



Constitution of The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc.

ARTICLE I - NAME AND STRUCTURE

SECTION I

The name of this organization shall be "The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc.", also known as "The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club" and known in this Constitution as the "Club".

SECTION II

The Club shall be structured as a social and educational organization for its members and not for any individual's profit.

SECTION III

The Club's fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

SECTION IV

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc. is and shall forever remain a registered, dues paying Centre (Chapter) of the MG Car Club headquartered in England.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND TERM

SECTION I

The purpose of the Club is to encourage the members in the acquisition, preservation, restoration, exhibition and use of MG automobiles and all things pertaining to them; and to disseminate accurate historical and technical information relative to MG Automobiles; to promote understanding and knowledge of the MG automobile and to foster good fellowship and cooperation among its members.

SECTION II

The term for which this organization is to exist is perpetual.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

Membership in the Club shall be open to anyone who holds a technical, historical, driving or riding interest in the MG Automobile regardless of race, creed, religion, sex, age, financial or social position.

SECTION II

The ownership of an MG automobile is not a requirement for membership in this organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

There shall be at least one regularly scheduled meeting of the membership each month, plus any others as stated in the Club's Bylaws.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Club's Officers and one director elected for each twenty-five Club memberships (member households).

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

SECTION I

Election of Officers and Directors shall be a simple majority of the ballots returned as defined in the Bylaws.

SECTION II

Elections will be conducted by a Ballot Committee as defined in the Club's Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICATION

The *Morris Garages Informer* is the official publication of the Club and shall be available to Club members as set forth in the Club's Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

SECTION I

Any Constitutional Articles may be amended by a three quarters majority of ballots returned calling for a Constitutional Amendment.

SECTION II

Members shall be given due written notice of any proposed amendments to the Constitution as set forth in the Club's Bylaws.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST MG CAR CLUB, INC. BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - TITLE

SECTION I

This document shall be known as "The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc. Bylaws."

SECTION II

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, Inc. shall hereinafter be referred to in this document as the "Club".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION I

The purpose of this document shall be to set down the rules and regulations by which the general business of the Club will be conducted.

SECTION II

The Bylaws shall clarify the general intent of the Constitution.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

Membership shall be granted to those who, after appropriate membership fee (dues) is paid and application is reviewed and accepted by the Board of Directors, by majority vote, becomes obliged to the intent, rules and regulations of the Club including all rights and privileges as set forth in the Club Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION II

A member shall be all persons permanently living under the same household roof, and whose names are listed on the membership application.

SECTION III

Members sixteen (16) years of age and over shall be allowed to vote on the business of the Club.

SECTION IV

It will be the duty of each Club member to abide by all rules set forth by the Club's Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION V

Membership fees (dues) of the Club shall be reviewed and discussed at each October monthly meeting and voted upon by all members present at that meeting. This decision shall come into effect immediately for anyone renewing or applying for membership for the next fiscal year. Those new applicants submitting fees at or after the October monthly meeting shall be afforded all the rights and privileges of a Club member. Dues for the next fiscal year can be accepted after the dues structure is announced at the October monthly meeting, with members becoming delinquent after January first of the next fiscal year.

SECTION VI

All new memberships (member households) shall receive a copy of the Club Constitution and Bylaws along with a membership roster.

SECTION VII

Any member not paying their membership dues by January 1 of the Club's fiscal year shall be dropped as a member with all rights, duties and privileges suspended until their dues are paid in full.

SECTION VIII

Any member not renewing his/her membership within a twelve month period must make new application for membership.

SECTION IX

The Charter members of the Club are: Jay Chernoff, Norm DeLooper, Don Francett, Tami Friday, Mike Hollowell, Rob Johnson, Charles Lavers, Jr., Art Maheu, Blaize Maheu, Joseph Scarfo, Jill Schaberg, Bret Seprish, Herb Sterling, Brian Wheeler and Kelli Wheeler.

SECTION X

A member may be expelled from the Club if he/she does not fulfill or abide by the Club Constitution or Bylaws, or exhibits conduct deemed unacceptable by the Club. Such accusations shall be presented in writing, signed by the Club member and submitted to either the Club's Secretary or the Club's President. The Secretary or President shall then make every effort to privately resolve the matter between all parties involved. If matters cannot be resolved between the parties involved, then the President or Secretary shall call for a Special Board meeting to rule on the matter. The person or persons in question and the entire membership shall have at least thirty days written notice of such Special Board meeting. Expulsion from the Club, with forfeiture of all membership fees, rights and privileges, will be decided by a secret ballot of the Board members with the majority decision prevailing.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

SECTION I

All Club meetings (Monthly, Board or Committee) are open to any Club member to attend.

