

The Constitution

1. NAME

The proposed name of the club is **Ulysses Club Great Britain** to be abbreviated on occasion to **Ulysses Club GB** herein after called the Club.

2. AIMS

The aims for which the Club is established are:

- I) To provide ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support.
- II) To show by example that motorcycling can be an enjoyable and practical activity for riders of all ages.
- III) To draw the attention of public and private institutions to the needs and views of older riders.
- IV) To foster relations with Ulysses members internationally.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1. A person is eligible for membership of the Club if:

He or She has attained an age of 40 years and is currently eligible to ride a motorcycle or has attained an age of 40 years and is the spouse or regular companion of a member or can demonstrate a prior longstanding interest and involvement in motor cycling, **and** has applied for membership in the prescribed manner and has been approved for membership by the Management Committee.

3.2. Until a member has attained the age of 50 years, he or she shall be deemed to be a Junior Member, but shall, nevertheless, have full membership rights and privileges in the Club.

3.3. Membership fees shall be agreed by each Annual General Meeting.

3.4. All members joining the Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution.

3.5. Members no longer able to ride due to age, infirmity or other acceptable cause, will not lose their membership.

3.6. For the purpose of effective management and communication a register of members will be kept in accordance with the following guidelines:

A limited amount of personal data may be kept by officers of the Club for the purposes of establishing or maintaining membership, supporting the business of the Club or providing or administering activities for either the members or those who have regular contact with it. By providing the officers of the Club with such personal data as they may from time to time request, and unless notified otherwise to any or all of those individuals in writing, this data may be shared with other members of the Club in whole or in part at the discretion of the officers of the Club for any and all of the purposes of the business of the Club. Personal data will not be used for any other purpose without first obtaining the express permission of members.

3.7. A person ceases to be a member of the Club if the person: dies or resigns or is expelled from the Club or fails to pay without reasonable cause any fee within three months of the due date.

3.8. All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary. The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 21 days of a complaint being lodged. The Management Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership. The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 28 days of the hearing. There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The Management Committee should consider the appeal within 21 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

4. MANAGEMENT

4.1. The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Management Committee which shall consist of Honorary Officers of the Club who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. If the post of any officer should fall vacant the Management Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

- 4.2. The Honorary Officers of the Club will include at a minimum the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 4.3. The President shall hold a casting vote.
- 4.4. The President may be elected to that office for a maximum of three terms only.
- 4.5. All Management Committee members shall be financial members of the Club.
- 4.6. The Management Committee shall meet at least three times each year in addition to the AGM.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 5.1. The AGM of the Club shall be held on a date in or after May each year.
- 5.2. Not less than 21 days' Notice of the AGM will be given to all members.
- 5.3. All financial members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- 5.4. The AGM will be deemed to be quorate if three members of the Management Committee and at least six ordinary members are present.

6. OTHER MEETINGS

- 6.1. The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings and General Meetings outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs and GMs will be the same as for the AGM.
- 6.2. The Management Committee may convene a Special General Meeting on the requisition in writing of at least 51% of members, to be held within three months of the requisition from members.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1. All income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the objects of the Club.
- 7.2. All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.
- 7.3. The financial year of the Club will end on the 5th April.
- 7.4. A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.
- 7.5. All financial transactions drawn against Club funds should be authorized by the Treasurer plus up to two other Management Committee Members who should not be related.

8. DISSOLUTION

- 8.1. A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of two-thirds of the membership.
- 8.2. In the event of dissolution, any assets of the Club that remain shall not be paid to or distributed among members, but shall be transferred to some other club, association, or body having similar objects to the Club, to be determined by the members at the time of winding up or dissolution.

9. LIABILITIES

- 9.1. All members of the Club shall be considered to be jointly responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.
- 9.2. The liability of a member of the Club to contribute toward the payment of the debts and liability of the Club, or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Club.
- 9.3. The Club takes no responsibility for harm or injury received by Club members and/or members of the general public through participation in Club events and meetings.
- 9.4. Members and their guests shall bear responsibility for their own insurance arrangements.

10. THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended from time to time to ensure that it remains effective. It may only be altered, rescinded or added to by a special resolution of the members of the Club in a General Meeting, normally the AGM or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Any change to the Constitution shall require a two thirds' majority of those present and eligible to vote at the Meeting.

11. INTERPRETATION

If any doubt shall arise as to the proper construction or meaning in this Constitution or of any expression used therein, the decision of the Management Committee shall be final and conclusive.