MG Car Club Western New York Centre, Inc.
By-Laws - 2026

1. **Name and Purpose**

    a. The Club shall be known as the MG Car Club, Western New York Centre, Inc.

    b. The objects of the Club are to promote the sport and pastime of motoring in all its branches, and in particular, to further the interests of owners of MG sports cars; to promote, organize, and hold motor sport activities, whether athletic, social, motoring, or otherwise; and to extend to owners and drivers of MG and other marques of sports cars, their friends, and all persons interested in motoring sport, the hospitality, privileges, and conveniences enjoyed in connection with a Club.

2. **Meetings**

    a. There shall be at least ten meetings scheduled per year including a meeting in November. The meeting in November shall be known as the “Election” meeting. The meetings in other months shall be known as “General” meetings.

    b. Notice of the Election meeting shall be posted on the Club website calendar not less than ten days prior to the meeting.

    c. A quorum shall consist of two elected officers and one-tenth of the members in good standing.

    d. A quorum shall be required when voting for By-laws, Motions or when electing Club Officers.

    e. The election of officers shall take place at the Election meeting.

f. The minutes of each meeting shall contain accurate recording of any motions or balloting. The minutes shall be submitted to the *Spokes* editor for inclusion of the next issue of *Spokes*.

3. Elected and Appointed Officers

a. The elected officers and the appointed officers shall be known as the “Board”.

b. The elected officers of this Club shall consist of:
   i. Chairman;
   ii. Vice Chairman;
   iii. Secretary;
   iv. Treasurer;
   v. Activities Director;
   vi. Trustee 1 - to be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election;
   vii. Trustee 2 - shall be the immediate past Chairman of the Club. In the case of the immediate past Chairman declining the position, the Trustee 2 position will be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the Election meeting;

c. No elected officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years unless no member is nominated for that position. In that case the officer may maintain their position for another year.

d. Nominations for Officers will be made at the General meeting prior to the Election meeting or by email to the Chairman or VIce Chairman prior to the General meeting before the Election meeting.

e. In the event that there is only one candidate for an elected position the Chairman may cast one vote as the unanimous deciding vote.

f. A vacancy in any office shall be filled at the next General meeting by nominations from the floor and a majority vote of the members present. Exception shall be the automatic promotion of Vice Chairman to Chairman.

g. The term of office shall commence January 1 following the Election meeting. The elected term of each officer shall be one calendar year.

h. The appointed officers shall consist of:
    i. Librarian;
    ii. Webmaster;
    iii. Regalia Coordinator;
    iv. *The Spokes* Editor;
    v. Club Historian

i. Appointments of appointed officers shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority show of hands by the membership at a General meeting or Election meeting.

4. Duties of Officers

a. Duties of the Chairman:
    i. Preside at all meetings.
    ii. Appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
    iii. Enforce the observance of the by-laws.
    iv. Cast the deciding vote in case of ties.

b. Duties of the Vice-Chairman:
    i. Perform all the duties of the Chairman in his absence.

ii. Be a liaison between the Board and committee chairpersons.
iii. Procure insurance certificates through NAMGBR for sanctioned Club events where required.

c. Duties of the Secretary:

i. Keep the minutes at Club meetings.
ii. Submit meeting minutes of each Club meeting to the *Spokes* Editor for publication in the next issue of *Spokes*.
iii. Update and maintain a copy of the By-laws document including revision date and details of any changes or additions.

d. Duties of the Treasurer:

i. Receive and disburse all funds.
ii. Keep accurate records of all receipts and expenses for as long as deemed useful by the Board.
iii. Make a summary financial report at each General meeting and a detailed financial report at the Election meeting.
iv. Be responsible for maintaining the Club membership roster.

e. Duties of the Activities Director:

i. Coordinate all Club-sanctioned events. No Club-sanctioned event shall be staged without the Activities Director's approval.
ii. See that trophies or awards are provided for each event if required.
iii. See that Club-sanctioned events will be published in the *Spokes*, published in the Website and sent to the Club email list.

f. Duties of the Trustees:

i. Assist the Board with planning and decision making

ii. Maintain contact with England and the other MG Car Clubs in the US and Canada.
iii. Provide Club history to the Board.
iv. Assist the Board with research and special projects.

g. Duties of the Librarian:
i. Maintain the Club library items.
ii. Maintain a list of the library items available to members.
iii. Oversee the loaning and return of library items to the members.

h. Duties of the Webmaster:
i. Update and add pages to the website as requested by the Board.
ii. Add the latest Spokes to the web site and notify members when it is available.
iii. Maintain and update the website mechanics.

i. Duties of the Regalia Coordinator:
i. Maintain and track Club regalia items available for sale.
ii. Provide the accounting of purchases and sales of regalia items to the Treasurer.

j. Duties of the *Spokes* editor:
i. Collect articles and information about Club activities.
ii. Do their best to provide a monthly publication which minimally includes the minutes of the preceding meeting.
iii. Provide the Webmaster with an agreed upon format of the *Spokes* for publication in the website.

5. Membership

a. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the Club and/or its activities.

b. Membership dues shall be set for the following year at the Election meeting by vote of the membership. If a vote is not taken, dues shall remain the same as in the previous year.

c. Membership renewals shall be the full year dues amount no matter what time of year they are paid. New members who join after September 1st get the following year included.

d. Membership applications and dues renewals shall be presented to the Treasurer by the applicant. Dues may be paid on line through the Club website or in person to a Board Member at a Club-sanctioned event.

e. It shall be the duty of each member to conduct himself/herself at all times in a manner such that no reflection of misconduct is placed against the Club.

f. Members' partners/spouses are full members with voting privileges.

6. Resignations and Expulsions

a. Resigning officers shall state their reasons, in writing or by email, to the Officers of the Club, and the resignation shall be accepted upon approval of the Officers.

b. Acts that may warrant expulsion shall be brought before the Board for a hearing to determine whether the matter should be presented to the membership. If so, expulsion shall require a two-thirds vote by ballot of the members present at the next General or Election meeting. The member in question shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the membership prior to balloting.

7. General Rules

a. Announcements of sanctioned Club activities shall be:
    i. Posted on the Club website.
    ii. Posted in the *Spokes* magazine - if there will be a publication before the date of the activity.
    iii. Sent at least once to the Club email list by the Activities Director.

b. Alcohol of any kind shall not be purchased by the Club for consumption at Club events. Alcohol that is not to be consumed at the event may be purchased by the Club for prizes or giveaways at Club events.

c. Voting shall be done using one or both of the following methods:
    i. **In person** show of hands or in person paper balloting.
        1. If any member objects to a show of hands, paper balloting will be used.
    ii. **Online** form on the Club's website or email collection.

d. All presentations and any collections made for non-Club purposes or causes that take place at Club meetings and Club-sanctioned events shall be approved in advance by the Club’s Board.

8. Amendments, Revisions and Alterations

a. To amend, revise or alter the By-laws, the proposed change will be read by the Chairman at a meeting that shall be known as the “Proposal” meeting. Within seven days following the Proposal meeting the Chairman will send the proposal to the Club's email list and to the Webmaster so the proposed change will be posted as a vote collecting form in the Club's website with notice of the online posting sent to the group email list.

b. At the meeting following the Proposal meeting, called the Balloting meeting, an in person vote will be held. The votes shall be counted and combined with any online voting. If the combined number of votes reaches a quorum, the combined votes will determine if the proposal is accepted.

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