SECTION II

Minutes shall be taken at any Regular, Board or Committee meeting and submitted to the Club Secretary at or before the next monthly meeting.

SECTION III

There shall be a monthly meeting held on each second Wednesday of the month to conduct the general business of the Club. Such meetings will be guided by, but not strictly governed by, *Roberts Rules of Order*. Club business shall be put on the agenda at the discretion of the President. Matters requiring a vote will be of a verbal account unless a secret ballot is requested by the Club President or the majority of those present at that meeting. Where Club Officers and Directors are being voted upon, a secret ballot is required.

SECTION IV

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to review and discuss long and short term goals of the Club, review and vote upon membership applications, approve Club expenses and conduct any business that would either be too lengthy or require research before being presented to the Club at a monthly meeting.

SECTION V

The First Quarterly Board of Directors meeting shall be held as early in January as possible.

SECTION VI

Emergency meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by any Board member, whose responsibility will be to notify all other Board members and those interested parties of the place and time of such meeting.

SECTION VII

A quorum will be necessary to conduct voting business at either a monthly meeting or Board of Directors meeting. At a monthly meeting, a quorum shall consist of those members present. At a Board of Directors meeting, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the number of Board of Directors.

SECTION VIII

If the monthly meeting day is to be changed, either permanently or temporarily, this may be done by a vote at a monthly meeting and then announced in the newsletter.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION I

The duties of the President shall be to officiate and conduct all the Club's monthly meetings and Board of Directors' meetings, appoint committee chairpersons and represent the Club whenever Club representation is necessary. The President shall not vote on any of the Club's matters except to break a tie vote.

SECTION II

The duties of the Vice-President shall be to assume the duties of the President in his/her absence, resignation or expulsion. Further, the Vice-President shall act as membership coordinator and report on membership applicants at each monthly meeting. The Vice-President shall create and carry out a membership plan for his/her term of office and publish an annual roster of members.

SECTION III

The duties of the Secretary shall be to take and maintain a written record of all meetings, to take roll, to make a report of the minutes of any meeting when requested and to conduct the correspondence of the Club.

SECTION IV

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep an accurate account of all financial transactions of the Club and to submit a verbal financial report at each monthly meeting or at any other time the Board of Directors requests. The Treasurer shall submit a written quarterly financial report at each quarterly Board of Directors meeting or when requested by The Board of Directors. The incoming Treasurer shall audit the previous year's financial records. If the Treasurer is reelected, the Board of Directors shall establish an audit of the financial records.

SECTION V

Line of succession should the office of President become vacant is Vice-President, then the Director who has been a member of the Club the longest. Should a vacancy occur for any of the Club's Officers or Directors, that position shall be appointed by the President.

SECTION VI

Officers may be reelected if they are nominated for that position or they submit their own name to the Ballot Committee and are duly elected by the membership in a general election.

ARTICLE VI - CLUB DIRECTORS

SECTION I

Other than the Club's Officers, the Board of Directors shall consist of a Director for each twenty-five memberships (member households) or fraction thereof as of September 1. Directors shall be elected at the time of the election of Officers.

SECTION II

Directors may be reelected if they are nominated for that position or they submit their own name to the Ballot Committee and are duly elected by the membership in a general election.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS AND FORMAL BALLOTS

SECTION I

Elections and any other matters requiring a general ballot to the membership shall be conducted by the Ballot Committee.

SECTION II

Those members desiring to run for any Club office or Director's position shall contact the Ballot Committee on or before the October monthly meeting if they wish to be included on the ballot.

SECTION III

Notification of intent to include a member's name on the ballot as a candidate must be made known and approved by that candidate prior to being placed on the ballot. Write-in candidates will not be accepted.

SECTION IV

For the Club Officers and Directors election, the Ballot Committee shall send out an adequate number of ballots to each member household for voting. The ballots shall be sent out with adequate time allowed for the ballots to be returned if returned by mail. Members may also choose to bring their ballot to the election meeting to be included in the count. At the election meeting, the ballots shall be opened, counted and the results announced by the Ballot Committee Chairperson.

