



CONSTITUTION
OF
VAUCLUSE RACEWAY
MOTOR SPORT CLUB
(VR-MSC)
2001
(With Subsequent Revisions)

1. NAME OF THE CLUB

- a) The name of the club is Vaucluse Raceway Motor Sport Club Inc.
- b) The club will operate as Vaucluse Raceway MSC or VR MSC.

2. MISSION

- a) To organise and promote motorsport for the benefit of competitors and spectators alike.
- b) To organise social events and activities for the benefit of members and guests.

3. HEADQUARTERS

Hopewell Estate, St. Thomas, Barbados, West Indies.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

- a) To broaden the local competitor base to include people from all sectors of the community.
- b) To further establish Barbados as an international motorsport venue.
- c) To raise the general standard of competitive driving in Barbados.
- d) To allow all drivers to compete without discrimination.
- e) To ensure the social aspect of Club activity takes priority over other considerations other than safety.
- f) To conduct itself and take such decisions to further its legal obligations and be fair in pursuance of its objectives.

5. MANAGEMENT

- a) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Committee of Management (COM) which shall be constituted as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and other members as required to fulfill specific functions. Three members of the Committee shall make up a quorum at COM meetings.
- b) The President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by a simple majority vote of members-in-good-standing at an Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for the ensuing year until successors have been duly elected. If, for whatever reason, no successors are elected, the standing officers shall continue to serve until successors are elected at a subsequent AGM. Proposals for officers must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer from members-in-good-standing no less than 7 days before the AGM. The elected officers may appoint any persons to the COM to carry out the duties of the Club.
- d) The COM shall recognize the Barbados Motoring Federation as the Governing body of motorsport in Barbados and shall have two members of its COM appointed, at least one of whom will represent the Club at sittings of the Board of Management of the Barbados Motoring Federation.
- e) The COM shall have and exercise the following powers, authorities and functions concerning the Club:
 - (1) The sole management of the affairs and business of the Club.
 - (2) The appointment of any person(s) to represent the Club in any capacity.
 - (3) The appointment of such sub-committees as it may consider necessary and the delegation of all or any of its powers to any such committee.
 - (4) The COM shall meet at any time that the President prescribes in a written request to the Secretary/Treasurer. Forty-eight hours notice of any meeting shall be given by the Secretary to the members of the COM.
 - (5) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and is entitled to sit in such a capacity at any sub-committee meeting. In the absence of the President his responsibility shall fall on the next highest ranked Committee Member (in the order listed in 5.a) or whom he may designate.

6. CLUB YEAR

The Club year shall commence from the 1st of January in every calendar year and shall end on the 31st of December of the same year.

7. STEWARDS

The COM may invite a person or persons to be Stewards of the Club for such time as determined by the COM.

8. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership is open to all interested persons.
 - b) Members should pay such fees to the Treasurer as required by the COM.
 - c) There shall be five main classes of membership: Full, Honorary, Life, Social and Temporary.
- Full member - A full member is a person who applies and is accepted to the Club and has paid the admission fee and annual subscription. Proposals for members under 18 years old must be counter-signed by their parent or guardian as well as any entry forms for motorsport events. Only full members can compete in Club-organised motor sport events unless they are invited guests.
 - Honorary Member - Honorary members shall be appointed by the committee as it sees fit. Their qualifications shall include professional, public or sporting distinctions related to the furtherance of the Club's aims and objectives. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to vote in the Club.
 - Life Member - Life members will be appointed by unanimous vote of the COM. Life members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of full members.
 - Social - A social member is a person who applies and is accepted to the Club and has paid the application fee and annual subscription which shall be 50% of those for a Full Member. Proposals for members under 18 years old must be counter-signed by their parent or guardian. Social members shall not be entitled to vote in the Club.
 - Temporary – Temporary Members are not entitled to any of the privileges of the Club except the competition or demonstration event they are invited to participate in. They shall be elected for a period not exceeding three days and shall have no claim on the property or funds of the Club and shall not be entitled to vote in the Club. Temporary membership can only be offered to a person twice.

9. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

All applications for membership shall be in an official form and shall be accompanied by membership fees as the COM shall prescribe. Every candidate for full membership of the Club shall be proposed by one full member and seconded by another full member. Documents to be included are as follows:

- a) Application Form
- b) Entrance Fee
- c) Annual Subscription Fee

10. ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION

- a) The Committee reserves the right to change the membership fees from year to year. These fees shall be noticed to members.
- b) The annual subscription is due and payable on the 1st day of January of each year and any member whose subscription remains unpaid by the last day of January shall not take part in any Club activities and shall forfeit all the rights of membership while his or her subscription remains unpaid.

11. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- a) The COM shall have the power to suspend or expel from the Club any member:
- Whose behavior is in their opinion likely to bring discredit upon the good name of the Club, or whose conduct is inconsistent with the aims and objectives of the Club.
 - Who is in breach of the competition or other regulations of the Club.
- b) Any person whom the COM has decided to suspend or expel under these rules shall have the right within 14 days of notification to him or her of the COM's decision to appeal. The appeal must be given in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Club.
- c) Any member suspended from the Club under this rule ceases to be a member of the Club and shall be barred from all the privileges of membership.
- d) The COM, in exercising the above duties, shall be advised by The Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the COM and shall have the authority to hear and determine all complaints made by or against any member and to take disciplinary action against any member as it may deem expedient through the COM. The decisions of this committee shall be subject to appeal to the COM within fourteen (14) days from the day written notice is given to the member. The disciplinary action shall not take effect until the appeal has been adjudicated by the COM. Any decisions made by the COM are subject to appeal in writing to the **Barbados Motoring Federation** through the COM. The decision handed down from the **Barbados Motoring Federation** is final.

12. ASSETS

VR MSC is a non-profit organization and all assets are vested in the trustees of the Club who shall be elected by the COM and shall hold office for a five-year term. Trustees shall be past or present members of the COM. The number of trustees shall not be more than four or less than two. All assets, real personal or mixed goods, effects, chattels, funds or things belonging to the Club shall be vested in the trustees of the Club, who shall hold same for and on behalf of the members for the time being of the Club. They shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by the COM (which shall be minuted as conclusive evidence). The trustees shall also have power to purchase, sell, mortgage and/or rent real or personal property for and on behalf of the Club, invest money and adopt such measures as may appear necessary in the interest of the Club, subject at all times to the approval of the COM. They shall also be indemnified against liability, risk and expense out of the Club's property.

13. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) Quorum - A Quorum shall consist of the number of members present at a meeting provided that such a number exceeds 50% of the financial members. Only those members present who are financial will be allowed to vote.
- b) If there is no quorum present 30 minutes after the scheduled meeting start, the meeting shall be adjourned until that day week at the same place and hour when the members then present shall form a quorum.

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held before the end of December in each year at which the business to be conducted shall be:
- a) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and matters arising thereof.
 - b) The President's review of the activities of the Club over the past year.
 - c) The consideration of motions and resolutions which have been properly submitted in accordance with these rules.
 - d) General Business.
- b) The Secretary/treasurer of the Club shall give not less than 14 days written notice to all members of the date, time and place and business to be transacted at any meeting or otherwise. Any member desirous of having a motion or resolution placed on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall submit the same in writing to the Secretary of the Club at least 7 days prior to the scheduled date of the Annual General Meeting.

15. SPECIAL MEETINGS

A special meeting may be called by the COM or 50% of the financial members who have to submit their request to the Secretary in writing. Any such request should specify the business which is proposed to take place at the meeting and no other business shall be considered at that meeting.

16. LAWS & BYLAWS

Any modifications of the constitution must be proposed by a member of the COM and may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the COM. Any changes proposed by a member of the Club must be made in writing to a member of the COM for representation.

17. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Secretary shall perform such duties as determined by the COM and shall:

- a) Keep a register of all members of the Club.
- b) As far as possible attend all general meetings and meetings of the COM.
- c) Cause the minutes of the proceeding at all general meetings and meetings of the COM to be kept and be the custodian of all papers and records pertaining to the affairs of the Club.
- d) Collect all dues, fees, levies and other monies payable to the Club and deposit them in the Club's account.
- e) Make all necessary payments on behalf of the Club.
- f) Submit a statement showing the current financial position of the Club to the COM upon request.
- g) Control expenditure and maintain proper accounting records of all financial activities pertinent to the Club.

18. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

The COM reserves the right to make or amend any regulations relative to any of the Club's activities.

19. INTERPRETATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The constitution and laws of this club shall not be added to, revoked, amended, deleted or be replaced or altered and no changes made except by the COM. The COM of the Club is the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution and the regulations of the Club and the decision of the COM upon any question of interpretation of any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by this Constitution shall be final. Every member of the Club shall be issued upon initial subscription of a copy of the Constitution and Regulations of the Club including all amendments, Vehicle Classifications, Competition Regulations and Championship Regulations.