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OAKLEY MOTORCYCLE CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of Oakley Motorcycle Club (hereinafter called OMC) will be the following.

1. To promote motorcycling in all its aspects.
2. To support its members in matters relating to motorcycling.
3. To promote equal treatment of all its members regardless of status, gender, beliefs or ability.

2. OFFICERS

The Officers shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and shall be known as the Officers of OMC.

3. THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of ten members, excluding Officers, and shall be encouraged to represent the various aspects of motorcycling (as amended at OMC AGM 07/02/13).

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

1. The election of Officers and Committee will take place at the OMC Annual General Meeting (hereinafter called the AGM).
2. The date of the AGM will be posted at least two months prior.
3. A further notice will be posted at least one month prior to the AGM to allow persons wishing to become Officers (excluding Vice Chair position) or Committee members the opportunity to place their names down for election.
4. Every person wishing to stand for any position will require a Proposer and a Seconder.
5. The position of Vice Chairman will not be the subject of a ballot at the AGM; this position will be decided by the Committee following the AGM and will be an elected Committee member. The vote for this position will be the subject of a ballot by the elected Committee members held immediately after the AGM or the subsequent Committee meeting. Should there be more than one person willing to stand as Vice Chairman, then each applicant will give a short account of their reasons, and a secret ballot will take place between the other Committee members and Officers (except the Chairman who will hold any casting vote if needed).

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6. Should there be more than one person stand for any of the Officer positions then a secret ballot will be conducted at the AGM by the members present.

7. Should there be more than the permitted number wishing to stand for general Committee positions, then a secret ballot will be held at the AGM by the members present. Each member will be expected to select their chosen potential Committee members up to a maximum of ten persons (as amended by OMC AGM 07/02/13).

8. Spoilt or unclear ballot papers will not be counted.

5. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee will be responsible for the promotion of OMC.

2. The Committee will be responsible for the general business of OMC.

3. The Committee will meet monthly as required during the year.

4. The Committee may co-opt persons for specific purposes for a specified period.

5. The Committee shall be a quorum providing there are four or more Committee members plus either the Chairman or Vice Chairman at a meeting.

6. A quorum can be formed via electronic mail or other recognised means of communication provided it complies with 5(5) above and all Committee members are contacted. Any decisions made will be published at the next Committee meeting.

7. If the Committee is not a quorum, then it may not make decisions affecting the governance or running of OMC.

8. At any meeting where a vote on a given topic is tied, then the Chairman (or Vice Chairman in their absence), will have the casting vote.

9. Should a committee member miss three or more meetings during the annual term of that committee, then, dependent upon reasons for absence, the committee MAY terminate that position on the committee and MAY co-opt another member onto the committee for the remainder of that term (Addition at AGM 04/02/16).

6. RESIGNATIONS

When a member of the Committee resigns during their term of office, then another member of OMC may be co-opted onto the Committee provided they are proposed, seconded and then voted in by the Committee and can then serve the remainder of the term of that Committee.

Should more than one person wish to be co-opted onto the Committee to replace a resignation, then it will be the choice of the Committee whether to:

1. Vote within the Committee to select a candidate, OR;

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2. Leave the position vacant until the next AGM.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

1. The AGM will take place every year and there shall not be more than fifteen months between one AGM and the next.

2. An Extraordinary AGM may be summoned at any time with twenty-eight days' notice by:

    a) The Committee or

    b) Any 20 members of OMC

3. At any AGM every member of OMC shall be allowed one vote, but they must be in attendance, no proxy votes will be permitted.

4. The Treasurer will prepare the balance sheet and make it available to all members 28 days prior to the AGM. The balance sheet will show the accounts up to the date of preparation.

5. Questions addressed to the Committee of OMC should be submitted in writing at least 14 days prior to the AGM. However, questions may be taken on the night without prior notice at the Chairman's discretion.

6. Questions addressed to the Treasurer should be submitted in writing at least 14 days prior to the AGM to allow financial research to take place to answer the question posed.

7. The AGM will consist of the following:

    a) A speech by the Chairman regarding the previous year's activity and the plans/changes for the forthcoming year.

    b) A presentation by the Treasurer, of the accounts.

    c) The election of Officers.

    d) The election of the Committee.

    e) Any other presentation/speech or talk agreed by the Committee.

8. APPLICATION OF PROFITS

Any profits of OMC shall be applied in such a manner as the Committee considers best in assisting the Club in administrative costs, promotion and benefit of members.

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9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The cost of membership will include membership of Oakley Sports and Social Club (hereinafter called OSSC).

The cost of membership will be reviewed prior to the AGM dependent upon any increase imposed by OSSC in their annual subscriptions or other financial implications imposed upon OMC.

Any proposed increase in OMC subscriptions must be agreed by the Committee of OMC and then voted upon by the membership at the AGM.

10. BEHAVIOUR OF MEMBERS

1. At any event, function, meeting or trip organised by OMC, reckless or irresponsible riding will not be tolerated.

2. At any event, function, meeting or trip organised by OMC, threatening, aggressive, anti-social or violent behaviour will not be tolerated.

3. In the event of any incidence of the above then the complainant MUST submit the circumstances in writing to the Committee who will then;

    a) Inform the alleged offender in writing of the substance of the complaint and request a response in writing to a specially co-opted committee (as per rule 5(4)).

    b) Discuss the accusation and any response received.

    c) Reach a majority decision as to the course of action to take which will be either, that there is no case to answer, a letter of caution as to that member's future behaviour or immediate expulsion from OMC.

    d) Should the allegation relate to 10.2 above AND have occurred within the premises or grounds of OSSC, then the Committee of OSSC MUST be informed of the allegation and any decision reached by the Committee of OMC. The Committee of OSSC may wish to take action regarding the offender(s) membership of OSSC as there could be a breach of their rules also.

11. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution will be reviewed at least one month prior to the AGM. Any proposed changes or additions to the operation of the Constitution will be voted upon at the AGM.

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Each member of the Club, will receive a link to the location of the Constitution on the OMC Website via electronic mail/social media, with explanation of any proposed operational changes, at least 14 days prior to the AGM. Printed copies are available on request from the Secretary.

At the AGM, the Officers and Committee of OMC will be expected to take questions on the night without written notice from the membership. The proposed changes will then be voted in by the membership. A vote of hands will suffice rather than a ballot. Open questions will not include matters of discipline or any subject where breaches of confidentiality will occur, which will be dealt with privately.

Any new or altered constitution will be signed and dated by the Officers on behalf of the Committee and this signed and dated hard copy will remain in the possession of the Secretary together with all previous constitutions.

12. LIABILITY

OMC is a private members club, and its Officers and Committee cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injury or damages sustained whilst on Club business.

All members attending Club events are expected to hold all the relevant documents required by law.

13. DISSOLUTION OF OMC

Should OMC reach the point where it is not a viable option to continue then any monies remaining in the account will be used to pay any creditors.

Any further monies remaining will be split between reputable charities voted for by the remaining Committee.

No member of OMC should profit from any dissolution.

SIGNED

R BAYS	CHAIRMAN
D BROWN	VICE CHAIRMAN
B RUSSELL	SECRETARY
G HARDMAN	TREASURER

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