

## MORRIS OWNERS CLUB – SOUTH ISLAND

### RULES

(revised at AGM 2011 by addition of personal benefit clause 19).

1. **Name**

The name of this Club shall be "Morris Owners Club – South Island".

2. **Registered Office**

The registered office shall be the address of the Secretary in office.

3. **Objects**

To assist, advise and advance the interests of all members in the preservation, restoration and maintenance of Morris vehicles.

To promulgate information on availability of spares and to publish information on the buying and selling of vehicles.

To hold spare parts and technical information on Morris vehicles for use and sale to members.

To hold rallies, meetings and social events.

4. **Membership**

Membership of the Club shall be open to owners and enthusiasts of all models of Morris vehicles and their derivatives, subject to approval of the Committee.

Every member shall communicate to the Secretary any change of address and all notices posted to the last notified address shall be valid and deemed to have been given on the day following the date of posting.

Financial members may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary.

There shall be three categories of members: Members, Joint Members and Honorary Members.

Joint Members shall be the spouse, partner or immediate family member of the financial member, and shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations of Members, except that Joint Members will not receive separate copies of the Club's correspondence.

A General Meeting may decide by resolution to confer Honorary Membership on any person who, in the opinion of the meeting, has given distinguished service to the Club. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of members but shall be exempt from payment of any subscription.

5. **Subscription**

The annual subscription for members and joint members shall be such as may be fixed from time to time by the Club at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

The Club's financial year shall be from 1 April to 31 March.

The annual subscription shall be payable at the time of acceptance of the new member, and subscriptions of members joining the Club during any financial year shall be valid until 31 March. Thereafter subscriptions shall be due annually from 1 April.

New members joining after 1 January may pay half annual subscription for the balance of that financial year.

Any member failing to pay a subscription by 31 July shall be deemed to be unfinancial and shall not be entitled to any privileges of membership.

**6. Suspension, Disqualification or Expulsion of Members**

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be injurious to the interests of, or bring discredit to the Club, the Committee may deal with the members as follows:

The Committee shall give not less than 14 days notice to the member to attend a meeting of the Committee at which the matters alleged would be explained to the member, who shall have the right to reply and offer any explanations.

After hearing any statement made by the member or his/her representative, the Committee may take any of the following actions:

- Suspend the member from membership for whatever period the Committee decides;
- Disqualify the member from participation in any Club events for whatever period the Committee decides;
- Expel the member from the Club.

A member who is suspended, disqualified or expelled under this clause shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting, which shall have the power to confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Committee.

No person who for any reason ceases to be a member of the Club shall have any claim against the Club for a refund of the whole or part of any subscription or fees paid to the Club.

**7. General Meetings**

Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30 April each year on a day and time appointed by the Committee.

Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee, or by requisition signed by not less than fifteen financial members and addressed to the Secretary.

At all General Meetings fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

Fourteen days notice of all General meetings shall be given in writing to each member.

**8. Voting**

At any General Meeting only financial members shall be entitled to vote.

Proxy and postal voting may be accepted.

Voting at all meetings shall be by voice, or by show of hands, or by secret ballot if requested and agreed to by the Chairperson of the Meeting. The Chairperson shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

**9. Auditor**

An auditor may be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

**10. Executive**

The Executive shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

**11. Committee**

The Committee shall consist of the Executive and up to six other members, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.



The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club, and shall decide all matters not required to be decided by General Meetings.

Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee may co-opt additional members who shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee may appoint the following officials or others as they see fit; Parts Co-ordinator, Archivist, Librarian and Editor.

**12. Election of Executive and Committee**

All members of the Executive and Committee shall be eligible for re-election at each Annual General Meeting.

All nominees for the Executive must have been current Club members for not less than one year preceding nomination, except the position of President who will have had a minimum of one year Committee service.

Nominations in writing must be in the hands of the Secretary not less than 24 hours prior to the time of the Annual General Meeting, and must be signed by the nominee.

Nominations may be made by those members present at the meeting, by or with the consent of the nominee.

**13. President**

The President shall:

- Chair all meetings of the Club;
- Promote the Club at all opportunities;
- Liaise with other Clubs with similar interests;
- Oversee all Club activities.

**14. Secretary**

The Secretary shall:

- Record the minutes of the meetings;
- Prepare and despatch all notices and correspondence;
- Preserve all Club records with the assistance of the archivist;
- Attend to all other matters as the Committee may require.

**15. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

- Receive all moneys on account of the Club and deposit the same in such bank accounts as the Committee may direct,
- Keep financial records as required by the Committee;
- Prepare and produce at the Annual General Meeting an audited statement of receipts and payments for the Club;
- Render to the auditor or Committee, as required, a correct account of all the moneys received and paid.

Club bank accounts may be operated by the Treasurer with any one of the Executive

**16. Club Captain**

The Club Captain shall:

- Be responsible for organising Club events;
- In the event of the chairman being absent, chair Club meetings.

- 17     **Trophies**  
All Club trophies shall remain the property of the Club and be held as directed by the Committee.

18.     **Rules**  
These rules may be amended or rescinded by a General Meeting in accordance with Rule 7 of these rules.

No addition to or alteration of the non-profit aims, personal benefit clause or the winding-up clause shall be approved without the approval of Inland Revenue.

19.     **Personal Benefit**  
Any income, benefit or advantage shall be applied to the objectives of the organization. No member of the organization or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the organization, in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever. Any such income shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in any arms length transaction (being open market value). And the provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

- 20     **Dissolution**  
The Club may be dissolved by the resolution of all members to the Executive.

On dissolution the Club is prohibited from making any distribution, whether by way of money, property or otherwise to any member(s) of the Club.

On dissolution of the Club, any surplus assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organisation approved by the Executive.