

## London Leathermen (Formerly Motor Sport Club London) Constitution

Adopted by the Annual General Meeting of the Club on 7th March 1992.
Last amended 19th March 2016.
In this document, the following standard abbreviations are used:
Annual General Meeting abbreviated to AGM
Executive Committee abbreviated to EC

## RULE 1: CLUB NAME

The name of the Club is London Leathermen, and the recognized abbreviation of it is LLM.

## RULE 2: OBJECTS

The objects of the club are:
(a) to promote and organise activities for the mutual enjoyment of Club Members;
(b) to develop and maintain close and friendly relations with, and to show hospitality towards members of similar Clubs;
(c) to raise money and collect gifts for charity; and
(d) to provide such services for the benefit of Members as the EC deems desirable and practicable.

## RULE 3: MEMBERSHIP

(a) Members are to be at least eighteen years of age, and are to be in one of three categories, namely Full Members, Fraternal Members, or Honorary Life Members. I the Club is dissolved, Fraternal Members shall not be entitled to share any remaining assets;
(b) The AC may grant Full or Fraternal membership to any suitable applicant, but Fraternal membership is to be limited to persons residing outside Great Britain. Applications for these categories of membership are to be proposed and seconded by existing Full Members:
(c) Honorary Life Membership may be granted to any person who is nominated by the EC as having given exceptional service to the Club, and who is then approved as such by a majority vote at the next /GA Honorary Life Members need pay no subscription. but are to have all the rights of full Members;
(d) A membership card is to be issued to each Member. It is to be produced by him if so requested by an EC Member, and to be surrendered if the holder resigns from the Club.

## RULE 4: APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) The EC, which is to administer the Club's affairs, is to consist of the Officers - namely The President, The Secretary, and The Treasurer, and five other Full Members.
It is to be elected by the AGM to serve to the end of the next AGM;
(b) Nominations of candidates for election to the EC are to be sent to The Secretary at least twenty-one days prior to the AGM, showing the names of, and signed by, the candidate and two other full members as proposer and seconder;
(c) (i) Contests for EC places are to be decided by secret ballot. Any ballot is to allow votes to be transferable;
(ii) If only one nomination is received for any office, or if five or fewer nominations are received for any of the positions, the AGM is to be asked to approve the candidate or candidates by a show of hands;
(iii) If any position remains unfilled, nominations are to be called from the floor; (iv) The AGM may leave any position unfilled except that of President.
(d) The EC may co-opt Full Members:
(i) to fill any vacancy in its own ranks, or
(ii) to form Sub-Committees for specific purposes. It may also invite other Full Members to join in its discussions, though not in votes.

## RULE 5: RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) The EC is to meet at least quarterly, or more often if it appears necessary. The quorum at a meeting of the EC is to be half its current membership;
(b) Any EC Member who is absent from three consecutive EC' meetings without showing reasonable cause is to forfeit his position;
(c) No member who is on the Committee of a similar Club may, at the same time, serve on the EC.
(d) The President is to be the chief representative of the Club, and to take the chair at meetings. In the case of equality of votes on any question, he is to exercise a casting vote. If he is not available, the EC is to nominate one of its members for these purposes.
No person may serve as President for more than three consecutive years;
(e) The Secretary is to be responsible for the Club's correspondence and documents, and for the administrative arrangements for meetings;
( N The Treasurer is to be responsible for all the Club's monies and is to keep a full account of them. He is to give a financial statement at each EC Meeting. Other EC members are responsible to him for any of the Club's monies that they need to handle;
(g) In advance of each AGM, the EC is to present a report of its works, and also the Annual Accounts certified by the Honorary Auditors;
(h) The EC is to decide on relevant matters not mentioned in this Constitution, and to interpret any doubtful point in it.

