



Norfolk Austin Seven Club

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Constitution for the Norfolk Austin Seven Club

Proposed, discussed and voted on and accepted at the Inaugural Meeting on 18th January 2005
Changes made to Clauses 3.b., 3.c., and 5.c. at the 2006 AGM. Clause 5.c added at the 2008 AGM.
Changes to Clauses 4.a., 4.b., 4.c., 4.e., 5., 5.b., and addition of Clause 5.d. at the 2009 AGM.
Changes to Clauses 4.a. and 4.b. at the 2015 AGM

1. The **title of the Club** shall be the "**Norfolk Austin Seven Club**".
2. The **object of the Norfolk Austin Seven Club** is to foster interest in, the preservation of and use of Pre War Austin Sevens, its variants, other Austin cars and old cars in general. Membership will be open to any person who has a genuine interest in the Pre War Austin Seven in particular, but also other Austin models and old cars in general.
3. **Eligibility for membership.**
 - a. Full membership is open to any person having a genuine interest in the Pre War Austin Seven in particular, but also other Austin models and old cars in general.
 - b. Each full Member may nominate one other family member or partner as a Joint Member, who shall also have full voting rights.
 - c. Acceptance of Membership to be at the discretion of the Committee. If during the course of membership a Member, who, in the view of the majority of the Committee, is deemed to have acted in a manner contrary to the spirit of membership of the Club, he or she, if they persist in their actions after a written warning, will, at the discretion of the Committee, have their membership terminated and their membership fee for the current year returned in full.
 - d. Life Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Committee in very special circumstances.
4. **Committee:**
 - a. Officers and Committee Members are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b. Officers and Committee Members may serve for an indefinite period, until such time as they resign or are voted off at the Annual General Meeting.
 - c. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of five elected Committee Members including the Club Officers.
 - d. The Club Officers shall consist of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.
 - e. Committee Meetings must have a quorum of three Committee Members and any decisions require a majority.
 - f. If required, people can be co-opted onto the committee by agreement by a majority of the committee.
5. **Membership Year and Fees.** From 1st April 2011 the Membership Year will be from 1st April through to 31st March. (For the transition period 1st January 2010 through to 31st March 2011, refer to the Minutes of the 2009 AGM).
 - a. The cost of the membership fee will be decided by the Committee and any changes will be declared to the Membership at the AGM.
 - b. The cost of the membership fee to new members who join part way through the year will be charged according to the half of the year in which they join. I.e.: a new member joining *in the first* half of the membership year (1st April through to 30th September) will pay full annual fee and if they join in the second half of the year (1st October through to 31st March) they will pay half of the annual membership fee.
 - c. Only those members who have actually paid their subscription for the year of the AGM, before the AGM, can actually address the AGM or vote at the AGM.
 - d. For the year 2010 the AGM will take place in January. From 2011 the AGM will take place in March each year.
6. **Accounts of the Club's finances** shall be submitted to Members at the Annual General Meeting.
7. **Change of the Club's Constitution.**
 - a. Any alterations under items 1 to 8 shall only be made at an Annual General Meeting on a written member's proposition seconded by ten members and sent to the Secretary one clear month before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
 - b. If the resolution obtains a majority the Constitution shall be amended accordingly.
 - c. Items 7 and 8 may not be amended or deleted.
8. **Dissolution of the Club.**
 - a. The Club may be dissolved at a Special General Meeting called by a requisition in writing to the Secretary by the majority of members.
 - b. The resolution will be put to the vote and must be carried by a majority in favour of the dissolution which represents not less than two-thirds of the membership of the Club.
 - c. Notice of at least fourteen days of the Special General Meeting shall be given to all known members.
 - g. If the resolution is carried the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club and all assets and any monies from the proceeds of the liquidation shall be donated to the Austin Seven Clubs Association. Should this Association or its successors not be in existence, the proceeds shall be divided equally among the paid-up members