

Rules of the EACC

The notes in the right hand column are for guidance and explanation only and do not form part of the rules

1 Name

1.1 The club is called the East Anglian Cyclemotor Club

Making the name a rule means that it can only be changed at a General Meeting

2 Objects

2.1 The objects of the club are:

2.1.1 To promote the use and preservation and restoration of all types of autocycles, mopeds, cyclemotors and other motorised bicycles especially those more than twenty-five years old

Note: "especially" not "exclusively". We are not attempting to precisely define autocycles and cyclemotors - that way madness lies

2.1.2 To promote interest in and enthusiasm for the vehicles

2.1.3 To put members in touch with each other;

2.1.4 To pool experience and information about the vehicles

2.1.5 To keep spares in circulation to members at a reasonable cost

2.1.6 To hold occasional rallies and meetings

2.1.7 To inform members of the club's activities

2.1.8 To carry on any other business which may seem to the club capable of being conducted directly or indirectly for the benefit of the club

In other words "anything else we haven't thought of yet".

3 Membership

3.1 Full membership of the club is open to any UK resident interested in the objects of the club, at the discretion of the committee

Whatever other categories may be set up (see next rule) this one is always available to UK residents

3.2 The committee may introduce other membership categories

This means it isn't necessary to call a general meeting to introduce, for example, a separate category for overseas members

4 Subscriptions

4.1 Full membership of the club is for 12 calendar months from the date of acceptance

4.2 The annual fee for full membership is £6.00

*So the fee can only be changed at a general meeting, not just by the committee
But the committee can vary the rates for (to use the example above) overseas members*

4.3 The fees for other categories of membership will be decided by the committee

5 Committee

5.1 The committee consists of a secretary, a treasurer and between 1 and 6 other members

Between 3 and 8 committee members, therefore.

5.2 If the committee falls below the minimum requirement, it may still meet for the sole purpose of calling a general meeting.

Minimum requirement as defined in the previous rule: there must be a secretary, treasurer and at least one other

5.3 All committee members are elected at a general meeting of the club. All committee members retire at the next AGM but may stand for re-election.

The committee has the responsibility of running the club, therefore, all committee members must be elected by the membership

5.4 No member under 18 can be a committee member

...or would 16 be a more appropriate age limit?

5.5 More than half the elected committee members must be present at a meeting to form a quorum

5.6 The secretary must give all officers and committee members at least 14 days notice of every meeting

6 Officers

6.1 The committee may appoint any member as an officer to perform specific duties

*Officers are the people who do things, for example, newsletter editor, spares officer...
Officers may speak at a meeting to tell the committee what they've been doing or to*

6.2 All officers may attend committee meetings but only those who have been elected as committee members may vote.

ask for things to help them do their job but ultimately, it's the elected committee that decides

7 Annual general meeting

- 7.1 An annual general meeting of the club must be held in every club financial year
- 7.2 The AGM will receive and, if approved, adopt a statement of the club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.
- 7.3 The AGM will appoint the members of the committee
- 7.4 The AGM will consider any alteration of these rules
- 7.5 The committee must give all club members at least 21 days notice in writing of the AGM

The Club's financial year runs from the beginning of October to the end of September

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8 Extraordinary general meetings

- 8.1 The committee may convene an EGM at any time.
- 8.2 An EGM must be convened within 42 days from receipt by the secretary of a requisition in writing specifying the object of the meeting signed by at least 50 members or 10% of the total membership whichever is the fewer
- 8.3 An EGM may remove or appoint members of the committee
- 8.4 An EGM may consider any alteration of these rules
- 8.5 An EGM may deal with any special matter that the committee wants to put to the members
- 8.6 An EGM may deal with any special matter which the members requiring the meeting want to put to the club
- 8.7 The committee must give all club members at least 21 days notice in writing of an EGM
- 8.8 The notice must specify the reasons for the EGM. No other matters may be dealt with by the EGM.

That's 21 days to arrange it and still be able to give 21 days notice.

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9 Proceedings at annual and extraordinary general meetings

- 9.1 The members present will appoint one of their number as chairman for the duration of the meeting. If possible, the chairman should not be a committee member.
- 9.2 Resolutions at general meetings shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the members present at the meeting
- 9.3 Each full member has one vote on every resolution. No member under the age of 16 years shall be entitled to vote
- 9.4 The quorum for a general meeting is 25 or 25% of the total membership, whichever is smaller.
- 9.5 Decisions of a general meeting are not invalidated if a member fails to receive notice of the meeting.

This is intended as a constant reminder that the committee is there to serve the membership, not the other way round. There are no proxy votes and no postal votes

You have to draw the line somewhere and 16 seems an appropriate age for a moped club

The notice must be sent - but if, for instance, a member has forgotten to tell us about a change of address, that can't stop the meeting.

10 Dissolution

- 10.1 The club may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at a general meeting of the club.
- 10.2 The general meeting will decide how to dispose of any property that remains after the discharge of all the club's debts and liabilities