## RULE 6: CLUB MEETINGS

(a) At General Meetings, a simple majority of votes is to be binding. except as provided in: Rule 4(c) Election of EC;
Rule 9: Alteration of the Constitution; and Rule 11: Dissolution.
The quorum for a General Meeting is to be $30 \%$ of the Full Members residing within fifty miles of Charing Cross. Fraternal Members are not entitled to vote at General Meetings; (b) The AGM is to be held in Central London in February or March. The Secretary is to notify all Full Members of the date, time, location and proposed agenda at least forty-two days beforehand. Proposers and seconders of motions, and proposers of business for discussion, are to give written notice to the Secretary at least twenty-one days before the meeting, and he is to give written notice to all Full Members at least fourteen days before the meeting;
(c) The EC may call a General Meeting to deal with essential business. If at least five Members call for a General Meeting in writing to the Secretary, he is to invite them as soon as practicable to give their reasons in person to the EC. If after this discussion they still require such a meeting, it is to be called as soon as practicable. The Secretary is to give all Full Members twenty-one day written notice of the date, time, location and agenda for a meeting called under this subparagraph, unless the exceptional urgency of the matter requires some shorter notice.

## RULE 7: FINANCE

(a) Any Bank, Building Society, or similar account for the Club is to be held in the name of the Club, and the three Officers are to be the signatories;
(b) Accounts are to be drawn up annually to 31 December. All relevant papers are to be delivered to the Honorary Auditors as soon as possible thereafter, and in any case, in good time for the audit to be completed before the AGM;
(c) The AGM is to appoint one or two Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year on nomination for the floor and voting by show of hands;
(d) If the total due to the Club's creditors at any time exceeds its assets, the EC is to call General Meeting as soon as possible.

## RULE 8: SUBSCRIPTIONS

(a) The Treasurer is to propose to the AGM a subscription for Full Members for the following year and present a budget based on it. The subscription rate is to be fixed by a majority vote of the Full Members present at the meeting;
(b) The subscription rate for Fraternal Members is to be determined by the EC at its first meeting after the AGM;
(c) These subscriptions are to cover the period from January Ist to December 31st of the following year and once paid are not refundable;
(d) If an existing Member fails to pay his subscription within forty-two days after the AGM, his membership is to lapse. If he later tenders payment and requests reinstatement, the EC may accept or reject his application, and its decision is to be final;
(e) New membership is only to be valid from the date of the appropriate subscription;
(f) New applicants on or after 1st September may be offered membership up to the next

AGM at a reduced rate at the discretion of the EC.

## RULE 9: ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be altered by motion at an AGM, if two-thirds of the Full Members present assent.

## RULE 10: PUBLICITY

No Member is to make any public statement about, or to publish any matter relating to the Club and its affairs unless the EC gives prior consent, which is not to be unreasonably withheld.

## RULE 11: DISSOLUTION

(a) The following special provisions are to apply to a motion to dissolve the Club:
(i) All Full Members are to be given twenty-one days notice of the motion, and the date, time and location of the General Meeting at which it is to be put;
(ii) For this motion, but for not others, Full Members who apologize for absence may also lodge a written vote with the Secretary before the meeting;
(iii) The quorum for attendance at the meeting is to be as defined at Rule 6(a), but the number of possible votes is to be the total of:
(a) the number of Full Members present when the motion is put, and
(b) the number of valid written votes for absent Members;
(iv) The motion is not to be declared carried unless the number of votes in favour is at least three quarters of the number of possible votes, as at (iii) above:
(b) If such a motion is carried, the Club is to be dissolved forthwith, and the Officers for the final year are to be responsible for dealing with the remaining assets according to law.

## Resolutions Passed at General Meetings

1/92: The Club resolves that the monies hitherto held to meet possible repayment claims on the Premises Fund be now merged with the General Fund.
Agreed by the AGM, 7th March 1992.
$2 / 92$. The Club believes that membership is most valued when both the Applicant and the Members are clear what is involved, and that being received into membership signifies identification with the aims and objectives of the Club, and a commitment to participate fully in its activities. The Executive Committee is requested to prepare and molement plans for probationary membership. Applicants will only be accepted into full membership immediately in exceptional circumstances.
Agreed by the AGM, 7th March 1992.
$1 / 2016$ The last sentence of rule 5(d) be suspended for one year to enable the existing President to continue in office for a further year to oversee the rebranding of the Club.
Agreed by the AGM 19th March 2016
2/2016 Rule 1 be amended to change the name of the club to London Leathermen. and the recognised abbreviation to be LLM.
Agreed by the AGM 19th March 2016.

