



San Joaquin Valley Miata Club Bylaws

Article I - Name

This organization shall be named the San Joaquin Valley Miata Club (SJVMC), a local chapter chartered by the Miata Club of America.

Article II - Club Objectives

The objectives of the club are to provide an opportunity for Miata owners and aficionados to exchange ideas, information and to participate in group events and activities involving Miatas.

Article III - Membership

1. The San Joaquin Valley Miata Club shall have one category of membership.
 - a. Members shall be at least 16 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and comply with the California financial responsibility law or maintain legally required automobile insurance.
 - b. Payment of annual dues is a prerequisite to membership.
 - c. Ownership of a Miata is required for initial membership.
 - d. Membership shall be considered as "per car" (not per couple. Only one vote is allowed in elections and business matters.
 - e. The club is open to all persons regardless of race, sex, or national origin.

2. Privileges

All members shall receive the newsletter and other club publications.

Article IV - Dues

Dues shall be established by vote of the Executive Board and paid annually to the Treasurer or President, at the beginning of each year.

Article V - Officers

There shall be four officer positions:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

1. Officers shall maintain membership in good standing.
2. Officers shall represent the membership in all official matters.

Article VI - Officers Duties

1. The President shall preside at all Executive Board meetings, shall enforce these bylaws, shall sign and enforce contracts, shall sign checks, shall appoint committees, shall assign duties to members, shall vote in the event of a tie and shall be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the membership. Upon completion of term of office, the Past President shall remain a member of the Executive Board for one year.
2. The Vice President shall preside and perform all duties of the President in his/her absence, shall have check-signing authority in the absence of the President and must co-sign all contracts. In the event of an absence of any elected officer, the Vice President assumes the duties of that officer until the absent officer resumes their duties or until a new officer is appointed for that office and confirmed by the Executive Board.
3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the General Membership and Executive Board meetings; shall keep records of the membership; shall maintain a record of attendance for all meetings; shall be responsible for the preparation and mailing of all meeting notices and other club literature; shall furnish each member with a copy of these bylaws and their amendments as they occur; and shall maintain a file of minutes and records of past years. At the last meeting of his or her term, shall turn over to the new Secretary all minutes and records for club files.
4. The Treasurer shall issue and sign checks. Pay approved bills, collect all dues and other moneys from any and all sources and issue receipts, shall keep books of accounts and make a financial report at all club meetings; shall further make an annual financial report showing all income and disbursements at the last meeting of his or her term. At the last meeting of his or her term, shall turn over the records of the past year for the club files.

Article VII - Executive Board

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers, the immediate past President and the newsletter editor who serves as a non-voting member.
2. No member of the Executive Board shall hold more than one elected office, except the Vice President on a temporary basis as per Article VI.

Purpose and Function

1. Make recommendations to the membership concerning club matters and events. Recommendations are taken to the general membership based on a simple majority vote of this board.
2. By majority vote, shall appoint another club member in good standing to assume the duties of a vacated office until the next election by the general membership.
3. Shall, by majority vote, appoint or dismiss the newsletter editor

Article VIII - Nominations, Elections and Term of Office

1. Only members paid in good standing shall be eligible for election or appointment as officers.
2. Nominations for officers are to be made at the November general membership meeting.
3. Election of officers shall take place annually at the business meeting in December.
4. Installation of officers shall take place during the membership meeting in January.
5. Members in good standing not able to attend the December meeting may vote by submitting a sealed ballot to any officer, prior to the scheduled meeting date. Ballots will be opened and counted at the meeting.
6. All officers are elected to hold office for one calendar year. Additional terms are permitted if nominated and elected by the membership.
7. A term of office shall consist of, and continue from the date of appointment until the next annual meeting.

Article IX - Voting

1. Election of officers shall be done by written secret ballot.
2. Ballots shall be collected and votes recorded by one member of the Executive Board and two members not holding office or being nominated for office.
3. Announcement of the newly-elected officers shall be done immediately after the ballots have been counted.

Article X - Meetings

1. Monthly meetings The club shall meet monthly as scheduled by the Executive Board to carry out the objectives of the club.
2. Annual Business Meeting
 1. Time - There shall be an annual business meeting every December.
 2. Location - The Executive Board shall select the place for the meeting and shall announce the time, date and location in a notice mailed to all members at least two-weeks in advance.
 3. Quorum - A Quorum consisting of at least 40 percent of the General Membership is required to officially elect officers.

Article XI - Publications

A monthly newsletter will be published. The newsletter will include the minutes of the previous meeting, as supplied by the Secretary, and any other interesting and information articles that may be submitted by any club members or other sources. This effort will be under the direction of the newsletter editor.

Article XII - Amendments or Revisions to the Bylaws

Amendments or changes to these bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing. Proposed amendments or changes will be published in the newsletter and will be voted on at the next regular business meeting following publication. Approval by 60 percent of those members present is necessary for adoption.

Amendments

Amendment 1 - February 12, 1998

Members joining between Jan 1 and June 30 of a give year will pay the full annual dues as established by the Executive Board. Members joining between July 1 and December 31 of a given year will pay one half the annual dues as established by the Executive Board for the remaining calendar year.

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