

THE ESSEX AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB CONSTITUTION
October 2016

- 1. The Title of the Club shall be:** "The Essex Austin Seven Club"
- 2. The Object of the Club:** To foster interest in the preservation and use of pre-war Austin Sevens and its variants.
- 3. Eligibility for Membership:** Application for full membership is open to any person having a genuine interest in the pre-war Austin Seven.
- 4. Acceptance of Membership:** Each full member may nominate one other person as a Joint Member who shall have full voting rights. Acceptance of Full or Joint Membership is to be at the discretion of the committee. If however, at any time during the course of membership a member or joint member, who in view of the committee, conducts themselves in a manner contrary to the spirit and wellbeing of the club as a whole, shall be warned of his or her conduct in writing. Should that person persist in their conduct, or if the conduct is such that the wellbeing and good name of the club might be in jeopardy, the committee at its discretion may immediately terminate that membership, in which case an equivalent proportion of that membership fee would be returned.
- 5. Life Membership:** May be granted at the discretion of the committee in very special circumstances.
- 6. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee:** Officers and members of the committee are to be elected annually at each Annual General Meeting or co-opted as necessary. Should any committee member who without good reason, does not attend committee meetings or fails to inform the Secretary of their apologies of absence on three consecutive occasions, that member may be asked by the committee to withdraw and a replacement sought from within the membership.
- 7. The Committee:** Shall consist of a maximum of ten elected members, including the chairman. The officers shall consist of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, membership secretary and editor and the roles of regalia, events co-ordinator, advertising and archivist may be filled within the remainder of the ten elected members. Additional committee members may be co-opted due to their knowledge, skills or experience, with the agreement of the committee. The chairman shall be elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. The position of chairman may be held by one person for a maximum of two successive years or until the next Annual General Meeting whichever comes first, but may subsequently be re-elected after a break of at least one year. Committee meetings must have a quorum of six, and any decisions require a majority. In the event that a vote is even, the chairman shall have the casting vote. Committee meetings will generally be held on a bi-monthly basis. Any club member who wishes to organise a club event should first gain authority from the committee so that insurance cover will apply.
- 8. Audited Accounts of the Club's Finances:** Shall be submitted to members at the Annual General Meeting. Auditors are to be elected annually. The treasurer and nominated committee members will be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the club. Cheques and online banking transactions shall require a minimum of two signatories.

Auditing of the Club's Assets: A detailed record of all the club's assets and their approximate value be compiled for insurance purposes, where original purchase receipts are not available. This record must be submitted to all serving committee members only (for security) at the Annual General Meeting. None of the club's assets can be sold or disposed of without the prior approval of the majority of the committee.
- 9. Membership Fees:** Will become due on 1st January each year, the amount being at the discretion of the committee and will be declared beforehand. A pro-rata scale of fees will be prepared by the membership secretary, and agreed by the committee, for those applicants who join later in the year. Payment to be made by one of the club's preferred payment methods.
- 10. Change of Constitution:** Any alterations shall only be made at an Annual General Meeting on written members' proposition seconded by ten members and sent to the secretary one clear month before the date of the Annual General Meeting. If the resolution obtains a majority, the Constitution shall be amended accordingly.
- 11. Dissolution:** The club may be dissolved at a Special General Meeting called by a requisition in writing to the secretary by the majority of members. The resolution will be put to a written vote and must be carried by a majority in favour of the dissolution which represents not less than two-thirds of the membership of the club. Notice of the meeting of at least fourteen days shall be given to all known members.

If the resolution is carried, the committee will forthwith liquidate the affairs of the club and all its assets and any monies from the proceeds of the liquidation shall be donated to the Austin Seven Clubs Association. Should this Association or its successors not be in existence, the proceeds shall be divided equally amongst the current paid-up members.
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