



# FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. CONSTITUTION; ARTICLES AND BYLAWS

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This document is the Faugheen50 Supporters Club Ltd. Constitution 2019 which includes the Clubs byelaws 2019 for use by the Club and its members which includes the Faugheen50 Supporters Club Committee. This Constitution was ratified by the Club in January 2019 at its Annual General Meeting. Further details and copies may be obtained from the Club through the Club Secretary.

## Article 1

This club shall be known as the **FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD.**

## Article 2

Active members shall be motorcycle riders or motorcycle enthusiasts who hold membership of Faugheen50 Supporters Club Ltd. Honorary members shall be an individual, as the club decides by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular meeting. Only active members shall be entitled to vote in club affairs.

## Article 3

The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President/Chairperson, Club Secretary, Race Secretary, treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, Clerk of Works Officer, PRO (Public Relations Officer including Media Officer), Medical Officer, Rider Liaison Officer and Safeguarding Officer. The club may also include a risk management officer, a club marshal, Club Steward, depending on the focus of the club's activities and requirements. The officers of the club shall constitute the executive board.

## Article 4

The FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. is to facilitate, promote, secure and run the FAUGHEEN50 ROAD RACES in accordance with the Governing body's GENERAL COMPETITION RULES, THE CODE OF PRACTICE OF ROAD RACING and other SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS as prescribed by the Governing Body, of which the FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. are affiliated to, which includes but not limited to MOTORCYCLING IRELAND, MOTORCYCLE UNION OF IRELAND or other such NGB.

## Article 5

The FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. Executive Board will nominate club representatives to external NGB Committees or Commissions as required. The FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. Executive Committee reserves the right to nominate/put forward Club Candidates to NGB Roles such as CONVENOR (or equivalent position), NGB POSITIONS at AGMS/EGM'S or other such meetings.

## Article 6

The Faugheen50 Executive Board/Committee may create additional positions (on the Committee) that are necessary for the effective running of the Club from time to time without the need for an AGM and/or EGM. This must be communicated directly to the Club Members as soon as possible.

- In addition, the Faugheen50 Board/Executive Committee may bring on additional person/s and/or advisors specialising in or experience of particular matters for the benefit of the Club/Sport or running of Faugheen Events.
- The addition of advisors to the Committee/Board does not immediately infer any voting rights on their behalf of the Faugheen50 Executive Committee or Board.
- Any voting rights must be approved by the Club membership at an AGM or EGM.

**Article 7**

The duties of the president shall be:

- To preside over all meetings of the club.
- To have general supervision of the affairs of the club.
- To establish short- and long-term goals for the club, in cooperation with other officers.
- To appoint any person or committee not otherwise ordered by the club.
- To personally represent the club on proper occasions and in business contracts.
- To assist all other officers of the club in their records, correspondence and other duties.
- To promote interest on the part of each member in club life and activities.
- To vote only when necessary to break a tie.

**Article 8**

The duties of the Chairperson/Vice President:

- To perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.
- To coordinate committees and manage programs for the club.

**Article 9**

The duties of the secretary shall be:

- To keep accurate minutes of meetings.
- To handle member applications, records, supplies and update various club documents, as necessary.
- To maintain club constitution and/or bylaws.
- To send out notices of regular or special meetings.
- To handle club correspondence and administrative details.
- To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.

**Article 10**

The duties of the treasurer shall be:

- To maintain club financial records and deliver reports on a timely basis.
- To send and receive club money.
- To ensure there is more than one signatory on the bank account.
- To file the club tax return, if applicable.
- To ensure Company Registration compliance.
- To have a team perform a yearly financial audit.

**Article 11**

The duties of the race secretary shall be:

- To ensure events are properly sanctioned.
- To ensure that the registration process for events operates properly, including the signing of release forms.
- To complete and forward to the NGB the properly completed post-event paperwork required after every NGB-sanctioned event.

- To complete and return the injury report, if applicable.

### Article 12

The duties of the club marshal shall be:

- To lead the planning of club rides, including the route.
- To ensure safety and promote group riding best practices.

