

INTRODUCTION to the CONSTITUTION

This document sets out the basic principles governing the Cotswold Model Car Club. As regards Club activity, the Constitution should be read in conjunction with Information issued from time to time by the Committee via the members WhatsApp group, the Club Facebook page and the Club Website.

COTSWOLD MODEL CAR CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. Title

The Club shall be known as Cotswold Model Car Club and may be called CMCC.

2. Objectives:

- To promote the construction and racing of radio-controlled model cars and provide facilities and organization to that end.
- To facilitate exchange of information and ideas relating to the sport
- To be affiliated to the British Radio Car Association (BRCA)
- To follow the rules and standards set by BRCA and the Club for construction and racing

3. Membership

Membership is open to all who share the objectives of the Club, and commences when the annual subscription is paid to the Treasurer. Membership falls within the following categories:

- Adult
- Under Sixteen
- Associate Non Driver

All Members have the right to attend and vote on issues at the AGM

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

The membership period shall be one year from 1st January. The membership fee will be reviewed and fixed annually at the AGM. In the event of members paying by monthly direct debit canceling their payment, membership shall be terminated one month from payment date.

The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

All members must also have a current BRCA membership, which provides third party insurance liability cover.

4. Cessation of Membership

Any member failing to renew membership, or resigning, or assumed to have terminated membership shall forfeit all right to claim on the Club, its property or its funds.

5. Officials and Committee

Officers and Committee Members must be members of the Club. The following Officers shall be elected annually at the AGM for a period of one year, Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidates for office must be nominated and seconded by separate Club members. The Club members present at the AGM shall also elect such other Officers and Committee members, as they think fit. All the Officers and Committee members elected shall form the Club Committee for the year until the next AGM.

6. Powers of Committee

The Committee shall meet as often as it thinks fit in order to adequately manage the Club and uphold the

Constitution, A quorum of the Committee (that is, the minimum number to constitute a valid meeting) shall consist of two Officers and one other Committee member. It shall have power to settle all points of interpretation of the Constitution and rules, provided such power shall not overrule a resolution of the AGM. The Committee shall have power to establish sub-committees to investigate or manage special interests or events, and to co-opt members onto such sub-committees. The Committee and any sub-committee may from time to time, fill any vacancy in its number, which may arise, for the remaining period of office.

7. Voting

- Proposals for any change in the Club Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of the members attending an AGM or EGM.
- All elections of officials shall be decided by a straight vote of those present at the time of election.

8. Finance

All matters relating to the spending of Club funds shall be referred through the Treasurer to the Committee. The Treasurer shall make a financial statement at each meeting of the Committee and an annual statement at the AGM; all relevant documents shall be available for inspection

At each AGM an Auditor shall be appointed for a period of one year. If an Auditor is not satisfied with the financial affairs of the Club he/she shall require the Secretary to convene a Committee meeting within 21 days.

9. Annual General Meeting

The AGM shall be held on a date determined by the Committee. The following business shall be transacted at the AGM:

- reports from the Chairman and/or Secretary on the general working of the Club
- presentation of the Club Accounts
- election of officials and committee
- review and decision upon the annual Club membership fee
- discussion of any other business pertaining to the Club.

10. Extraordinary General Meeting

An EGM may be called at any time if the Committee so decide. Also, the Secretary shall call an EGM on receiving written request to that effect, signed by no less than 10% of the membership. Such a meeting shall take place within 28 days of the written request being received and all members shall receive 14 days notice of the meeting but without the necessity for detailing any other particulars. A resolution of an EGM shall not be valid unless 10% of the membership is present and not unless the resolution be passed by at least two thirds of the members voting.

11. Notes of Meetings

Notes on the transactions and decisions of an AGM or EGM or relevant Committee meeting shall be displayed for the members as soon as convenient thereafter. Copies of the meeting notes shall be kept by the Club Secretary for a minimum of two years

12. Deficiency of Funds

In the event of insolvency of the Club, the deficit shall be made good by an equal payment from each member or in such manner as an AGM or EGM shall decide.

13. Members' Addresses

Each Club member's personal information shall be recorded by the Secretary and shall be deemed to be correct unless and until the member notifies any change in writing.

14. Constitution Rules

A copy of the Constitution shall be available on the Club's website, and shall be binding on every member. No member shall be absolved from the effect of this constitution and rules on allegation of not having read it.

15. Interpretation of Rules

The Club Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation, or upon any other matter affecting the Club not provided for by these rules, shall be final and binding on the members.

16. Alteration of Constitution

The Constitution defines the rules for the proper governing of the Club. Any alterations may only be adopted by resolution at an AGM or EGM convened according to the Constitution. Such resolution must receive a two-thirds majority vote.

17. Dissolution of Club

If at any general meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club be passed by a two thirds majority of the membership present, and such resolution be confirmed at an EGM, held not less than one month thereafter at which not less than half the members are present, by a majority of two thirds of the members, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall be specified in the resolution, proceed to dissolve the Club.

The Committee shall proceed to realise the property of the Club and after discharge of all liabilities, shall disburse the remainder to another BRCA affiliated Club, a registered charity or the sport's governing body.

Upon completion of such actions, the Club shall be dissolved.

18. Obligations of Members

Every Club Member upon joining the Club is required to uphold the Constitution.

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