

CONSTITUTION OF THE *SEVEN CAR CLUB OF NATAL*
As amended in 2014 and approved at the 2014 AGM

1 NAME

The name of the club shall be the "SEVEN CAR CLUB OF NATAL", hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'.

2 ADDRESS

The address of the Club shall be as determined by the Committee.

3 OBJECTIVES

The aim and objectives of the club are the preservation, restoration and active use of all cars manufactured by the Lotus Car Company and its subsidiaries, together with acceptable replicas of these cars and with special interest in those cars displaying the personal involvement of Colin Chapman.

4 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person who owns, or who is enthusiastically interested in the above mentioned cars is eligible to apply for membership of the club. *The Club refrains from manifesting racial, political, gender or religious discrimination in the course of its activities and requires the same of its member bodies, officials and competitors.*

4a Patron

The appointment of Patron of the Club shall be the highest honour the Club can confer. A Patron may be appointed for a period of one year. The appointment shall be made on a recommendation by the Committee, which shall be confirmed by the Club in General Meeting.

4b Membership shall be open to any person who is approved by the Committee.

4c There shall be four (4) classes of membership, namely: -

1) **Honorary Life Members** shall be persons nominated by unanimous vote of the Committee and subsequently elected at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club by a two third majority of members with voting rights. Persons nominated shall be those considered worthy of special recognition for services to the Club or for an outstanding achievement in connection with its objectives. An honorary life member shall enjoy the full privileges of membership of the Club, free of entrance fee and subscription and shall be entitled to vote as an ordinary member.

2) **Honorary Members** shall be persons nominated annually by unanimous vote of the Committee. Persons nominated shall be those considered worthy of special recognition for services to the Club or for an outstanding achievement in connection with its objectives. An honorary member shall enjoy the full privileges of membership of the Club, free of entrance fee and subscription and shall be entitled to vote as an ordinary member.

3) **Ordinary Members** being members over eighteen years of age, who are not otherwise defined in this section. An ordinary member shall be entitled to vote at all General Meetings of the Club.

4) **Junior Members** being members or family members under the age of eighteen years of age, who are not entitled to vote or be elected officers, but enjoy full benefits as an ordinary member. Junior family members must be registered by parent member.

4d APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1) Application for membership shall be made in writing on the prescribed form and shall be considered by the Committee at its first meeting after the receipt of such application. Until acceptance by the Committee has been conveyed to the applicant, he shall have no voting rights.

2) The Committee shall have complete and absolute discretion to accept, refuse or refer any application without having to disclose any reason for its decision.

4e LAPSING OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership will lapse upon: -

1) Failure to pay entry fees and initial subscription within thirty (30) days of the due date;

2) Failure to pay a renewal subscription within sixty (60) days of the due date;

5 RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the club shall not give any member any rights, title, claim, interest or demand in, or to, any monies, property or assets of the club, but will only confer on such member the right to use and enjoyment of property or facilities provided by the club for benefit of its members.

6 FINANCIAL STATUS

The club will be a non-profit making organisation and club fees, as determined from time to time by the Committee, will be used solely for the administration and promotion of the club for the benefits of its members.

7 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Club shall be twelve calendar months from 1st January and ending the same year at the end of December, every year. The books or account kept by treasurer(s) shall be open at all times to the inspection of any member of the Committee.

8 LIABILITY

Each member's financial liability to the club will be restricted to his or her fees and subscriptions.

9 ADMINISTRATION

The club will be administered by a committee with a minimum of FIVE members, which committee must be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall appoint members to the following positions:

- Chairman,
- Vice Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary

- Technical
- Events and Competition
- Regalia
- Newsmagazine editor
- SAMCA Representative.

Additional members must be elected at a normal club meeting where at least 10 paid-up members cast votes. Certain of the above posts may be combined but there may not be fewer than FIVE committee members. The offices of elected Committee members, positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary shall be held from the date of appointment thereto until the close of the next A.G.M., whereupon all elected officers shall resign, although they may offer themselves for re-election.

