



Mid-South MINIacs Car Club Constitution

ARTICLE I – CLUB NAME AND EMBLEM

1. The club's name is "Mid-South MINIacs" hereinafter referred to as MINIacs, the club will be nationally affiliated when such affiliation will be recognized as being beneficial to MINIacs.
2. MINIacs will have an emblem which design will meet the approval of the membership and applicable statutes and regulations and shall not infringe on any copyrighted or registered trademarks.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the MINIacs is the promotion and preservation, enjoyment and maintenance of all types of MINI's/Mini's and related vehicles, as well as the improvement of driving skills and automobile safety, and the improvement of the MINI's image. MINIacs advocates that members practice safe MOTORING at all times and encourages adherence to all traffic laws in any and all events. MINIacs does not encourage racing in any club sanctioned events unless otherwise held at a venue where such is allowed by law.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in MINIacs is open to legally registered owner(s) and/or leasee(s) of MINI's or enthusiasts interested in the MINI/Mini and the objectives of MINIacs and all members of the same household. Active Membership is mandatory for all except associate or Honorary members.
2. Membership Categories:
 - a. Active Members: Enjoy all privileges and responsibilities implied.
 - b. Active Members include the legal owner(s) of each MINI/Mini registered with the MINIacs and all family members. (The legal leasee of any MINI/Mini shall be considered an "owner" for the purposes of club membership and participation). Family members include spouses, partners, significant others, children and any other member of a registered owner's family residing at the registered owner's address. However, voting rights shall be limited to one vote per registered MINI.
 - c. Associate Members: Associate membership is open to non-owners of MINI's that are enthusiasts interested in the MINI and the objectives of the MINIacs.
 - d. Honorary Lifetime Members: A MINI/Mini owner/lease or enthusiast awarded a lifetime membership by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members present at a regular meeting in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the MINIacs and its objectives. They are excused from payment of dues.
 - e. Honorary Members: Employees of ROADSHOW MINI are granted membership as Honorary Members and may enjoy all privileges and responsibilities implied. They are excused from payment of dues.
 - f. Membership will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues within thirty days after they become payable.
 - g. Any member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of Active Members present at a regular meeting. This shall be for infraction of MINIacs rules or for any action that is determined not to be in the best interest of MINIacs. Before such action is taken, the Secretary shall notify the member in writing of such charges. The member will have the opportunity to submit in writing, either at the meeting or as a posting on the MINIacs website, or in person his answer to such charges.

- h. Any member may resign from MINlacs by written notice to the Secretary and payment of any indebtedness to the MINlacs.
 - i. All members age 18 years of age or older must have a signed Liability Waiver & Release Agreement on file before participating in any club events.
3. Membership year: The membership year shall coincide with the MINlacs fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings will be held at least once quarterly at a time and place specified in the “By-laws”.
2. At any meeting where a quorum is not present no action may be taken except where sufficient written ballots are available and signed to constitute a quorum for purposes of that action. A quorum is one fourth of the Active Members of the MINlacs.
3. Except where otherwise specified herein, any motion shall be adopted by a majority vote. A majority is one half plus one of the Active Members present.
4. Special meetings may be called by any member of the Steering Committee or by petition of a majority of the Active Members. Written notice or phone call must be made at least seventy-two hours prior to such a meeting.

ARTICLE V – STEERING COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a Steering Committee that will direct and oversee the actions and activities of each Standing Committee and shall resolve any differences or conflicts arising between committees. The Steering Committee shall be comprised of the chairpersons of each standing committee.
2. The members of the Steering Committee shall choose a chairperson in a manner determined by the committee members. The Steering Committee Chairperson shall serve for a period of one year unless said chairperson resigns or is removed from the chair by a majority vote of the Steering Committee members.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

1. No committee or member will incur debts or other liabilities in excess of those allowed in the by-laws on behalf of MINlacs without prior approval of two thirds of the Active Members present at a meeting.
2. Special Assessments may not be levied without the written and/or oral approval of two thirds of the Active Members.
3. The chairperson of the Executive Committee and any one of the other members of the Steering Committee will be authorized to sign all club checks. Two signatures are always required.

ARTICLE VII – BY LAWS

1. The By-laws contain the details for a smooth running MINlacs.
2. The By-laws may be changed, sections of subsections deleted or added by two-thirds vote of the Active Members present at a meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Any active member may propose an amendment by submitting it in writing to the Executive Committee, who will submit it for publication prior to its consideration at the next regular meeting
2. The proposed amendment must be passed by a two thirds vote of the Active Members present at a regular meeting and such ballots as are received prior to that meeting, in order for such amendment to become effective. Votes may be received by mail or otherwise delivered, and shall be signed by the active member who is voting.

