



WEST MIDLANDS DRIVING GROUP

Constitution -Amended March 1998

1) Title

The group shall be known as The West Midlands Driving Group.

2) Area of Jurisdiction

Open.

3) Objectives of the group

- a) To arrange and develop the driving of horse-drawn vehicles within the area in accordance with the aims and rules of the British Driving Society.
- b) To organise driving and social events on a local and/or national basis.
- c) To co-operate with other Driving Groups

4) Membership

Subscriptions to be payable on 1st January each year at a rate agreed at the Annual General Meeting by the membership. All members who have not paid by January 31st will be considered to have let their membership lapse, so therefore will not be eligible to vote at meetings.

Membership to be open to any person. Junior members under 18 yrs of age on the 1st January will be classed as family members and must be accompanied at events by a responsible, competent adult whip who is covered by insurance (see point 10).

5) Officers and Committee

- a) The Officers of the Group shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Social Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may be received on an official form two weeks prior to or at the Meeting. Each nominee must have agreed to stand. Length of office is to be one year. The Chairman must not sit for longer than two years.
- b) The Committee shall convene the Annual General Meeting in November of each year, giving 14 days' notice of said matter. All paid up members of The West Midlands Driving Group over 18 years of age are eligible to attend and vote. The Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Meeting at the demand of not less than one third of all paid up Members, 14 days' notice of such Meetings to be given, together with an Agenda.
- c) The affairs of the Group shall be carried out by a General Committee consisting of: - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Social Secretary and two co-opted members.
- d) The President is to be a member and may hold office for three years.
- e) Sub-Committee(s) may be appointed by the Members for special events.
- f) QUORUM
A Quorum should consist of five members of which three must be Officers.
- g) VOTING
Each paid up Member over 18 yrs of age shall be entitled to one vote. The Chairman shall have the casting vote. The voting for officers will be held at the Annual General Meeting.

6) Eligibility

Eligibility for entry into Meetings and Events organised by The West Midlands Driving Group is at the discretion of the Committee organising said event. The Group has the right to warn Members against any misconduct that brings discredit to the Group and have a right to ask for their resignation.

7) Fund and Properties

- a) Accounts to be audited annually. Auditors will be appointed annually on the recommendation of the Committee.
- b) All funds or other properties of the Group will remain the property of the Group.
- c) In the event of the dissolution of the Group, all trophies or any other items shall be offered in the first instance to the original donors. Properties may be sold to other driving groups.
- d) After payment of all debts, liabilities etc, the balance of funds shall be paid to a charity decided upon by members.
- e) All expenditure must be authorised by the Committee and must be covered by receipts. The Treasurer will give a financial report annually.

8) Alterations to the Club Constitution

- a) No alterations shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary Meeting convened for that purpose, and no such alteration shall be made unless supported by two-thirds of the Members voting at the Meeting.
- b) Notice of any proposed alterations shall be given to The Honorary Secretary at least twenty-one days prior to the Meeting at which they are to be discussed and these proposals shall be notified to Members at least fourteen days before the Meeting.

9) Miscellaneous

Situations not covered in The Club Rules shall be decided by the Members and confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting convened for that purpose.

10) Insurance

No one is to be allowed to drive at Club Events unless they have third party public liability insurance for their turnout. Committee Members of Event Organisers will ask for proof of insurance if it has not been disclosed on their application for Membership of the Group.