



THE AUSTIN A30/A35 OWNERS CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the club shall be 'The Austin A30/A35 Owners' Club'

2. OBJECT

The Object of the Club shall be to maintain as many A30's and A35's in good working order as is possible by helping, advising, encouraging and cultivating a spirit of friendship amongst owners and other interested people.

3. MEMBERSHIP

a. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person who supports the Object of the Club, especially any person owning or driving any vehicle constructed with an A30/A35 body shell, and who shall either pay to the Club an annual subscription or have received Honorary membership.

i. Honorary membership shall convey lifetime membership with full rights. It will be conveyed by a decision at Annual General Meeting after recommendation through the Club Committee.

ii. Membership shall convey full rights and privileges of membership to the primary member, partner and family in full time education in the same household, where they will jointly receive Club communications.

b. An applicant shall become a member on issue of a membership card that must be produced as evidence of membership when required.

c. The rights and privileges of a member shall apply only to fully paid-up members.

d. The Club shall maintain a list of members that may be inspected by any member of the Club having reasonable grounds to do so.

e. The Executive Officers may by unanimous vote and for good reason terminate the membership of any individual provided that the individual shall have the right to be accompanied by another and heard by those Officers before a final decision is made. Any application to re-join the Club shall be considered by the Executive Officers.

4. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

a. A subscription shall be of such amount as shall be decided at an Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club and shall be due for payment of the first day of January and shall be paid by the first day of April on the membership year.

b. New members shall pay a joining fee that shall be of such amount as defined by the Annual General Meeting.

c. Members not renewing their subscription before the first day of April shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club and shall not be eligible for the privileges and advantages of membership until such time as they may rejoin the Club as a new member.

5. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not before the first day of May and no later than the last day of June at which members shall be entitled to attend, speak and vote.

6. THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING shall be:-

- a. To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- b. To receive reports from the Executive Officers on the preceding year.
- c. To receive audited annual accounts for the year ending the previous 31st December.
- d. To approve the membership fees for the following year.
- e. To elect such Club Committee Officers as are defined in this Constitution to manage the affairs of the Club. Nominations for members who have consented to stand as Executive or Specialist Officers must be received by the Club Secretary in writing before the commencement of the meeting. Nominations may only be taken from the floor during the meeting if no written nominations have previously been received.
- f. To consider such other business of which notice has been given to the Club Secretary or Club Chairman prior to the meeting.
- g. To consider any other business at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting.

7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Club Committee.
- b. A Special General Meeting shall be held by requisition to the Club Secretary or Chairman stating the business for which the meeting is required and signed by not less than forty-five members. The notice of the date and business of the Special General Meeting shall be published within three months of the issue of the requisition, and the meeting held not more than five months after the issue of the requisition.

8. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

At least four weeks notice of any General meeting shall be given and shall be deemed to have been given by publication in a Club magazine or by post to members last known address.

9. THE QUORUM FOR A GENERAL MEETING

The quorum for a general meeting shall be forty-five members except when the Annual general Meeting is held at the Annual Rally of the Club the is organised on behalf of the Club Committee when the quorum shall be thirty members.

10. VOTING AT A GENERAL MEETING

Voting at a General Meeting is restricted to one vote by the primary member. Voting by proxy will not be allowed. In the event of a dispute as to the right to vote the onus of proof lies with the member. A vote may be taken by show of hands or by confidential written vote of members present at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting. No member may claim a second vote except that the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

11. PRESIDENT

The role of President of our Club is considered to be one of privilege and honour. Each National Committee member of the Club may recommend, by the National Committee Meeting in October of the year preceding the Annual General Meeting where the current President is due to retire, the name of a person that they consider has the qualities of a presidential candidate. The Executive Officers, after subsequent discussion and agreement of at least 75% of those Officers, should invite their choice of candidate to accept the

Presidency at the following Annual General Meeting, for a period of three years; and who may choose to preside at all General Meetings of the Club.

12. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers of the Club shall be elected annually at a General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election:-

a. The Club Chairman who shall chair all meetings of the Club Committee and be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

b. The Club Secretary who shall record minutes of all General Meetings and Club Committee Meetings, shall convene all such meetings, shall receive reports from all sub-committees and shall, with the direction of the Club Chairman deal with all general correspondence.

c. The Club Treasurer who shall receive and bank all monies and securities paid to the Club and shall make all payments due from the Club. The Club treasurer shall as soon as practicable after the end of the Club financial year on 31st December prepare a statement of account and balance sheet for the year and, in consultation with the Club Chairman, submit each statement and balance sheet for audit.

d. The Club Membership Secretary who shall receive and process all new membership applications, give notice of renewals due and process such renewals, maintain an up-to-date list of current members and provide copies of the same as requested for other Officers use.