### Article 13

The duties of the club referee/club steward shall be to:

- To supervise with NGB Officials all sanctioned competition events promoted by the club.
- To carry out the duties described in the NGB's GCR's.

### Article 14

The duties of the executive board shall be:

- To act for the club in all matters ordered by the club.
- To make final decisions on member expulsions/additions or replacements.
- To properly investigate and present all business or important activities.
- To liaise with all stakeholders for the benefit of the CLUB, Communities, Sport and Members.
- To have control over all club affairs (subject to Article 13).

### Article 15

The FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. may ONLY CEASE TRADING, WIND UP OR THROUGH DISSOLUTION by all the Clubs membership through a vote at either an AGM or EGM as a matter of course.

### Article 16

In the event that the Club is to be wound up, cease trading, or dissolution, the Executive Board must ensure that:

- All outstanding bills and liabilities are paid.
- The remaining club finances are distributed to local charities.

In the event that the FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. is dissolved, with a new entity in its stead, the CLUB MEMBERSHIP may decide to transfer the remaining previous finances to the new company/club.

### Article 17

All elective offices shall be filled at an election to be held in January/February of each year. All officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Maximum terms for officers shall be 1 year.

**Article 18**

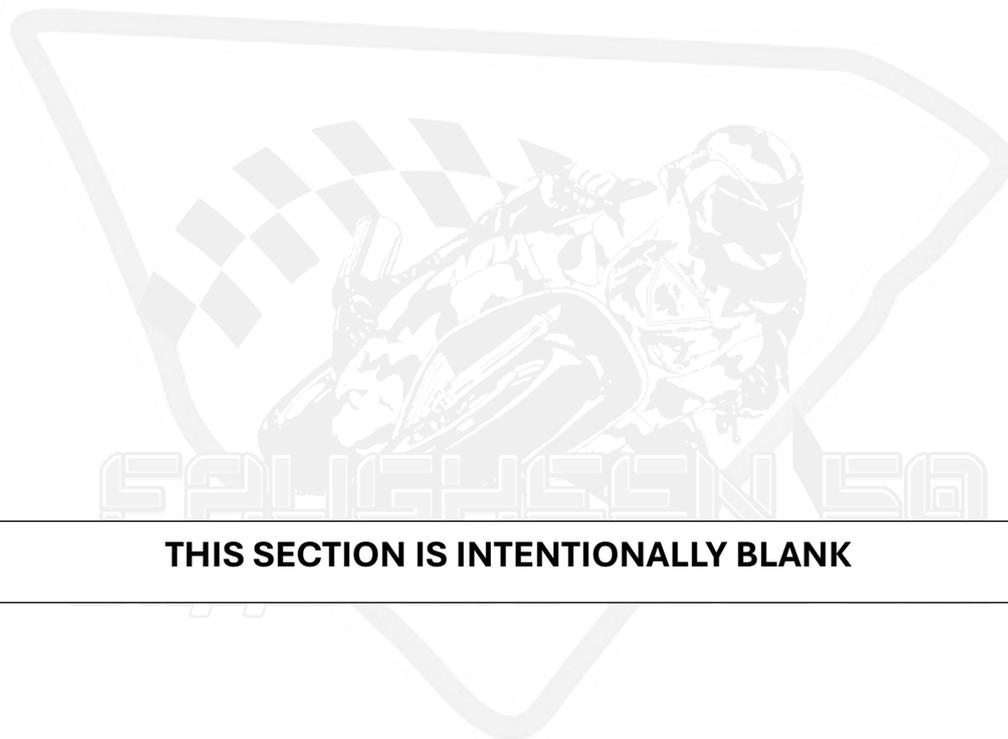
The regular meetings of the club shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 8 p.m., but the president or executive board may call a special meeting at any time by advance notice on another date or time, subject to Executive board approval.

**Article 19**

15 active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transaction of club business.

