



## **Conditions of Membership**

Your Club Committee, all unpaid volunteers who contribute a great deal of time and effort for the benefit of Allegro Club International and its members, would prefer to keep the administration as informal as possible but every organisation has to have some regulations to ensure smooth running. The Conditions of Membership, which may need to be amended from time to time, will apply to all new and existing members. A.C.I. Formed a Limited Company in December 1995 to give an element of legal protection to the Club Committee.

### **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 item a) and other proposed events the Club Committee may agree to from time to time.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

Application for membership of The Club must be made on paper or electronically on a "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 individuals only and not commercial organisations. A member's spouse, partner or family member, for an additional fee, can be accepted as an Associate Club Member with voting rights but will not receive The Club magazine. Membership fees may not be refunded. Membership is not transferable and shall cease on death. Only Club members shall be allowed to buy Club spares unless permission is granted by the Committee. Where spares are to be purchased at events, it is essential that a valid Club membership card is presented. It is the responsibility of members to ensure that their cars are appropriately insured when involved in Club activities. Services provided by the club at membership inception are not guaranteed to remain for the duration of membership.

### **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 the 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 days' written notice. Resolutions for the A.G.M. should be placed before the Committee 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.** Any person who has been a member for at least one year is eligible for election to a Committee post. However, in

the event that a post remains vacant because no qualifying person has come forward, the Directors and Committee may, by a majority vote co-opt any individual (who may not necessarily be a Club Member) into a post until a successor can be found. Such an individual shall not, however, carry voting rights.

Nominations. Nominations for positions on the Club Committee or as a Club Director should be received by the Committee 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. P.T.O.

### **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 The Club 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 The Club. Every member of The Club 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. No portion of membership fees paid will be returnable upon winding up or dissolution, irrespective of the period of membership remaining.

### **8) CLUB OFFICIALS**

Management of The Club shall be the responsibility of the Club Committee. The Club Chairman and The 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, Committee Secretary, Treasurer, Spares Secretary, Magazine Editor, Regalia Secretary, Publicity Secretary, Events Co-ordinator, Webmaster, and Membership Secretary. Sub-committees and working parties shall be formed as required and such 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 in Subscription or Enrolment fees shall be voted upon at the A.G.M.

### **10) FUNDS**

Funds shall be administered under the direction of the Treasurer with cheques requiring signatures from two of four members appointed by the Committee. Accounts shall be subject to an annual independent examination. Any member shall have the right to inspect the accounts on giving one month's notice in writing to the Committee Secretary.

### **11) GIFTS, DONATIONS and PURCHASES**

Gifts and Donations to, and Purchases by, any member purporting to represent Allegro Club International must be for the benefit of the Club as a whole. The acceptance and subsequent disposal of any vehicles must be approved by the Committee. Any monies realised by the sale of such property, and/or donations, must be added to Club Funds.

### **12) EXPENSES**

Club Committee members shall be the only persons 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 will be at the Committee's discretion.

### **13) DISCIPLINE**

The Club Committee shall have the power to withdraw membership rights of any member at an Extraordinary Club Committee 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 monies forfeit. Withdrawal of membership will be invoked 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.

### **14) CONSTITUTION**

Copies of the Memorandum & Articles of Association and the current Conditions of Membership of The Club shall be available to all members from the Company Secretary. Conditions of Membership shall only be altered after agreement of the Club Committee at a properly convened Committee meeting. The Membership will be notified of any changes made to these Conditions in the first available Quartic magazine.

Amended by the Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014