10 POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

For the better attainment of its objectives, the Club Committee shall be empowered: -

- a) to collect, canvass for and to accept subscriptions, donations, bequests, endowments and benefits of any nature for the Club, from any person or body or from any source whatsoever;
- b) to invest the funds and assets of the Club in securities nominated by the Committee;
- c) subject to the approval of two thirds majority of members with voting rights, present at a General or Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) or Special General Meeting (S.G.M.):
 - (i) to acquire or dispose of immovable property,
 - (ii) to mortgage the immovable property of the Club and to pledge the movable property of the Club;
 - (iii) to create and issue debentures and to mortgage the immovable property of the Club to secure such debentures;
- d) to offer prizes and trophies in connection with any of the Club's activities;
- e) to arrange social functions for members and guests;
- f) to design, register and issue any heraldic arms, badges or uniforms;
- g) generally to perform all such acts as may be expedient or necessary to further the interests and objects of the Club;
- h) buy, dispose of, rent, lease and/or hire movable property, goods and services required for the effective conduct of the Club's affairs or for the advancement of the interest of its members.
- h) To control the sale and issue of the Club's regalia;

11 DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It shall be the duty of all elected officers to further the interests and prestige of the Club and at all times to ensure that the provisions of this constitution and any regulations framed thereunder are complied with and adhered to and that all decisions of the Club in General Meetings and of the Committee are carried into effect.

12 GENERAL MEETINGS

12a ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the club will take place during January of each year. The Committee must stand down, however all committee members are eligible for re-election. All members will be notified of time and venue for the Annual General Meeting at least two weeks in advance. The Annual General Meeting will be held to consider and pass with, or without, amendments, or to reject, any proposed resolution concerning the affairs of the club.

Notice of any proposed resolution excluding amendments to the constitution must be signed by at least two paid-up members and lodged with the committee not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.

Any resolution amending, adding to or altering any clause of this constitution shall be invalid unless consented to by two thirds of the members of the club present or voting by proxy at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of such resolution must be proposed and seconded by paid up members and be circulated together with the notice of the Annual General Meeting

12b SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1) A Special General Meeting shall be called:
 - a) By the direction of the Committee,
 - b) When required to consider any matter in terms of this Constitution
 - c) On a requisition (stating clearly the intended purpose of the meeting) signed by not less than ten (10) members in good standing.
- 2) Notice stating the date time and place, and an agenda or notice stating the business to be transacted shall be posted or hand delivered not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 3) A Special General Meeting required or requisitioned in terms of subsection b) 2 or 3 above shall be convened by the Secretary within six weeks of the receipt of such requisition or of the information making such Special Meeting necessary.
- 4) No business except that stated in the notice convening the meeting may be transacted at a Special General Meeting.

12c QUORUM AND VOTING

- 1) Except where elsewhere provided, the quorum at any:
 - a) Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be fifteen (15) members with voting rights.
 - b) Committee meeting shall be not less than one half of the full Committee.
- 2) If at the expiration of twenty (20) minutes after the scheduled time of commencement, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date within one calendar month and at such meeting, those members present shall constitute a quorum, except in the case of a S.G.M. requisitioned by members, it shall be abandoned.

- 3) Only members who are paid up and in good standing with the Club are eligible for voting rights.
- 4) Proxy votes may be made by paid up members who are unable to attend the A.G.M. or S.G.M. on the prescribed proxy forms indicating their vote on specific issues as listed on the agenda.
- e) Proxy votes by nominated members may be cast on behalf of members who are unable to attend the A.G.M. or S.G.M. by authorising such on the prescribed proxy forms.

13 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet at least TEN times a year, spread throughout the year

14 PAID-UP MEMBERS

Only paid-up members can be elected to the Committee. Should a Committee members' spouse also stand on Committee, the club will bestow on the spouse free membership for his/her term of office

15 SUSPENSION & EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who, in the opinion of the Committee, commits any willful breach of this constitution or who performs any act prejudicial to the interest and reputation of the club shall be disciplined at the Committee's discretion by suspension or cancellation of membership, save that such member shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to appeal. Such appeal must be lodged within thirty (30) days of the notification of such suspension or expulsion with the Chairman or the Secretary of the Club

16 BINDING EFFECT OF CONSTITUTION

Payment by, or on behalf of a member, of the subscription and entrance fee will be Acknowledgement of Agreement to be bound by this constitution and any amendments made hereafter. No person may plead not having received a copy of the constitution, which will be ordinarily forwarded to each member,

17 RULES

The normal running of the club will be according to the rules, which are printed elsewhere and which are subject to review and alteration from time to time by the committee.