**Article 20**

The constitution may be amended, providing the proposed amendment is submitted in writing at a regular meeting. It shall then be advertised for 3 weeks and voted on at the next meeting. A two-thirds vote of all active members in good standing shall be required to pass an amendment.



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## FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. BYLAWS

### Bylaw Number 1

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary proceedings of this club unless otherwise provided by these bylaws. The order of business shall be:

- Roll call/Sign In
- Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- Report of officers
- Old business
- New business
- A.O.B.

### Bylaw Number 2

Standing committees shall be, but not mandatory, the Facilities Committee, Marketing Committee, and Activities Committee, each made up of three members:

- The Facilities Committee shall have supervision of the clubhouse or property, if applicable, and be responsible for the maintenance of order and the upkeep of the facilities (timing hut, flags, radios, signage, safety equipment etc.)
- The Marketing Committee along with PRO and Media Officer shall be responsible for promotion of club events for members and events for members of the public.
- The Activities Committee shall have general charge of all sanctioned events and club social functions.
- Other committees may be appointed as necessary by the president and/or executive board.

### Bylaw Number 3

All bills must be reviewed and approved by the executive board before they are paid. All cheques should be signed by both the treasurer and an additional officer.

### Bylaw Number 4

Applications for membership must be accompanied by an application form. On payment of club membership fees, the applicant will be member entitled to all privileges of the club which includes membership of Motorcycling Ireland/NGB. All membership applications must be recorded, with receipts and membership cards being issued.

### Bylaw Number 5

The club membership fees must be determined each year by the executive board no later than February of each year. The Club must provide a date for membership applications and facilitate “in person” club membership days.

### Bylaw Number 6

A member, executive board member/director may be expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the club, but charges must first be made in writing and the accused member given a hearing before the executive board. The executive board shall take evidence and report its findings to the club with the recommendation that the charges be considered proven and the

accused member be expelled, or the charges be considered not proven and the accused remain a member of the club. The club shall then vote whether the recommendation of the executive board shall be adopted. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the active members present and entitled to vote to veto the recommendation of the executive board.

### **Byelaw Number 7**

The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the object(s) as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Club's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Club. No officer shall be appointed to any office of the Club paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club.

However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of

- a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or servant of the Club (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Club.
- b) interest at a rate not exceeding 1% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) per annum on money lent by an officer or other members of the Club to the Club.
- c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Club (including any officer) to the Club.
- d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club; e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.

### **Bylaw Number 8**

Any member of the Executive Board may step down during their term of office, with the Executive Board determining amongst themselves to fill the vacancy on their own discretion from the club membership, or by holding a ballot at the next Club meeting and asking for candidates to submit their application/nomination for the vacant position/s.

### **Bylaw Number 9**

The Club must communicate clearly and regularly with the Club Membership through texts, phone calls, instant messaging applications (WhatsApp, Messenger etc.), and through website and social media platforms. **Any club member abusing these channels through discrimination, sexist/misogynistic language or content, misinformation, bullying or harassment will be referred to the executive board for reprimand.**

### **Byelaw Number 10**

"Personal Property" means the property of the Club of a movable nature, comprising all Sporting equipment of the Club, as well as all Stock in Trade and Money or other Assets of the Club not already classified as fixtures or fittings on "Real Property", as heretofore defined. This also includes social media channels, website and all club branding/intellectual property.

The Personal Property shall be vested in the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold same in Trust for the Club.

The Trustees of the Personal Property shall invest and use such property in accordance with the Directives of the Executive Committee, of which an entry in the Minute book shall be conclusive evidence.

### **Bylaw Number 11**

Only active club members may hold office on the Faugheen50 Committee. Nominees to Faugheen50 Committee must have been an active club member for a minimum of two years. The election of Club President/and or Club Chairperson must have been an active Committee member with at least two years' service (not necessarily consecutively) to be put forward as Club President/Club Chairperson.

**CONSTITUTION AMMENDED AND ENACTED JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2019 AT FAUGHEEN50 SUPPORTERS CLUB LTD. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FAUGHEEN 50**  
*Supporters Club Ltd.*