

# **SPADEADAM MOTOR CLUB LTD.**

## **CONSTITUTION**

1. The name of the Club shall be Spadeadam Motor Club Ltd.
2. The purpose of the Club shall be to promote and foster interest in all aspects of motoring.
- 3.(a) Two forms of Membership shall exist as follows:
  - (i) Regular Membership
  - (ii) Honorary Membership
- (b) Any person may, subject to the approval of the Committee, be elected a Regular Member.
- (c) Any person who, in the opinion of the Committee, has provided outstanding service to the Club, or to any aspect of motoring, may be elected an Honorary Member.
- (d) Any Member who is guilty of an offence against the Club, shall be called before the Committee for a personal explanation, and may be expelled from the Club.
- 4.(a) The club shall have a President who shall remain in office until their resignation, or until they are requested to resign following a unanimous vote taken by Members of the Committee, when a new President shall be elected.
- (b) The club may have up to three Vice Presidents, each of whom shall remain in office until their resignation, or until they are requested to resign following a unanimous vote taken by the Members of the Committee, when a new Vice President shall be elected.
- 5.(a) The Committee shall be formed of the following officers:

Honorary Chairperson  
Honorary Secretary  
Honorary Treasurer

together with a quorum of Members of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall hold office for one year, a new Committee being elected at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Officers and Committee Members may stand for re-election. The new Committee shall take Office immediately upon election.
- (c) The quorum for the Committee shall be any four Officers or Committee Members.

- (d) The Chairperson shall have a casting vote only.
  - (e) On resignation of any Officer or Committee Member, at any time more than one month prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall co-opt, as replacement, a Club Member who shall hold Office until the Annual General Meeting.
  - (f) Any Committee Member, who is absent from three consecutive Committee Meetings without reasonable cause, acceptable to the Committee, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.
  - (g) Minutes of Committee Meetings shall be retained by the Secretary and shall be available to the Club Officers and Committee Members at any time. Minutes may be inspected by Club Members only at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.
  - (h) Members of the Committee detailed to any undertaking, may at their own discretion co-opt Club Members onto a Sub-Committee formed to carry out this undertaking.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the Second Thursday in January.
- 7.(a) The financial year shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (b) The Club shall have a banking account or accounts with a reputable high street bank.
  - (c) Handling of all monies shall be by the Treasurer, with the provision that, cheques, banking orders, money orders, etc., must be signed by two nominated Officers of the Club.
  - (d) The accounts of the Club may be audited each year, upon request made as a result of a vote taken at the Annual, or an Extraordinary General Meeting, by Auditors elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.(a) The Annual Subscription shall be reviewed and determined annually at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be payable immediately after the Annual General Meeting, on the second Thursday in January.
- (b) Members joining after December 1<sup>st</sup> shall be deemed to have paid the subscription for the following year.
  - (c) Any Member whose subscription has not been paid by 1<sup>st</sup> February shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club.

- (d) Any Member whose subscription has not been paid, shall not be eligible to compete in any Closed to Club event organised by the Club.
- (e) No subscription is returnable.
- 9.(a)** An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or at the request of not less than ten members.

  - (b) A written Statement asking for an Extraordinary General Meeting to be called, and stating the proposal to be discussed, must be received by the Secretary, not less than two weeks before the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting. The Statement shall be signed by the ten Members who instigated the Extraordinary General Meeting.
  - (c) A quorum for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall consist of the Committee quorum, together with two-thirds of the General Membership, including the ten signatories as in **9.(a)**.
- 10.(a)** General meetings such as Social Events, Competitions, Lectures, etc., shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

  - (b) Any person wishing to organise a Meeting as in **10.(a)** shall approach the Committee for permission to hold the Meeting in the Club's name, and on the granting of permission, shall be co-opted onto a Sub-Committee formed for the purpose of organising the said Meeting.
- 11.** This Constitution may be altered by the Committee for subsequent ratification at the Annual General Meeting, or may be altered at an Extraordinary General Meeting, called as in **9.**, providing that the proposal altering the Constitution is carried by not less than a two-thirds majority of Members present at the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 12.(a)** The club may be "wound up" at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, called for that purpose, provided that the proposal is carried by not less than a two-thirds majority of the Members present at either Meeting.

  - (b) All assets of the Club shall, on winding up, be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.
- 13.** The Committee shall have the sole right to interpret the rules of this Constitution, and its decision will be final.

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