SECTION V

Those persons receiving a majority of ballots returned for the election of the Club Officers or the Club Directors shall be elected.

SECTION VI

The Election meeting shall be the November monthly meeting.

SECTION VII

For any other matters requiring a ballot or vote by the entire membership, the time and date is to be determined by the Ballot Committee.

SECTION VIII

In any matter requiring a ballot, other than Constitution and Bylaws amendments, a majority vote of those ballots returned will determine the matter.

ARTICLE VIII - PUBLICATIONS

SECTION I

The position of Editor of the Club's official publication, the *Morris Garages Informer* will be appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and shall have the term of office for the Club's fiscal year. The publication will be fully funded by the Club's treasury. A budget for the fiscal year of publication shall be submitted by the Editor to the Board of Directors for approval at the first quarterly Board meeting and should include the rates for ads.

SECTION II

The Editor shall appoint an Assistant to the Editor from one of the members of the Board of Directors to assist in publication, including solicitation of paid advertisements, proofreading, accuracy of information and to verify all stated or implied Club policy or business.

SECTION III

The monthly publication shall contain a synopsis of the minutes of the last monthly meeting, minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting (in the issue following such meeting), a listing of all Officers and Board members with telephone numbers, a Calendar of Events for both official Club activities and other events involving MG automobiles, an MG related classified ad section, free to Club members (maximum 50 words) with business display ads at one-half (1/2) the regular display ad rate to Club members.

SECTION IV

The publication shall be mailed so as to reach the membership in adequate time to allow participation in monthly Club events and activities.

SECTION V

Publications originating from committees shall be the responsibility of the Committee Chairperson, and must be approved by the Board of Directors. The expense of the publication shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION I

The President will appoint Standing Committees serving for the Club's fiscal year.

The President will appoint an MG Jamboree Chairperson only for those years in which an MG Jamboree occurs.

SECTION II

Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be announced by the incoming President at the December Christmas/Installation function.

SECTION III

Committee chairpersons shall appoint their own Committee members.

SECTION IV

The Standing Committees are:

- Activities
- Ballot
- Fellowship
- Historian

SECTION V

Duties of the Standing Committees shall be:

Activities: Coordinate and confirm the Club's activities. Seek out, research and suggest new activities for the Club.

Ballot: The Ballot Chairperson shall appoint, from the membership, two additional members, who are not Officers or Directors, to form the Ballot Committee. This committee shall seek out candidates for the Club Officers and Directors and present a list of candidates at the September monthly meeting. If a complete slate of candidates is not developed by the Ballot Committee, the President or Board of Directors, in his/her absence, may appoint an individual to fill the vacancy or ask the incumbent official to remain in the position until a candidate is appointed. Additionally, this committee shall act on any other matters requiring an entire membership vote.

Fellowship: The contact person from the Club who shall make known items of interest within the Club such as illness, births, deaths, marriages and, on behalf of the Club, make appropriate responses to the members involved and notify the Newsletter Editor.

Historian: Maintain scrapbooks and photo albums of the Club's activities and any other materials of historical value. These items should be displayed annually at one of the Club's major functions.

SECTION VI

MG Jamboree: The chairperson shall appoint from the membership a committee to assist in planning and coordinating the event, and assure that sufficient volunteers are in place to carry out the financial and functional duties of the Club's Biannual event.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

SECTION I

Bylaws can be removed, changed or added by a three-fourths majority of the ballots returned calling for a Bylaws amendment.

SECTION II

A proposed change in the Bylaws must be made at a monthly meeting.

SECTION III

When a member proposes a change at a meeting, the President shall call for discussion as to the validity of the change. A motion and second can be made to present the change to the membership.

SECTION IV

For Bylaws changes or Constitutional amendments, the Ballot Committee shall send out an adequate number of ballots to each member household for voting. The ballots shall be sent out with adequate time allowed for the ballots to be returned if returned by mail. Members may also choose to bring their ballots to the tabulating meeting to be included in the count. At the tabulating meeting, the ballots shall be opened, counted and the results announced by the Ballot Committee Chairperson.

SECTION V

A tabulating meeting shall be one of the monthly meetings.