The Club Constitution

1. **Name.** The club is called the 'Cambridge and District MG Owners' Club'; hereinafter referred to as the Club.
2. **Objectives.** The primary objective of the Club is to function as a social club to bring together ~~owners of all~~ anyone with an interest in MG cars in a friendly and convivial environment where Members can enjoy each other's company and work constructively towards continual improvement of the Club for its Members. Other objectives are:
    a. To arrange outings, for Members to enjoy their cars by visiting places of interest and enjoying runs in their cars.
    b. Occasionally to arrange short runs in the cars, during the week, ending at a pub or restaurant for refreshments.
    c. To have monthly meetings at a given venue, to discuss Club matters and have a social gathering.
3. **A Committee** shall be formed to oversee the running of the Club. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of three Officers: Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary (the Officers). Officers normally stand for three years, but may continue with the agreement of the Members.
4. **Subscriptions** are annual and £20, or as set by the Committee, for an ~~MG owner~~ club member and partner. Subscriptions are due on 1 January. New members joining between 1 January and 30 June pay the full annual subscription; new members joining between 1 July and 31 December pay one half of the annual subscription fee.
5. **Membership**
    a. Application is open to ~~any owner of an~~ anyone with an interest in MG cars and is made by contacting a member of the Committee, who will provide a membership entry form and a copy of The Club Constitution. Membership commences upon receipt of the signed application form, agreeing to be bound by the Club Constitution, and payment of the subscription due.
    b. Partners of Cambridge & District MGOC Members are automatically Members.
    c. Resignation. A Member wishing to withdraw from the Club should give notice in writing to the Secretary. Failure to pay the annual membership fee will be taken as intention to resign.
    d. Expulsion. The Committee may expel any Member who offends against the Club Constitution or whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, renders the person unfit for membership. The Member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least seven days' notice of his or her impending expulsion and be given the opportunity to offer, within the notice period, an explanation of his or her conduct. Upon expulsion, that Member must surrender any Club owned items to an Officer.
    e. Visitors are welcome to the Club at the invitation of a Member. Each visitor is permitted to attend on two occasions, after which they are expected to apply for membership of the Club.
    ~~f. In the event that a Member sells or is yet to purchase an MG, continued membership is granted at the discretion of the Committee.~~
    ~~g.~~f. The Committee can grant honorary membership, free of charge, to Members and former Members who have contributed significantly to the Club.
6. **Annual General Meeting.** An Annual General Meeting of the Club must be held every year no later than 1 December in order to:
    a. Receive and, if approved, adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding financial year.
    b. Approve the updated Constitution, which will include all changes agreed by quorums at Special or Committee meetings.
    c. Appoint the Officers and other Members of the Committee. Nominations may be made by any two Members with sanction of the nominee.

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   d. Appoint an auditor (can be a Club Member but not an Officer).
   e. Deal with any special matter which the Committee desires to bring before the Members, and receive suggestions from the Members for consideration by the Committee.
   f. Agree which charity, or charities, to support for the following year.
7. **The Notice** convening the Annual General Meeting must be given not less than 28 days before the meeting and must specify the matters to be dealt with. **Special Meetings** may be convened at any time by the Committee and must be held within 21 days from the receipt of a request in writing signed by not less than three Members, specifying the objective(s) of the meeting.
8. **Chairman's Casting Vote** or additional vote is available at Committee and also at General & Special meetings in the event of an equality of votes
9. **Quorums & Voting**. At Committee Meetings of two Officers plus one other committee member, a majority decision carries the vote. At Annual General or Special Meetings two Officers plus at least 20% of the current paid-up Members carries the vote.
10. **All Decisions** made shall be recorded clearly in the minutes of the meeting and such decisions can only be queried by a Member in writing to the Chairman, giving seven working days' notice. Any matters raised shall be debated at a following monthly meeting for due consideration.
11. **The Calendar of Events** shall be confirmed by the Committee:
    a. The Calendar of Events will be posted on the Club website and, when appropriate, circulated by email to all Members.
    b. If a limited number of tickets is available for an event, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
12. **The Charity Run** is a fundraising event.
    a. There will be a sub-committee made-up of a small number of Club Members.
    b. The Chairman and the Treasurer shall be members of the Charity Run sub-committee.
    c. The sub-committee can also enlist the help of other Club Members from time to time as necessary and is empowered to make all decisions regarding Charity Runs.
    d. A substantial part of the profit from the event shall be presented to charities nominated.
13. **Expenditure.** The Officers may jointly spend up to £500 on any one item for Club purposes, and may authorise appropriate donations to the Club's recognised charities. Expenditure will be by cheque signed by any two of the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.
14. **Accounts. T**he Club Treasurer will maintain the Club accounts, and these will be audited yearly in advance of the AGM. A separate account will be maintained at a bank or building society agreed by the Committee.
15. **Insurance.** It is up to each Club Member to ensure that he or she is fully insured for all aspects of Club activities. For organised events where prepayment may be required, Members are strongly advised to indemnify themselves.
16. **Documentation and Club Items. A**ll possessions purchased and documentation produced in connection with Club business automatically belong to the Club. No Member shall assume ownership of any item other than the Club outing plaques.
17. **General Data Protection Regulations (which came into force 25 May 2018).** The Club complies with these regulations and has produced a process document which sets out what data is held and how it is managed.
18. **Club Closure.** Should the Club cease to exist, all Club funds are to be distributed to charities agreed at a final Club meeting.

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