

## **Bylaws of the Willamette Valley Miata Club**

### **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization, founded November 7, 2002, in Eugene, Oregon, shall be the Willamette Valley Miata Club, hereafter referred to as WVMC.

**Article II. Purpose** The purpose of this club is to provide an opportunity for Miata owners and aficionados to exchange ideas and information in addition to providing recreational activities involving Miatas.

### **Article III. Membership**

- A. WVMC is open to all persons regardless of race, gender, religion, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation.
- B. Founding members are those present at the first meeting who paid their dues.
- C. Charter members are the next group of people to join and pay dues until the club has 50 members.
- D. Members are those who are not Founding or Charter Members.
- E. Payment of annual dues is a prerequisite to membership. First year dues shall be \$30 for either a single or dual membership. Renewal dues will be \$20 to be paid in the month the member joined WVMC.
- F. Ownership of a Miata is encouraged but not required.
- G. Membership may be "dual" in that two persons are admitted per membership. Each person of a dual membership has voting entitlement.
- H. Any member may have their membership revoked by unanimous vote of the Board for cause. The member in question will be contacted via Certified Mail and notified of the next Board meeting. At that time the member will have the opportunity to respond to the Board's statement of cause before the Board votes on the matter.

### **Article IV. Participation**

Participation in WVMC events by family members, friends, guests, and non-member Miata-owners wishing to "try the Club out", is welcomed and encouraged. However, for driving events (tours), each motor vehicle operator must have a valid driver's license.

### **Article V. The Board of Directors**

- A. The Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall consist of the WVMC officers and the Immediate Past President of WVMC.
- B. In matters of routine day-to-day business, the Board and its appointees are authorized to act on behalf of the general membership. The Board may approve any expenditure that directly benefits WVMC. Expenditures that do not directly benefit WVMC shall be approved by a majority vote of the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting of WVMC.
- C. The Board shall meet at least quarterly. These meetings shall be open and announced to the membership in advance.
- D. A quorum shall consist of the Board members present at a scheduled Board meeting.
- E. Nominations for officers shall be made during the period of time between the October membership meeting and the November membership meeting, and accepted by a Nomination Director whose name will be announced at the October meeting and on the WVMC website.

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**Article V. Board of Directors (cont'd.)**

- F. Elections for officers will be held during the November membership meeting. The votes will be cast in person only and the results will be announced at that time.
- G. The term of office will run from January 1 through December 31.
- H. Vacancies will be filled by the President, subject to approval by a majority of the Board.
- I. The Board will approve and authorize various positions and committees to further the goals of WVMC. These positions may include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Membership Director
  - 2. Activities Director
  - 3. Webmaster
  - 4. Newsletter Editor
  - 5. Historian

**Article VI. Officers**

- A. President. The President shall chair all meetings, enforce the Bylaws, may sign checks and contracts, shall vote only in the event of a tie, and perform such other duties as directed by the Board.
- B. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence, select and make arrangements for meetings, and perform such other duties as directed by the Board.
- C. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall sign checks, collect dues and other monies, shall keep books of accounts, make a financial report at club meetings, and perform such other duties as directed by the Board. Any expenditure in excess of \$100 will require Board approval.
- D. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep records of business conducted at meetings, keep a record of attendance, have a current list of members, furnish each member with a copy of these Bylaws, and perform such other duties as directed by the Board.

**Article VII. Banking**

The President and Treasurer will be responsible for opening and maintaining all bank accounts with the best interest of the club in mind.

**Article VIII. Meetings**

The Board shall schedule monthly meetings in accordance with the general preference of the membership as to the day and time of such meetings. The Board may adjust said day to accommodate holidays or events promoted by WVMC.

**Article VIV. Amendments**

An officer at a regularly scheduled membership meeting shall propose modifications to these Bylaws. Notice of the proposed changes will be posted in the subsequent newsletter with the date, time, and place the proposed changes will be considered for adoption. Approval by a simple majority vote of the members present at that meeting is necessary for adoption.

(Amended 11/15/2010)