

BY LAWS of TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS

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ARTICLE I

Purpose

Section 1.

This club is dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and maintenance of the MG automobile and the fellowship of the Club members.

ARTICLE II

Name Affiliation

Section 1.

The official name of the Club is “TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS”

Section 2.

The Club seeks affiliation with appropriate National and International MG Registers.

Section 3.

Members are strongly encouraged to join the register(s) appropriate to their model(s) of MG and to participate in Register events.

ARTICLE III

Emblem

Section 1.

The Club emblem consists of an octagonal MG crest superimposed over the center vertical part of an open block letter “T”. The cross bar of the “T” shall contain the word “TIDEWATER” and the base of the letter “T” shall contain the word “CLASSICS. When reproduced in black and white, the emblem should have the same relative dimensions and appearances as describe above. When the emblem is reproduced in color, brown and beige shall be used. The shading of the two colors should be similar to that of the “TD” radiator badge. The distribution of colors within the emblem is: that the portion of the “T” not covered by the octagon is brown with a beige outline: TIDEWATER and CLASSICS are beige; the octagon is beige with the MG superimposed in brown.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1.

Membership in the Club is available to those who have an interest in sharing the Club's purpose as stated in Article I. Membership is obtained by submitting a completed Club Membership form and payment of dues.

Section 2.

The annual dues are \$20.00. The annual dues are set and voted upon by majority vote at the September business meeting. Membership extends from January 1st through December 31st. Dues shall be paid in advance by January 1st. Failure to pay by the end of March shall terminate membership. Members joining after the beginning of the membership year will pay the full dues January 1st through June 30th and 50% of the annual fee July 1st through December 31st.

ARTICLE V

Voting

Section 1.

Each membership has ONE vote in all applicable voting matters of the Club; including the election of the four officers of the Club and Amendments to the Club by-laws. Voting is accomplished in person or by written proxy.

ARTICLE VI

Operations

Section 1.

The administration and operation of the Club and the management of its property, funds and business is vested in the members.

Section 2.

The club meets in regular sessions during the first week of each month according to a schedule published in advance, or as otherwise decided by the membership at the previous meeting.

Section 3.

Financial obligations of the Club, except such as are incident to the routine conduct of its affairs, shall be incurred only by the authority of a majority of those voting at a regular scheduled monthly meeting.

Section 4.

In September, the president will appoint a Nominating Committee which will establish a slate of candidates for the four officers for the New Year. The slate will contain at least one nominee for each office and no member may be nominated for more than one office. The committee will announce the slate of candidates at the October meeting. At the November meeting, the election will be held; the committee will count the ballots and announce the new officers.

Section 5.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-president shall succeed to that office for the remainder of the term. Other vacancies will be filled by the President to serve for the remainder of the term.

Section 6.

If the club requires additional funds, an assessment may be levied on each membership by a majority vote of those members present, or voting by proxy, at a scheduled monthly meeting after the intent for a proposed assessment has been announced by the President in the monthly newsletter.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Club will be members and consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Following elections they shall assume office on January 1st and serve for one year. No member may serve in the position of President or Vice-President for more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 2.

The President presides at Club meetings; supervises the business of the Club; signs all contracts, instruments or obligations in the name of the Club; and performs such duties as are incident to leading the Club. These duties may be delegated at the President's discretion.

Section 3.

The Vice-President exercises all of the functions and performs all of the duties of the President when the President is not available, or at the President's request. The Vice-President will perform other administrative duties at the request of the President. In addition, the Vice-President is responsible for coordinating the meeting schedule for the calendar year.

Section 4.

The Secretary ensures that the minutes of the meetings are recorded and published in the following month's newsletter. The Secretary maintains a file of the minutes (after their approval by the membership) and a permanent record of the Club correspondence for future reference. In addition, the Secretary will perform other administrative duties at the request of the President.

Section 5.

The Treasurer keeps full and accurate records and accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the membership and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in a depository or depositories in the Club's name. The Treasurer disburses the Club funds as ordered by the membership, making vouchers thereof, and renders to the President and the membership quarterly, or whenever requested, an account of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Club.

ARTICLE VIII

Chairs

Section 1.

The President appoints all chairs.

Section 2.

The Technical Chair serves as a resource for information on technical matters regarding MG maintenance and repair. The Chair provides advice if possible, and contributes regularly to the club Newsletter with advice for members who are maintaining or working on their own vehicles. Regular reports at club meetings may also be given to share useful information. The Chair need not possess mechanical skills or expertise but should be resourceful in assisting as needed.

Section 3.

The Newsletter Chair publishes a monthly newsletter, The Dipstick, to report on past and future Club events and to include items of interest to the membership. The newsletter is normally published approximately one week prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Section 4.

The Regalia Chair orders, stores and sells regalia as desired by the membership, and makes the regalia available to the membership at club meetings and events.

Section 5.

The Activities Chair proposes an annual calendar of events which is attractive to the maximum number of members. This Chair ensures that a specific member is responsible for each event.

Section 6.

The Membership Chair maintains an up-to-date roster of current, paid-up members and provides data to the Newsletter Chair monthly to support newsletter distribution. In addition, the Membership Chair, after the end of March (see article IV, section 2) provides to the treasurer a list of all paid-up members for the new membership year and prepares a new membership roster for distribution no later than with the April issue of The Dipstick.

Section 7.

The Webmaster Chair maintains the Club's website.

Section 8.

The Social Media Chair oversees and maintains the club's social media platforms, ensuring accurate communication of events, announcements, and activities. This role supports member engagement, promotes the club's image, and helps attract prospective members.

ARTICLE IX

Checks

Section 1.

The Treasurer and one other officer designated by the President shall have the authority to individually sign checks drawn on the Club funds.

ARTICLE X

Removal of Officers

Section 1.

An Officer of the Club may be removed from office by a majority vote of all members voting in person or by proxy. Members will be given at least one month's notice prior to a removal vote.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to these by-laws are made by a majority vote of all members voting in person or by written proxy. Club members will be provided with the text of any proposed amendments at least one month in advance of a By-laws amendment vote.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution

Section 1.

The Club may be dissolved by a majority vote of all members voting in person or by proxy. Members will be given at least one months' notice prior to a dissolution vote. If dissolved, all Club assets shall be sold for a fair market value and all resulting funds shall be equally distributed among all club memberships. Any donated assets shall be returned to the donor if at all possible.