

CONSTITUTION OF THE BRITISH MZ RACING CLUB - DEC 2011

1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be the British MZ Racing Club (BMZRC) hereinafter referred to as the 'Club'.

2. Objectives

The Club is established to pursue the following objectives:

- a) Participation in the sport of racing MZ's as defined in the Technical Regulations hereinafter referred to as the 'sport'.
- b) The organisation, management and development of MZ Racing for all members of the Club.
- c) To run appropriate competitions for the purpose of establishing regular competitive play for the Club's members as set out in the Competition Rules.
- d) Promoting and maintaining the highest standards of technical competence and safety in the sport.
- e) Upholding the rules of the sport.
- f) Providing opportunities for access to and the promotion of the sport (e.g. the MZ Experience).
- g) Maintaining a Website and other Social Media.

3. Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated to the British Motorcycle Racing Club ("Bemsee") or any such other motorcycle-racing club, as the majority of the members at the Annual General Meeting shall so decide.

4. Membership

All members are subject to the Constitution of the Club and the regulations of the ACU including the Sporting Code.

- a) Membership of the Club is open to all riders provided they comply with this Constitution.
- b) No person shall be refused membership on the grounds of race, colour, creed, religion, sex, sexual preference, impairment or disability.
- c) All applications for membership shall be accompanied by the appropriate annual voluntary contribution.
- d) Each fully paid up member shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- e) Fully paid up members may be elected and serve on the Executive Committee.
- f) All members will upon request receive a copy of the relevant Technical Regulations, Competition Rules and a copy of the Constitution.

g) Members may be enrolled in one of the following membership categories at the discretion of the executive committee:

- i) Rider
- ii) Non Rider/ Associate Member (non-competing)
- iii) Family
- iv) Sponsor

5. Suspension, Refusal or Termination of Membership

a) The executive committee shall be entitled to:

- i) Refuse any application for membership on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the club as set out in Rule 2 of this constitution.
- ii) For good and sufficient reason to refuse renewal of any existing membership or terminate or suspend any membership provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the management committee before a final decision is made.

b) The member may apply for reinstatement at the next Annual General Meeting.

c) Any member who fails to pay their fees by the date required shall forfeit their right to representation on the executive committee and at the Annual General Meeting, and shall be suspended from taking part in any event under the control of the club until such fees are paid.

d) Any member under suspension shall be barred from taking part in any match or event under the control of the club.

e) The executive committee shall inform the member in writing of any decision to terminate their membership.

f) Notification of the termination of a membership will be forwarded to the Annual General Meeting.

6. Annual General Meeting

The AGM shall be held each year at such time and place as determined by the executive committee, at approximately twelve monthly intervals, but no more than fourteen months after the date of the previous AGM. At each AGM the following business shall be conducted:

- i) Receive and confirm the minutes of the previous AGM.
- ii) Presentation of the clubs financial accounts for the year.
- iii) Presentation of clubs projected financial situation for the forthcoming year, and the setting of all fees
- iv) Presentation of Chairpersons report.
- v) Election of officers to the management committee.
- vi) Consideration of amendments to the Constitution; Technical Regulations & Competition Rules;
- vii) Motions submitted by Members
- viii) Any other business brought before the meeting which has been submitted in writing to the secretary not less than seven days prior to the AGM, and any other business deemed relevant by the chairperson

Notice for an AGM shall be a minimum of 21 days.

A quorum for an AGM shall be ten members plus the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer (the Management Committee).

All notices to be made via the Club Bulletin, Website, Social Media and Forum/Email. For all formal notices the Forum shall be the official line of communication with paid up members.

7. Rules for Annual General Meeting

- a) A minimum of twenty one days notice in writing shall be given to all members.
- b) The Chairperson, or in his/her absence a member selected by the meeting, will take the Chair.
- c) Each paid up member shall have one vote.
- d) All votes shall be determined by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair may exercise a casting vote.
- e) The quorum shall be ten paid up members plus the management committee.
- f) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and record all proceedings and resolutions.

8. Election Of Officers To The Executive Committee

- a) The members of the executive committee shall be drawn from the membership, as defined in clause 4 of this constitution.
- b) Candidates shall be elected by ballot at the AGM, and shall be members of the executive committee from the conclusion of that AGM until the conclusion of the following AGM.
- c) All nominations of candidates for election shall: have the consent of the nominee; be proposed at the AGM; be seconded by another paid up member;.

9. Members of the Executive Committee

- a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following Officers:
 - i) Riders Representative
 - ii) Chairperson
 - iii) Secretary
 - iv) Treasurer
- b) All the above shall be entitled to one vote each at the Annual General Meeting, except the Chair.
- c) The above maybe combined into one post with the exception of the Treasurer.
- c) The committee may co-opt any member to any unfilled post until the conclusion of the following AGM, providing that the number of co-optees shall not exceed one third of the total number of persons serving on the committee at that time. The committee my co-opt additional members to report on specific club matters.
- d) The executive committee may appoint any sub-committees (e.g. to monitor the Technical Regulations) it may deem necessary to deal with the matters of the club, until the

conclusion of the following AGM. The proceedings of all such committees shall report to the management committee by a representative elected by that sub-committee.

10. Rules for the Executive Committee

- a) The Chairperson shall chair the meeting, or in his/her absence one of either the Riders Representative, Treasurer or Secretary or a nominee from the committee in the event of all those mentioned being absent.
- b) The quorum shall be two of those Officers entitled to vote, as listed at Rule 9. a)
- c) All members of the executive committee as listed at Rule 8. a) shall be entitled to vote.
- d) All votes shall be determined by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair may exercise a casting vote.

11. Finance

- a) The income and property of the club, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the objectives of the club as set out in Rule 2, of this constitution.
- b) The club shall have the power to raise money by means of yearly affiliation fees as determined by the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) All monies shall be lodged in a bank account in the name of the club.
- d) The Treasurer and Secretary shall be authorised signatories to sign cheques on behalf of the club, of which in respect of sums below £500 one signatory shall be needed. Sums in excess of £500 will require authorisation in writing from the two other members of the Executive Committee i.e. the Secretary and Chairperson.
- e) The financial year of the club shall run from 1 January to 31 December.

12. Amendments to the Constitution

This Constitution may only be amended by a proposal passed by a majority of members present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

13. The Dissolution of the Club.

- a) Any resolution to dissolve the club may be passed at any Annual General Meeting provided that:
 - i) the terms of the proposed resolution are received by the Secretary at least forty two days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward, and that
 - ii) at least twenty eight days of the proposed resolution shall be given in writing by the secretary to all members, and that
 - iii) such a resolution shall receive the assent of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.
- b) Upon dissolution of the club, after all club and Trustee liabilities have been cleared, all remaining financial and material assets shall on a ballot of over 66% of paid up members to close the account the balance will be paid into the BMCRC Benevolent Fund.