



## **CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Your Club Committee would prefer to keep the administration of the Allegro Club International as informal as possible but every organisation has to have **some** regulations to ensure smooth running and we are no exception. ACI formed a Limited Company in December 1995 to give an element of legal protection to the Club Committee, people who contribute a great deal of their time for the benefit of Allegro Club International and its members without any payment whatsoever.

### **1. TITLE**

The name of the Company Limited by Guarantee shall be "ALLEGRO CLUB INTERNATIONAL" hereinafter referred to as "The Club".

### **2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of The Club shall be to:

- a) promote and encourage the preservation and use of all models of Austin Allegro type cars.
- b) maintain funds for the publication and distribution of the Club magazine, the purchase of spare parts and regalia and any other expenditure authorised by the Club Committee or Treasurer.
- c) promote such events as are thought necessary in furtherance of items (a) and such other events as the Club Committee and membership may propose from time to time.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

Application for membership of Allegro Club International must be made on the "Membership Application Form". Membership will be open to any person who agrees to abide by the Conditions of Membership and is interested in and prepared to further, the aims and objectives of The Club. Membership is open to individual persons only and not commercial organisations. A member's spouse or partner, for an additional fee, can be accepted as an Associate Club Member with voting rights but will not receive The Club Magazine. Membership is not transferable and shall cease on death. **Only Club members shall be allowed to buy Club Spares.**

### **4. LAPSED MEMBERSHIP**

If a member fails to pay their subscription within forty-five days of the renewal date, their membership will cease. A lapsed member rejoining The Club will have to pay both enrolment and subscription fees in full.

### **5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Annual General Meeting will be held in every calendar year with each Club member being sent at least twenty-one day's written notice. Resolutions for the A.G.M. should be placed before the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the A.G.M. Late resolutions will be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Chairman. If accepted they will be discussed under "Any Other Business".

## **6. ELECTIONS**

**Club Directors.** One third of the Club Directors must retire from office each year but shall be eligible for re-election. Only Club Members shall be eligible to stand for election as a Club Director and only after they have held office on the Club Committee, or a sub-committee, for at least two years.

**Club Committee.** A Club Member must have held an official position on a sub-committee for at least one year to be eligible for election to the Club Committee. However, in the event that a post remains vacant because no qualifying person has come forward, the Directors and Committee may by majority vote co-opt any individual (who may not necessarily be a Club Member) into the post until a successor can be found. Such individuals shall not, however, carry voting rights.

**Nominations.** Nominations for positions on the Club Committee or as Club Directors should be received by the Secretary not less than four days nor more than twenty-eight days prior to the A.G.M. However, late nominations will be accepted at the meeting. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall be entitled to a second casting vote.

## **7. DISSOLUTION**

A two-thirds majority of members shall be required to propose dissolution of The Club. The Club may not be dissolved except at a General Meeting held three months after notice has been conveyed to the membership. If upon the winding up or dissolution of Allegro Club International, there remains any property whatsoever the same will not be distributed among Club members but shall be transferred to some other institution having objectives similar to Allegro Club International. Every member of Allegro Club International agrees to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) towards the charges and expenses of winding up, whilst they are a member or within one year after they cease to be a member.

## **8. CLUB OFFICIALS**

Management of The Club shall be the responsibility of the Club Committee. The Club Chairman and Club Committee Chairman shall be the same person selected by the Club Directors as their Chairman. The Club Chairman will be selected each year but must retire from office after **five** consecutive terms. The Vice Chairman must **not** be a Club Director. Management of The Club shall be vested in the Club Committee comprising: Club Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Spares Controller, Magazine Editor, Regalia Secretary, Publicity, Events Co-ordinator, Webmaster, and Membership Secretary. Sub-committee and working parties shall be formed as required and members shall have the right to attend Club Committee meetings and take part in the discussion, but they will not have voting rights. Club Officers and sub committee members are normally expected to serve in an honorary capacity. Should it become necessary to offer remuneration in order to fill a key post, full details must be agreed and voted upon at an Annual General Meeting. Should an Officer relinquish his post at an A.G.M. he and his successor will normally work in conjunction for a reasonable period to facilitate a smooth change-over.

## **9. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Subscriptions shall fall due on the member's *membership renewal* date. Any increase/decrease in Subscription or Enrolment fees shall be voted upon at the A.G.M.

## **10. FUNDS**

Funds shall be administered under the overall direction of the Treasurer with cheques requiring any two from three appointed members' signatories. Accounts shall be subject to annual Independent examination. Any member shall have the right to inspect the accounts on giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary.

## **11. EXPENSES**

Club Committee members shall be the only people entitled to claim travelling expenses for attendance at Club Committee meetings. Club members shall be entitled to submit claims for any expense incurred on Club business if authorised by the Treasurer or Chairman. Other expenses to be considered by special arrangement.

## **12. DISCIPLINE**

The Club Committee shall have the power to withdraw membership rights of any member at an extraordinary Club Committee or Directors meeting with at least two elected members present. The Club member will have the right to attend. Offenders shall have their membership terminated forthwith and all subscription monies forfeit. Withdrawal of membership will be evoked for such occurrences as, but not limited to: Any member, his family or associate, who conducts themselves in a manner likely to bring the Club into disrepute, the use of Club facilities for the purchase and resale of spare parts from Club stock whether for profit or otherwise and to express or imply representation of the Club without prior approval of the Committee and Directors.

## **13. CONSTITUTION**

Copies of the Memorandum & Articles of Association of Allegro Club International shall be available to all members. Conditions of Membership shall only be altered after agreement by the Club Committee and at a properly convened Committee meeting.

Amended at the Annual General Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009