

Constitution of the Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists

Here below is a copy of our constitution for the Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists. As members we agree to these rules and abide by them. Please feel free to talk with any of us if you want clarification of any points.

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The fellowship is based on the belief that Jesus Christ is God's Son, our Saviour and in the two great commandments. Its aim is to provide opportunities of meeting and fellowship for Christians, who are motorcyclists; to welcome those who are not Christians but accept the principles of the Fellowship and wish to share its activities; to encourage individuals to active witness for Christ through their own churches; and to enable group witness among other motorcyclists, whenever opportunity may arise.

MEMBERSHIP

The Fellowship is open to motorcyclists, moped riders, pillion passengers and sidecar users, who pay an annual subscription determined by the Annual General Meeting and who accept that membership demands strict adherence to the requirements of the Law regarding both the consumption of alcohol in association with riding devices and also the use of Controlled Drugs. The Fellowship shall exist at National and regional levels.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of all the members is to be held annually in March to receive reports of activities and a statement of accounts, and to elect a National Committee.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The National Committee shall consist of the National Chairman, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer, the Membership Secretary, the Newsletter Editor and the Publicity Officer. Three members of this committee shall resign each year in rotation, but may submit themselves for re-election, except that the National Chairman may not serve more than three consecutive elected terms. In addition the Secretaries of all the regions established within the Fellowship, shall sit on the National Committee. Former national Chairmen shall be automatically co-opted to the National Committee. The National Chairman shall call meetings of the National Committee as necessary. At any meeting of this committee the quorum shall be three members. An outgoing Chairman shall be Chairman of the current Annual General Meeting. The National Committee is to appoint members to fill casual vacancies and to complete unexpired portions of a term of office as these shall occur. However such appointed members must submit themselves for ratification or election at the Annual General Meeting following their appointment.

REGIONS

Applications to establish Regions shall be made to the National Committee. Member responsible for Regional Development, or to such other individual who may from time to time be appointed by the Committee for the purpose, in accordance with the Rules contained in the appropriate Schedule attached to this Constitution, copies of which may be obtained from him.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The National Treasurer is to prepare a set of accounts for presentation at each annual General Meeting. These accounts must be assessed by a third party, who is not a National Committee member. A draft budget for the next financial year is to be drawn up by the National Treasurer and discussed at the first National Committee meeting of the financial year.

GENERAL MEETINGS

IN ADDITION to the Annual General Meeting which the National Committee is required to call should 20% of the members wish to call a General Meeting for a specific purpose the National Chairman is required to call it. In any case, 14 days notice in writing must be given for a general meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the constitution may only be made by the Annual General Meeting and must be supported by 75% of the members present and voting.