13. SPECIALIST OFFICERS

Specialist Officers shall be determined by the Club Committee and be elected annually at a General Meeting and shall normally include:-

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| a. Archivist | b. Car sales Co-ordinator |
| c. International Rally Co-ordinator | d. Group Co-ordinator |
| e. Overseas Contact | f. Publicity Officer |
| g. Regalia Manager | h. Registrar Co-ordinator |
| i. Sidelights Editor | j. Spares Co-ordinator |
| k. Spotlight Editor | l. Technical Adviser |
| m. Web Editor | n. Webmaster |

14. ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD COMMITTEE, LOCAL AREA GROUP AND EVENT ORGANISER POSTS

a. Any person who wishes to become:-

- i. a member of the Club Committee whether by election or co-option,
- ii. a member of any Club sub-committee or ad-hoc committee,
- iii. a Local Area Group chairman, secretary or treasurer,
- iv. the organising chairman, secretary or treasurer of any event such as a rally or show using the name of the Club,

shall have current membership of the Club which must be maintained for the duration of their holding of that post.

b. No person shall hold any post described in sub-section a. whose business interests or those of their partner, in the opinion of the Club Committee, are likely to conflict with those of the Club.

c. Only one Executive Officer post may be held by any one household.

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15. THE CLUB COMMITTEE

a. The Club Committee is responsible for the management of the Club, and shall comprise the Executive Officers and Specialist Officers, currently co-opted Club Committee members plus one representative of each Local Area Group that is currently recognised by the Club Committee.

b. The Executive Officers shall constitute an Executive Sub-Committee responsible for day to day management of the Club, empowered to transact urgent business between Club Committee meetings, which shall report all such transactions to the next Club Committee meeting. The Executive Sub-Committee may also conduct its meetings by letter, telephone or other communication media.

16. POWERS OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE

The Club Committee shall:-

a. have powers of co-option and delegation. The term of office of a co-opted member shall cease at the conclusion of the reason for which they were co-opted.

b. have power to acquire property and to trade for the benefit of the Club and its members.

c. appoint trustees nominally to hold the Club's property.

d. encourage the formation of Local Area Groups where these are desirable and monitor the location, conduct and viability of existing Groups. The viability of each Local Area Group shall be reviewed bi-annually and the Club Committee shall have the power to wind up any Local Area Group which becomes non-viable or whose conduct conflicts with the interests of the Club or brings the Club into disrepute.

17. CONDUCT OF CLUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a. The Club Committee shall meet not less than twice a year, and members of the Club Committee shall normally be given four weeks notice of the date and place of any Club Committee meeting.

b. The quorum of the Club Committee shall be equivalent to half the number of Executive and Specialist Officers currently in office and must include not less than two Executive Officers of the Club.

c. Each Club Committee member shall have one vote. No Club Committee member may claim a second vote, except that the chairman of the meeting may have a casting vote.

d. Club members who are not members of the Club Committee may attend Club Committee meetings and may speak but not vote or claim expenses.

18. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE

A member shall cease to hold office if the member:-

a. is not re-elected at the end of their term of office, or

b. resigns from office by informing the Club Secretary, or

c. becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing or administering their own affairs, or

d. is either absent from two consecutive meetings of the Club Committee or brings the name of the Club into disrepute, and the Club Committee resolves that the post be vacated.

19. HANDOVER OF OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Any Officer who vacates a post at the Annual General Meeting shall continue in post until the meeting is declared closed.

b. Any outgoing Officer shall, not more than four weeks after vacating the post, put the affairs of their post in order and pass all files and materials pertaining to the post to their successor. Travelling expenses will be paid by the Club to ensure the change over is not delayed.

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20. LOCAL AREA GROUPS

Local Area Groups provide the opportunity for members to meet each other and undertake Club activities near their homes on a regular basis. Groups are expected to be self supporting and self governing, and should hold an Annual General Meeting at which Group officers should be elected, Group subscriptions and rules agreed, ensuring they do not contravene the Constitution of the Club, and subject to the supervision of the Club Committee. Group officers should usually include Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

21. EVENTS AND SHOWS

a. Before any event is held in the name of the Club, a Club Insurance form shall be completed by the organising member and submitted to the Club treasurer to ensure the event is covered by the Club's Insurance Policy.

b. Where the club is represented by way of a stand, exhibition or other means at an event not held in the Club's name, the name(s) of the organising member(s) must be forwarded to the Club Secretary or Club Chairman before the event takes place.

22. DISSOLUTION

The club may be dissolved by a majority vote at a General Meeting of which notice of the intention to dissolve the Club has been published with the notice of the meeting. Following such dissolution the Club Committee shall liquidate the assets of the Club and dispose of them as resolved by the General Meeting.

23. COPIES OF THE CONSTITUTION

Every member shall be furnished with a copy of the Club's Constitution on being accepted into membership of the Club. Following any amendment to the Club Constitution each member shall receive a copy of the amended Constitution with the next Club Magazine.

24. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

An amendment to the Constitution may only be made by majority vote at a General Meeting of which notice of such a proposed amendment or one substantially to the like effect has been published with the notice of the Meeting. All the proposed amendments shall be published in advance in the Club Magazine.

Note:-

This Constitution was adopted on 29th May 2004

It was subsequently amended on:

28th May 2005

24th May 2008

26th May 2011

2nd June 2012

24th May 2014.

Alan Fox 1st June 2014 .