18 ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer shall keep true accounts of any money received and expended by the club, as well as any assets, credits and liabilities of the club, Accounts must be formally presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

19 AFFILIATION

The committee may, at its sole discretion, decide to affiliate the club with any motoring organisation with similar aims and objectives.

20 VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC LAWS

The club disassociates itself from any individual who violates any traffic law during any club outing.

21 INDEMNITY

All office bearers and members of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club in respect of any legal liability incurred while acting on behalf of the Club, provided they acted in accordance with directions given or decisions made from time to time by the Committee, or passed by members in a General meeting of the Club.

22 PROXY VOTES

At all General meetings every paid-up member shall have one vote save that in the event of a tie the chairman of the committee shall have a casting vote. Any member who is fully paid-up may cede his voting power by proxy to any other fully paid-up member but such transfer of vote must be confirmed in writing.

23 NOTICES

As in preceding sections, notices shall be posted or hand delivered or e-mailed by the relevant Secretaries to members. NON-RECEIPT of any notice by any member shall not vitiate the proceedings of such meeting.

24 AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION

- a) No amendment or addition to the constitution shall be made except at an Annual or Special General Meeting properly convened and then only if at least two-thirds of the members with voting rights who are present, vote in favour thereof.
- b) A proposal to alter, amend or add to the Constitution may be submitted only:
 - i) by the Committee, or
 - ii) by a requisition signed by not less than ten (10) members in good standing and addressed to the Secretary.
- c) Notwithstanding section (b) above, any member with voting rights may propose an amendment, alteration or addition to the Constitution, by submitting such proposal in writing, fully motivated, to the Secretary, who shall lay such proposal before the next Committee meeting. The Committee shall have the discretion to decide whether or not the proposal will be submitted to a General Meeting.

25 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- a) No proposal to dissolve the Club at a Special General Meeting shall be considered unless there are present not less than two thirds of the members with voting rights of the Club at the time of such proposal, of whom not less than three-quarters vote in favour of such proposal.
- b) Similarly, any proposal to merge with any other Club or Club shall be dealt with in the same manner as in (a) above.

- c) Immediately a decision to dissolve the Club has been carefully taken, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club. Any surplus assets shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed at the Special General Meeting where the dissolution decision was made.

26 INTERPRETATION

Throughout this Constitution and in any Regulation framed under it, words importing the singular shall include the plural, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa unless such interpretation is inconsistent with the context thereof.

Rules of the SEVEN CAR CLUB OF NATAL

1. CLUB FEES

1.1. Any person or family applying for membership for the first time shall be liable for an entry fee *as determined by the Committee from time to time*, which will be expended for the Membership *Badge*, Vehicle sticker, etc.

1.2. The annual subscription to the club shall be *as determined by the Committee, and is to be reviewed annually, and shall be for a period of a calendar year commencing each January*.

2. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All cars manufactured by the Lotus Car Company and its predecessors and successors including Lotus Engineering Lotus Components, Lotus Cars etc.

2.2 All cars produced by Internationally *Recognised* Replica Builders - for example Caterham Cars, Westfield Sports Cars, Birkin Cars, etc.

2.3 Replicas built by individuals which comply with the following requirements:

- a) Chassis of original type construction.
- b) Body to original form and silhouette and manufactured from original materials, i.e. aluminium, fibreglass.
- c) Power train, typical of the original manufacturing period.
- d) General appearance and presentation of the replica to be in line with the stated objectives of the club as laid down in the constitution.

3. It is the intention of the committee that the club be affiliated with The Lotus Register of South Africa and that in this way the Seven Car Club of Natal be eligible for inclusion in the SAMCA events, SAMCA Insurance Scheme etc.

4. The committee shall produce, not later than March each year, a membership list, which will list all paid-up members and their registered vehicles.

5. Each paid-up member will be sent a Registration Form on which he will be required to record specific details of his car. It is implicit in the club objectives that any member buying or selling a motor car should bring this change to the notice of the Registrar/Secretary and, wherever possible a member selling a car should attempt to ensure that the new owner joins the club.

6. It is the objective of the committee to produce a minimum of five newsletters each year in which the activities of the club will be reflected as well as technical information and other items should be of interest to the membership.

7. INTERPRETATIONS

The ruling committee has the power to issue interpretations of these regulations from time to time and these interpretations shall be binding upon members. In addition, the committee may, at normal meetings where ten paid-up members cast votes, make changes to these regulations at that time.

