



## **CLUB RULES**

### **1. Name**

"Waterlooville Motorcycle Club" – hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

### **2. Objectives**

- (a) The promotion, encouragement and maintenance of Motorcycling, Motorcycle sport and appropriate forms of social recreation.
- (b) To be a member's club run independently of any personal interests.
- (c) To be affiliated to the Auto Cycle Union.
- (d) To ensure all competitions are open to all full and/or youth members of the club (law permitting) and members of other eligible clubs.
- (e) To organise social Club evenings at a venue decided by the committee.

### **3. Committee**

- (a) The Club shall be managed by a committee whose members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- (b) The committee shall consist of the following officers, who shall be full adult members: -  
President – elected annually (ex-officio).  
Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Captain, Racing Manager, Trials Manager, Social Secretary, Equipment Manager, Grasstrack Manager, Membership Secretary, Awards Secretary, Editor, Webmaster, Two Committee Members.  
Maximum of 7 Vice Presidents (ex-officio).
- (c) The committee shall have the power to co-opt additional committee members for specialist duties, but only for their duration. Such members shall have full voting status.
- (d) In the case of a vacancy or the suspension of a committee member, the committee can immediately elect another, until the next AGM.
- (e) On matters of great importance to the Club, the committee shall decide on the level of significance to ascertain if it warrants a general meeting. If appropriate the matter shall be referred to the next AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened. Prior notice of the matter shall be given to all members in accordance with rule 9, and all General meetings must be quorate in accordance with rule 10.
- (f) The committee shall not make modifications to the rules without the authority of the membership at an AGM, or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- (g) Any member of the committee failing to attend or tendering apologies for three consecutive meetings may be called upon to give an explanation. Failure to give a satisfactory reason, may lead to suspension, or be asked to tender their resignation to the committee.
- (h) Committee meetings shall be held on the second Monday of the month where practical to do so.
- (i) Delegates shall be nominated by the committee to represent the Club at the Southern Centre ACU Board meetings when representation is desirable.

### **4. Examiners**

Two examiners shall be elected at the AGM to check the following year's accounts. They shall be independent of the committee and shall not be elected two consecutive years.

### **5. Membership**

- (a) New members may be accepted providing an application form is completed and a subscription paid.
- (b) Duly elected members bind themselves to abide by the rules of the Club and regulations of the ACU and the ACU National Sporting code.
- (c) In all cases of disagreement as to the interpretation of the rules the decision of the committee is final and binding.
- (d) In the event of a member's misbehaviour or misconduct that the committee consider detrimental to the well-being of the Club, the member shall be called before at least two thirds of the committee, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation may be cautioned, suspended or have their membership withdrawn.
- (e) Three or more members of the same family living at the same address will be entitled to a family membership.

### **6. Youth Membership**

- (a) Youth membership shall be restricted to members of 16 years of age and under.
- (b) Candidates for youth membership shall be admitted to the Club in exactly the same way as detailed in rule 5 with the following addition: - Their membership shall be approved by a parent or legal guardian.



## **7. Honorary Membership**

- (a) Honorary life membership shall only be conferred by the membership at the AGM.
- (b) Honorary annual membership shall only be conferred by the committee at the first committee meeting after the AGM.
- (c) All honorary memberships shall be ex-officio.

## **8. Subscriptions**

- (a) All membership subscriptions shall be determined by the committee and reviewed annually.
- (b) A reduced rate membership fee from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December shall be determined by the committee and reviewed annually.
- (c) Annual subscriptions are payable in advance, and the year starts 1<sup>st</sup> January and ends 31<sup>st</sup> December. A membership receipt for the current year will be issued when subscriptions are paid. Only fully paid up members can vote at General Meetings. Any member whose annual subscription has not been renewed by the 31<sup>st</sup> March in any year shall automatically be removed from the membership list.
- (d) Family membership subscriptions must be paid in one sum to qualify for a reduction.

## **9. General Meetings**

- (a) Fourteen days written notice shall be given for either an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting which shall be convened at a venue and date determined by the committee.
- (b) An AGM shall be held on the first club night in February, or if impractical on an alternative date as near as is practical; to report progress, present the balance sheet and elect officers as detailed in rule 3.
- (c) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the committee or on written request from not less than 20% of the voting membership of the Club. Fourteen days written notice shall be given of a General Meeting which shall be convened at a venue and date determined by the committee.

## **10. Quorum**

- (a) A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 20% of the current membership, subject to a minimum of 15.
- (b) A quorum for a committee shall be a minimum of 6 voting members. In the event of not achieving a quorum, the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and one other committee member shall have executive powers to make urgent and important decisions which must be reported at the next quorate meeting.

## **11. Sub-committees**

The committee shall agree sub-committee's to organise events as required. Membership of that sub-committee shall be ratified by the committee who at the same time will set the parameters of the 'executive powers' sanctioned to the sub-committee e.g. financial limit of expenditure before endorsement is required by the committee.

## **12. Alteration of rules**

- (a) A notice of motion is necessary for any amendments of the rules.
- (b) Notice of any proposed alteration of rules must be published at least fourteen days before a General Meeting.

## **13. Dissolution clause**

In the event of the dissolution of the Club and after all the debts and liabilities are paid, the committee will call an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide in accordance with rule 3(e) how the club distributes its remaining assets.