EAST ANGLIA LOTUS CLUB

[Established 1982]

East Anglia's Premier Club for Lotus Enthusiasts

CONSTITUTION

TITLE	The title of the Club shall be the East Anglia Lotus Club.
OBJECTS	That the East Anglia Lotus Club shall be an independent car club, the principal aim of which shall be to promote harmony and social discourse between Members and all Lotus car owners and enthusiasts, to offer assistance and guidance in all aspects of Lotus car ownership and to encourage the interest and enjoyment of such ownership.
COMMITTEE	The Club shall be managed and administered by a Committee, being a minimum of four Members, who shall include a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and one officer (up to a maximum of four officers). The Committee shall be jointly responsible for the business affairs of the Club and shall be empowered to make decisions, which, in its considered opinion, are taken in the best interests of the Club. The Committee shall be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Club in each year, and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the Annual General Meeting next following their election. The retiring Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. A newly elected officer shall succeed to the position on the day immediately following the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a mid-term resignation by any serving Committee Member or Members or in the event that the maximum number of Committee members is not attained, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt an additional Member or Members at its discretion on a temporary basis. The Secretary, either of his own accord or on the direction of the Chair shall, unless otherwise arranged by agreement between all the Members of the Committee, give each Committee Member due notice of a forthcoming Committee Meeting.
QUORUM	At Committee Meetings, a quorum shall be deemed to be a minimum of three Committee Members. At an Annual General Meeting, a quorum shall be deemed to be a minimum of six Members.
SUBSCRIPTION	The Club shall admit Members upon payment of an annual subscription, the full or apportioned amount of which shall be determined by the Committee. The Committee shall be empowered to amend the full and/or the apportioned subscription as it deems necessary and without prior notice.
FINANCES	All monetary contributions made to the Club from whatever source (including subscriptions, club regalia or promotional goods) shall be administered by the Committee for the promotion of the objects of the Club. A statement of accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	A general meeting of the Club shall be held in every year on a date and at such time as the Committee shall determine, to transact the following business: a) to receive and, if approved, adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding financial year. b) to consider and, if approved, sanction any duly made alterations to the Club's Constitution. c) to appoint the officers and other Members of the Committee. d) to deal with any special matter which the Committee desires to bring before the Members and to receive suggestions from the Members for the consideration of the Committee. Every Member of the Club shall be given notice of the general meeting in writing or by electronic medium (in each case to the Member's last known address) not less than fourteen days before the meeting.
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING	A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee, and shall be convened within twenty-eight days from the receipt of a requisition in writing signed by no less than two Members specifying the object of the meeting for the following purposes: a) to consider and, if approved, sanction any duly made alteration of the Constitution. b) to deal with any special matter which the Members requiring the meeting may desire to place before the club. c) to deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to place before the Members. Written notice convening the Special General Meeting shall be sent to every Member of the Club not less than fourteen days before the meeting.
ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION	Only Members of the Club may submit alterations to the Constitution. The Committee shall have the power to alter the Constitution but no such alteration shall take effect until the same has been confirmed at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting convened for the

purpose. Any alterations, in their proposed or amended form, will be implemented only upon receiving a two-thirds or greater majority of those Members present at such a meeting. In the event of any dispute whatsoever arising at such a meeting convened under the conditions referred to in this section, the Chair shall exercise his own judgement to determine either the course of events to be adopted, or the outcome.

BYELAWS	The Committee shall have the power to make byelaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club provided the same are not inconsistent with the Constitution. Such byelaws, when implemented, shall be displayed at some conspicuous place at the following two regular meetings of the Club and shall be binding on all Members.
EXPULSION OF MEMBER	The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member of the Club who shall offend against the Constitution of the Club or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render him unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such Member is expelled, the Secretary shall give him seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him of the complaint made against him. No Member shall be expelled without first having the opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering the complaints made against him nor unless at least one-half majority of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion.
CHAIR AT MEETINGS	At Committee and General Meetings a Chair shall be elected to preside and they shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of an equality of votes.
MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS	It is a condition of membership that every Member shall be bound by and submit to the Constitution and byelaws of the club.
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP	The Club may grant the status of Honorary Life Membership (i.e. Honorary Member for Life) to recognise a person whose status by association with, and / or distinguished service to the Club has exemplified the objectives of the Club. Any Member of the Club may nominate a person to the Club Secretary for consideration as Honorary Life Member, in writing, which should include supporting evidence to justify the nomination. The Club Secretary shall, within a reasonable period, bring the nomination to the notice of the Club Committee which will consider the nomination at its next meeting. The Committee shall not be required to approve any nominee, and shall have absolute discretion in the matter. The Committee, if the award be warranted, shall announce the grant at an appropriate occasion. An 'honorary member for life' is defined as someone who is exempt from payment of the Club Member subscription, whose membership shall be in a non-voting capacity at club meetings, will not represent or speak on behalf of the Club in an official capacity, but who shall retain the other rights and privileges of club membership. In recognition of the significance and importance of this award, only one individual, if any, may be awarded life membership per year. An honorary life member will forego their status if they undergo the regular joining process or if, in the judgement of the Committee, they have offended any part of the Club Constitution.
REFUSAL OF MEMBERSHIP	The Committee shall be empowered to refuse membership to the Club of any applicant and shall not be obliged to state its reasons.
RIGHTS ON CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP	Any Member expelled in accordance with the rules, or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Club, shall forfeit all such rights to, or claim upon, the Club or its property or funds as they otherwise would have by reason of membership.
DISSOLUTION	The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee. If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club, and if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of to one or more Registered Charitable Organisations as the Committee deems appropriate.
EXTRA-ORDINARY CIRCUM-STANCES	This specifically relates to any circumstance/s not covered by the definitions or reasonable meaning within this Constitution, that precludes the Club functioning within its constitutional framework – e.g. national emergency, global pandemic, legal restrictions or similar occurrence. Under Extra-Ordinary Circumstances, the existing Club Committee is empowered to take all reasonable and equitable decisions, to be confirmed by a simple majority of votes of its elected Committee Members (with Chair to have a casting vote if necessary), to do all within the means available to it, to ensure the continued existence and viability of the Club. In the event of dissolution being the only and/or final course of action available to it as a result of Extra-Ordinary Circumstances, and a Special General Meeting is unavoidably unable to be convened, the Committee is empowered to liquidate the affairs of the Club within the terms of the second sentence in the "Dissolution" paragraph of the Club's Constitution.

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HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT	The Club may grant the status of Honorary Life President (i.e. Honorary President for Life) to recognise a person whose leadership status by association with, and / or distinguished service to the Club has exemplified the objectives of the Club and recognises their long-term dedication and contributions. Only a Committee Member of the Club may nominate a person to the Committee for consideration as Honorary Life President. The Club Committee will consider the nomination at its next meeting or by email or similar. The Committee, if the award be warranted, shall announce the grant at an appropriate occasion such as the Annual General Meeting. An 'honorary president for life' is defined as someone who is exempt from payment of the Club Member subscription, whose membership shall be in a non-voting capacity at club meetings, will not represent or speak on behalf of the Club in an official capacity, but who shall retain the other rights and privileges of club membership. In recognition of the significance and importance of this award, only one individual can hold this title at any one time. An honorary life president will forego their status if they undergo the regular joining process or if, in the judgement of the Committee, they have offended any part of the Club Constitution.