Allocation of Points for Clubman Trophy

1.0	<u>Attendance at any published non-competitive event i.e. Pitstops, Club runs (Subject to points 3 and 4 in scoring rules)</u>	-
1.1	Member (including Junior member)	10
1.2	Extra for second attendee (guest)	5
1.3	Extra for each additional attendee (guest)	2
1.4	Extra for use of Seven or Lotus or Lotus Replica in event	5
1.5	Extra for each 100km over first 200km total distance per event	5
2.0	<u>Publication of articles in Sevenews, limited to 20 points per month per Member (incl. Junior)</u>	
2.1	Self written one magazine page or more except for committee duty	10
2.2	Self written less than one magazine page except for committee duty	5
2.3	Extracted from another publication	5
2.4	Placing personal adverts selling Seven or spares	5
2.5	Photographs supplied for SeveNews	5
3.0	<u>Organising or hosting of published events other than Pitstops and Club runs, i.e. Techmeets (in addition to points for attending: Section 1.0)</u>	
3.1	Principal Organiser or Host of 7CCN event except for committee duty	10
3.2	Initiator of the event (not being the Principal Organiser or Host)	5
4.0	<u>Participation in any published competitive event i.e. Rallies, Sprints, Hill Climbs, Circuit Races & Gymkhanas (When entered under the 7CCN banner)</u>	
4.1	Participant if entered under the 7CCN banner in a LOTUS car or replica in KZN	15
4.2	Participant if entered under the 7CCN banner in a LOTUS car or replica out of KZN	25
4.3	Extra for 1st placing in the event in category entered	15
4.4	Extra for 2nd placing in the event in category entered	10
4.5	Extra for 3rd placing in the event in category entered	5
4.6	Attendance as a supporter in an event such as above in KZN	10
4.7	Attendance as a supporter in an event such as above out of KZN	15
5.0	<u>Payment of Subscriptions awarding of points</u>	
5.1	On or before the annual AGM	20
5.2	Subs paid after the annual AGM but on or before 31 March	15
5.3	Subs paid after 31 March but before the annual Cars In The Park Pietermaritzburg	10
6.0	<u>Introduction of New Member on acceptance and payment</u>	10

Allocation of Points 2010 for Lotus Trophy

7.0	Use of Seven or Lotus or Lotus Replica in attending any event as per the Clubman rules	10
7.1	Extra for each 100km over first 200km total distance per event driven	5
7.2	Extra for each 100km over first 200km total distance per event trailered or towed	2.5

Allocation of Points 2014 for Marais and Assoc Racing Trophy

Participation in any Class at any recognised Circuit and recognised Race events
(When entered under the 7CCN banner)

8.1	Participant if entered under the 7CCN banner in a LOTUS car or replica in KZN	10
8.2	Participant if entered under the 7CCN banner in a LOTUS car or replica out of KZN	20
8.3	Extra for 1st placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	20
8.4	Extra for 2nd placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	17
8.5	Extra for 3rd placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	15
8.6	Extra for 4th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	13
8.7	Extra for 5th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	11
8.8	Extra for 6th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	10
8.9	Extra for 7th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	9
9.0	Extra for 8th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	8
9.1	Extra for 9th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	7
9.2	Extra for 10th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	6
9.3	Extra for 11th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	5
9.4	Extra for 12th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	4
9.5	Extra for 13th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	3
9.6	Extra for 14th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	2
9.7	Extra for 15th placing in the event in category participated of all SCCN members entered	1
9.8	Bonus points for endurance event 1-3 hours = 10 points per driver	10
9.9	Bonus points for endurance event 3+ hours = 20 points per driver	20

Points will be allocated for finishing position in each race entered **60% of race needs to be completed to achieve points

This will include Endurance races, Marque Cars ,SRA races etc.

All scores subject to acceptance of the committee.

Any disputes will be dealt with at the discretion of the committee.

Spirit of Racing Award	
To be awarded to the person who has been nominated and considered to be the deserving recipient in any racing aspect.	
Nominee:	Any bona fide member
Nominations:	Can be made by any bona fide member
Decision:	Nominations will be called for in January A general meeting will be called early in January Any interested bona fide member will be eligible to take part in the decision making process.