



THE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

Club Rules

1. TITLE:

The name of the Club shall be “The Four Wheel Drive Club”, hereafter referred to as “The Club”

2. OBJECTS:

- a. To further interest in motoring, specifically the use of four wheel drive vehicles and their use both on and off-road and all aspects of motor sport
- b. To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with four wheel drive vehicles, motoring and motor sport
- c. To watch the local administration of the laws and regulations affecting motoring and motor vehicles, and to report any proposed local action or scheme to the MSA.
- d. To promote and encourage the legal and correct use of public byways and other rights of way.
- e. To promote four wheel drive activities and competitions in accordance with the Rules of the MSA.
- f. To arrange social, competitive and training events for its members.
- g. To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.

3. CONSTITUTION:

Owners and enthusiasts of 4x4s shall be eligible for membership of the Club. Only members aged 17 and over shall be eligible for Event Subscription Membership. In special circumstances members aged less than 17 may be allowed Event Subscription Membership, subject to (committee) approval.

4. MANAGEMENT:

The overall authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club shall remain with its founders (Carl Liversage & Nick Gage). The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established or done by the Club in a General Meeting.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and subject to termination of office by resignation at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment. The Committee shall have the 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.

6. COMMITTEE:

The Committee shall consist of elected members, the number of which shall be determined from time to time by the Committee. Posts on the Committee shall include as a minimum, but not be limited to, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The posts of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer may be held by an individual or shared. An individual may not occupy or share more than one of the mandated posts at any one time. The Chairman and any two other elected members shall form a Quorum.

Nominations for candidates for election shall be made and seconded. A member may nominate himself or herself for election. Nomination must be made in writing and lodged with the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days prior to voting. Nominations of candidates shall be signed by the members proposing and seconding them. No person may stand for a Committee position unless and until they have been an active member for at least 12 months.

Where a nominated person is supported by one other member and no other candidate is standing, they will be deemed elected to the post. Where two or more candidates are standing for a post, then the person with the highest number of votes will be elected to the position. Voting will, unless otherwise requested, be by display of hands.

7. MEETING OF COMMITTEE:

The Secretary either of his/her own accord or by the direction of the Chairman shall unless otherwise agreed by all the Committee give at least 7 days written notice of a meeting.

8. ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE:

Any member of the Committee who shall, without sufficient reasons, absent themselves from three consecutive Committee meetings may be called upon to resign his position upon the Committee.

Committee members who cannot attend meetings should send apologies to the Secretary, prior to commencement of the meeting.

9. 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 to take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be made available to committee members within 14 days.

10. BANKING.

All moneys of the club shall be banked by the Treasurer 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.

11. MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

General Membership of the club is free and shall be made by completing the registration form on the forum.

Events Subscription Membership is chargeable – see item 15

The Committee may review applications for membership and shall have the power to reject the application if this is considered likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the Club or its members. A vote of one third (1/3) against any application for membership shall exclude the applicant from membership. In the event that an application is rejected, any applicable membership fee shall be refunded in full.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF ANY OTHER CLUB:

Members of Other Clubs are welcomed to the Club without forfeit or benefit

14. VOTING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Each member present at a meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. The Committee shall vote by ballot if any member present so demands.

15. EVENTS SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Events Subscribers are entitled to participate in all Events subject to availability. Events Subscriptions shall be by means of an annual subscription or such other as the Committee shall, from time to time, resolve. Subscriptions commence upon completion of a simple form on the forum and payment of due fees.

16. PAYMENT OF EVENTS SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Events Subscription is renewable annually on the date of joining, where applicable.

17. RENEWAL OF EVENTS SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscribers will be informed 30 days before their subscription is due for renewal and again on the day. If renewal fees are not received within 7 days after the due date the subscription will be cancelled and any benefits revoked.

19. RESIGNATION:

Any member wishing to resign his membership shall give notice in writing of such desire to the Secretary. Also any member ceasing, voluntarily or otherwise, to be a member of the club, shall thereafter cease to have any claim upon the property of the club or to enjoy any privileges of membership, but he or she shall remain liable for the payment of any debts due to the club from him to her.

20. USE OF CLUB NAME AND ADDRESS:

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

21. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:

It shall be the duty of the Committee if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the club so require, to suspend any member from the club until a meeting of the Committee can be held. This meeting shall take place within 30 days of the date of the incident. Members of the Committee shall be given at least 7 days notice that a question of expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting of the Committee. The member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least 7 days notice of such a meeting and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing and if two thirds of the members present shall then vote for his/her expulsion, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the club.

22. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in the month of November in each year upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the club during the said year.
- b) Elect the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the club and any other committee members
- c) Settle any remuneration's for the officers of the club.
- d) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.

23. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

A Special General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Committee, or on a requisition of the Secretary stating the business for which the Special General Meeting is required and signed by not less than 10 members. If the meeting so requisitioned is not convened within 21 days, the said 10 members may convene such meeting. 7 members shall form a quorum.

24. AGENDA:

When members wish a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting, the text of such matters signed by at least two members shall be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of such meetings, so that it may be included in the Agenda.

A copy of the Agenda shall be made available to each member at least five days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not seen 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 shall be entitled to do so.

25. VOTING:

Every person with a right to be present may exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all General Meetings, except as provided in Rule 26, a majority of votes decides a resolution.

At any General Meeting any 12 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 online poll shall be taken of all members of the club, the decision of the members, as shown by a poll, shall be reported to the adjourned meeting, and shall be deemed to be the decision of such meeting. The Rules relating to collective vote and proxies shall apply as in Rule 14 hereof.

26. RIGHT TO BE PRESENT:

No-one can take part in General Meetings unless they are a member of the Club.

27. OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES:

Every member binds himself to abide by the rules of the club, and also by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such rules, and also to accept as final and binding the decision of the Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules.

28. ALTERATION OF RULES:

Any alterations may be made in these rules by a

General Meeting provided

- a) that details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the notice of the General Meeting and
- b) that the resolution proposing such alteration is carried out by two thirds of those present and voting at such General Meeting or by two-thirds of those voting should a Poll be demanded as provided for in Rule 26.

29. EVENTS:

All events organised by the Club shall be held under the rules and requirements of the Club and statutory traffic regulations. All motorsport events organised by the club shall be held under the rules and requirements of the MSA with the exception of club laning days whereby the club laning day rules will apply. Any member convicted of an offence arising out of his being in charge of a motor vehicle in any club event or on club business shall be thereupon be liable to expulsion from the club under Rule 21.

30. COPIES OF RULES:

A copy of the Club Rules and Regulations will be available to all members.

31. MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Any membership cards issued to a member shall remain the property of the Club. On termination of their membership, members shall deliver up such cards to the Membership Secretary.

32. 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 or by the Founders.

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 Founders.