DISSOLUTION**

- a) The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Council, or on the requisition of a two-thirds majority of the members.
- b) If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the Council shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club. No member can benefit financially on dissolution of the club as any funds available on dissolution will be donated to nominated charity.

Approved and amended by the Club at AGM meeting held on: 15 September 2016

**Chairman:** *Rodney Shaw*

**Secretary:** *Fiona Ferris*

**Date:** 15 September 2016