This constitution was voted on and approved on July 9, 2011.



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BY LAWS

A. REGISTERED VEHICLE

1. Members must register one or more legally owned or leased MINI(s) with the MINIacs as a qualification of membership.
2. Only vehicles registered with the MINIacs shall be allowed to participate in any club sponsored activity or event except for guests.
3. Registered automobiles shall be vehicles legally registered and licensed in the member's residence state. The member shall provide the make, year and model and the legally registered license plate for each registered automobile upon application for membership and/or upon renewal of membership.
4. Registered vehicles must be either new or classic MINIs of any year or model and include, the Morris MINI, the Austin MINI, the MINI Cooper or any other model that bore the name MINI or MINI Cooper.
5. Associate Members and Honorary Lifetime Members may register one or more vehicles with the MINIacs at the time of application for membership or upon renewal and shall be valid for a one membership period. Such annual vehicle registration is optional.
6. Only person's that have registered a vehicle with the MINIacs may participate in any driving event or activity. Associate members, Honorary Lifetime Members, Honorary Members or guests that have registered their vehicle with the MINIacs must register their vehicle per driving event.

B. DUES and FEES

1. Dues shall be assessed for each automobile registered with membership.
2. Dues shall be assessed for each fiscal year and shall not be prorated for a partial year.
3. Dues shall be \$25.00 per year for the first registered automobile per family and \$10.00 per year for each additional registered automobile.
4. Dues for Associate Members shall be \$25.00 per year per member.
5. An event fee of \$5.00 shall be charged for any non-registered vehicle that will be driven in any MINIacs sponsored driving event or activity.
6. Honorary Lifetime Members and Honorary Members are exempt from the payment of any event fees.

C. COMMITTEES

1. There shall be permanent standing committees that shall direct, organize, supervise, implement and administer the functions, events, activities and business of the MINIacs
2. Standing Committees shall be:
 - a. Communication
 - i. Handle all internal correspondence and communication
 - ii. Coordinate with Marketing/Membership committee for all external communication
 - iii. Maintain and post communications to social media and to the club website
 - b. Events/Activities
 - i. Schedule events and activities
 - ii. Coordinate events and activities with the event/activity facilitator(s).
 - c. Marketing/Membership

- i. Reach out to non-member MINI owners through websites, social media, booths/tables at appropriate Road show events, car shows, etc.
 - ii. Drive new member growth
 - iii. Welcome and orient new members to the club.
 - iv. Design and/or approve design of all media considered as ‘advertising’ including, but not limited to flyers, pamphlets, booths/tables at shows or other events, and the club website.
- d. Executive
 - i. Maintain all official records of the organization
 - ii. Take and maintain minutes of official meetings
 - iii. Collect dues
 - iv. Coordinate and maintain finances of the organization.
 - v. Report financial activity to the membership as required by by-laws.
- 3. Ad-Hoc committees can be formed at any time for special purposes and shall be temporary.
- 4. All committees (Standing and Ad-Hoc) shall consist of no less than two members.
- 5. Membership in committees shall be voluntary. Members shall not be required to serve for any specific period of time.
- 6. Committee rules: Each committee shall establish rules governing the functioning of the committee except as otherwise noted in the Constitution or By-laws.

B. MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings are to be held at least once per quarter at a location published on the Website. The location shall be changed to best serve the members across the Region.
2. Regular meetings will be chaired by the Steering Committee Chairperson or such other person as designated by the Steering Committee.
3. The order of business will be:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Introduction of Guests
 - c. Introduction of Members
 - d. Reports
 - i. Minutes of previous Meeting
 - ii. Treasurers Report
 - iii. Standing Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - e. Announcements
 - f. Old and Unfinished Business
 - g. New Business
 - h. Oral Communications
 - i. Adjournment

D. FINANCES

1. The Club’s fiscal year will be from July 1 to June 31.
2. An entry fee may be charged at any event at the discretion of the chairman of the program and events committee.
3. Fund raising may be accomplished by Club swap meets, advertising fees, sale of service items purchased by the club, auctions, etc.
4. The Executive Committee shall provide a financial report to the membership at each regular meeting.
5. Any active member may request a financial report from the executive committee at any time with 30 days advance written notice.