

1) Name & Form of the Club:

The Club shall be known as the Gravesend Eagles Motorcycle Club Ltd. and takes the form of a company limited by guarantee. Each Member's liability is limited to the sum of £1. The company's accounting period runs parallel with the calendar year from 1st of January to 31st of December.

2) Observance and Interpretation of Rules and Regulations:

The term Member hereafter used refers to all persons that are duly accepted into the Club and have paid the relevant subscription. Every accepted Member binds themselves to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Club as herein laid down and by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such Rules and Regulations. Members hold themselves bound in honour, in all cases of dispute, or disagreement as to the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations of the Club, to accept the decision of the Committee as final and binding.

3) The Club's objectives are:

- a) To promote interest in motorcycling, motorcycle sport and the encouragement and protection of motorcycling in the district
- b) To monitor the local administration of the laws and regulations affecting motorcycles and motorcycling and to report any proposed local actions or schemes to the Auto-Cycle Union (A.C.U.)
- c) To provide Members with information, advice, and assistance on matters connected with motorcycling
- d) To promote motorcycle competitions in accordance with the requirements of the A.C.U. Or The AMCA

4) Events:

All motor competitions promoted by the Club shall be held under the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. and in accordance with any other requirements of the A.C.U. and/or its parent body, Motorsport UK. and or the AMCA.

Any Member convicted of an offence arising of their being in charge of a motorcycle or any other vehicle in any Club event or on Club business shall thereupon be liable to expulsion from the Club.

5) Liability:

Neither the Club, its Officers, the A.C.U. or Motorsport UK shall be held liable for any injury whether fatal or otherwise or for loss of or damage to Members' property either by fire theft, accident or any other cause whatsoever during any part of the Club's activities or during any event organised by the Club and it shall be deemed that all Members of the Club shall have agreed to hold the Club Officials, their personal representatives and assigns, the Officials of the A.C.U. and Motorsport UK and fellow Members of the Club their personal representatives and assigns fully indemnified from and against all costs, claims, expenses and damages in respect of any injury or loss or damage as aforesaid.

Members are personally responsible for any civil or criminal proceedings which may be taken against them.

6) Membership:

Candidates for membership must fill in an approved application form and have their names submitted to the Committee. The acceptance of such candidates shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Any Member wishing to resign their position shall give notice of their intention in writing to the Secretary on or before the 31st of December in any year. Honorary Members shall be

elected by the Committee and the number of such members shall not exceed 10% of the total membership. Honorary Members are not required to pay annual subscriptions.

7) Subscriptions:

The annual subscription shall be such amount as fixed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall be inclusive of any affiliation fee payable to the governing bodies. The subscription becomes due on the 1st of January each year and shall be paid within 31 days. The subscription sum may be paid via bank transfer to the Clubs account or presented to the Treasurer or Secretary in cash or cheque. The subscription of any Members that join on or after the 1st of October in any year shall cover the period to the 31st of December of the following year.

8) Election of Officers & Committee:

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Club and the Treasurer, Secretary and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and, subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in such office until their successors are appointed at the Annual General Meeting following their appointment. The Committee shall have power to co-opt other Members as they deem necessary. The retiring Officers and other Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

Nominations of Candidates for election to the Committee must be received by the Secretary not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting with an intimation in writing signed by each Member nominated that they are willing to serve. Nominations of Candidates shall be signed by the Member proposing them.

9) Committee:

The Committee, as elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Trials Secretary, Club Captain, Social Secretary/co-ordinator, Membership Secretary and others as required. Any Committee meeting requires four attendees to form a quorum. The Committee shall have the power to appoint a sub-committee of not less than three persons to meet on its behalf in respect of any matter which specifically referred to said sub-committee.

The Committee shall nominate persons to act as President and Vice-President of the club as deemed necessary.

10) Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the location designated in the notice of the meeting and shall be held in March of each year. Extraordinary Meetings may be convened by direction of the Committee on the written requisition of not less than one-fifth of the Members. Fourteen days' notice must be given of a General Meeting at which seven Members must attend to form a quorum. At General Meetings, whether ordinary or extraordinary, a majority of votes decides a resolution. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in case of even voting. The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive from the Committee a full statement of accounts, duly approved by the Club's accountant, showing the receipts and expenditure for the previous financial year.
- b) Receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the Club during the said year.
- c) Elect the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club.
- d) Elect the Committee.
- e) Settle any remuneration for the Officers of the Club and the Accountant
- f) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.

11) Agenda for the Annual General Meeting:

If any Member desires a matter to be brought forward at a General Meeting, the text of such matter shall be sent in writing to the Secretary at least ten clear days before the date of such meeting, so that it may be included in the agenda.

When Members wish a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting the text of such matter signed by at least two Members shall be sent to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting so that it may be included in the agenda.

A copy of the Agenda shall be sent to each Member at least five days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any Member has not received a copy of the Agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings. No business which is not included in the Agenda shall be discussed at the meeting unless every Member present is in favour thereof. Should the proposer of any motion fail to move a resolution in respect of the relevant item on the Agenda then any other Member who is present at the meeting shall be entitled to do so.

12) Voting:

Every person with a right to be present at a meeting may exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all General Meetings a majority of votes decides a resolution. At any General Meeting any twelve Members may demand a poll, and thereupon the Meeting shall be adjourned to a time and place to be named by the Chairman, and a postal vote shall be taken of all Members of the Club. The decision of the Members, as shown by such postal vote shall be reported to the adjourned meeting and shall be deemed to be the decision of such meeting.

13) Right to be Present:

No one can take part in General Meetings unless they have been duly elected as a Member of the Club and have paid their subscription according to these rules or are Honorary Members.

14) Report and Balance Sheet:

The Committee shall present a financial report and balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting, which shall have been duly certified by the Accountant elected by the committee. The Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Secretary who may convene a meeting of his own accord, or shall do so by direction of the Chairman, or on a requisition signed by one half of the Committee.

15) Duties of Secretary:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend in person, or by deputy, all meetings of the Club and all meetings of the Committee, and to take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be entered in a book and/or be stored electronically and be presented for confirmation at the following meeting.

16) Banking:

All moneys of the Club received in cash or by cheque shall be banked by the Treasurer and/or the Membership Secretary in the name of the Club, and no disbursements shall be made therefrom except in accordance with the form or forms authorised by the Committee. Other moneys may be received directly to the bank account via bank transfer.

Moneys may be paid out by the Club by cash, cheque or bank transfer. All payments must be authorised by two separate signatories. The Club shall always maintain a panel of three

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signatories so that any absence of one signatory, e.g. due to illness or holiday, shall not inhibit the operations of the Club.

17) Use of Club Name and Address:

The name and address of the club shall not be given by a Member for his address for any trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

18) Breach of Rules:

In the event of a grave breach of the rules by a Member, or conduct prejudicial to motorcycling and the Club, they shall appear before a specially convened meeting of the Committee. If they are, in the opinion of the Committee, guilty of reckless driving or other misbehaviour of a serious nature, or ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike character, they may, at the Committee's discretion be cautioned, suspended or required to resign their membership. No Member shall be suspended or expelled except by a resolution supported by at least two thirds of the sitting Committee.

19) Copies of Rules:

Every Member shall be furnished with a copy of the Club rules and regulations on election.

20) Club Regalia:

The Club shall make available to Members a range of regalia including 'beanie' hats, baseball caps, sweatshirts, t-shirts, polo shirts and badges. Members shall pay for these.

21) Dissolution:

The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee, or on the requisition of the majority of the Members.

If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club, and if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.

Affiliated to:

S.E. Centre A.C.U.

Amateur Motor Cycling Association

Members of:

Kent Trials Combine