

**“Mid-South MINlacs”  
MINI Cooper Car Club**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – CLUB NAME AND EMBLEM**

- a. The club’s name is “Mid-South MINlacs” hereinafter referred to as MINlacs, the club will be nationally affiliated when such affiliation will be recognized as being beneficial to MINlacs.
- b. MINlacs will have an emblem which will feature the likeness of a modern MINI Cooper bordered by a semblance of the MINI logo.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the MINlacs is the promotion and preservation, enjoyment and maintenance of all types of MINI’s/Mini’s and related vehicles, as well as the improvement of driving skills and automobile safety, and the improvement of the Mini’s image. MINlacs advocates that you practice safe MOTORING at all times and encourages adherence to all traffic laws in any and all events. MINlacs does not encourage racing in any club sanctioned events unless otherwise held at a venue where such is allowed by law.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Membership in MINlacs is open to MINI owners or enthusiasts interested in the MINI/Mini and the objectives of MINlacs. Active Membership is mandatory for all except associate or Honorary members.
- b. Membership Categories:
  - a. Active Members: Enjoy all privileges and responsibilities implied.
  - b. Family Members: Spouse/Partner/Significant Other and any member of an Active Member’s family. An active Member’s Family may share membership where one or both have met membership requirements. A Family Member may vote and hold any club office. Family Members shall hereinafter be referred to as Active Members. Voting rights shall be limited to 2 votes per Family Membership. Family Memberships shall count as 1 in regards to a quorum.
  - c. Honorary Lifetime Members: A MINI/Mini enthusiast awarded a lifetime membership by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members present at a regular meeting in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the MINlacs and its objectives. They are excused from payment of dues.
  - d. Honorary Members: Employees of ROADSHOW MINI are granted membership as Active Members and may enjoy all privileges and responsibilities implied. They are excused from payment of dues.
- c. Membership will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues within thirty days after they become payable.
- d. Any member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of Active Members present at a regular meeting. This shall be for infraction of MINlacs rules or for any action that is determined not to be in the best interest of MINlacs. Before such action is taken, the Secretary shall notify the member in writing of such charges. The member will have the opportunity to submit in writing, either at the meeting or as a posting on the MINlacs website, or in person his answer to such charges.

- e. Any member may resign from MINlacs by written notice to the Secretary and payment of any indebtedness to the MINlacs.
- f. All members must have a signed Liability Waiver & Release Agreement on file before participating in any club events.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

- a. Regular meetings will be held at least once quarterly at a time and place specified in the “By-laws”.
- b. At any meeting where a quorum is not present no action may be taken except where sufficient written ballots are available and signed to constitute a quorum for purposes of that action. A quorum is one fourth of the Active Members of the MINlacs.
- c. Except where otherwise specified herein, any motion shall be adopted by a majority vote. A majority is one half plus one of the Active Members present.
- d. Special meetings may be called by any elected officer or by petition of a majority of the Active Members. Written notice or phone call must be made at least seventy-two hours prior to such a meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

- a. The elected officers of the MINlacs are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. An exception is that in the first year there shall be a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. The offices of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary may not be combined.
- b. The officers’ duties are those normally associated with those titles.
- c. The term of office of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer is two years. An exception is that in the 1<sup>st</sup> year the President shall serve for 1 year as outlined in Article V Item D.
- d. The initial President shall serve only 1 year with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President having the option of ascending to the Presidency. Nominations for President will be requested from the membership, if none, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President will ascend to the Presidency. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President shall then ascend to Vice-President. Any permanent vacancy in an elected office will be filled by election at the next regular meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy.
- e. Nominations and elections will be directed by the By-laws. Candidates who receive the highest number of votes are elected. If there is only one nominee for an office, that person will be considered elected upon confirmation by two thirds of the Active Members present.
- f. A person who holds the office of President or Vice-President may not serve consecutive full terms.
- g. In the absence of the Secretary at a meeting, the President will appoint a Secretary for the duration of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

- a. No Officer, committee or member will incur debts or other liabilities on behalf of MINlacs without prior approval of two thirds of the Active Members present at a meeting.
- b. Special Assessments may not be levied without the written and/or oral approval of two thirds of the Active Members.
- c. The Treasurer and any one of the other elected officers will be authorized to sign all club checks. Two signatures are always required.

#### **ARTICLE VII – BY LAWS**

- a. The By-laws contain the details for a smooth running MINlacs.
- b. The By-laws may be changed, sections of subsections deleted or added by two-thirds vote of the Active Members present at a meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- a. Any active member may propose an amendment by submitting it in writing to the Secretary, who will submit it for publication prior to its consideration at the next regular meeting
- b. The proposed amendment must be passed by a two thirds vote of the Active Members present at a regular meeting and such ballots as are received prior to that meeting, in order for such amendment to be come effective. Votes may be received by mail or otherwise delivered, and shall be signed by the active member who is voting.

This constitution was voted on and approved on March 5, 2005.

## **BY LAWS**

### **A. DUES**

1. Active Members (except Honorary Members): \$25.00 per year to the MINlacs.
2. Family Membership, including all interested family members is \$35.00 per year.

### **B. MEETINGS**

1. Regular meetings are to be held at least quarterly at a location regularly published on the Website. The location shall be changed to best serve the members across the Region.
2. The order of business will be:
  - i. Call to Order
    - Introduction of Guests
    - Introduction of Members
  - ii. Reports
    - Minutes of previous Meeting
    - Treasurers Report
    - Special Committee Reports
    - Announcements
  - iii Old and Unfinished Business
  - iv Nomination and Election of Officers (March of odd numbered years)
  - v New Business
  - vi Oral Communications
    - Good and Welfare
  - vii Adjournment
  - viii Refreshments
  - ix Entertainment

### **C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. Nominations for elected office will be made from the floor or in writing at a special meeting to be convened one month prior to the election meeting. At least one person must be nominated for each office.
2. The March meeting of odd numbered years will be the election meeting, with new officers taking office on or before March 31 of that year.

### **D. FINANCES**

1. The Club's fiscal year will be from April 1 to March 31.
2. An entry fee may be charged at any event at the discretion of the chairman of the program and events committee.
3. Fund raising may be accomplished by Club swap meets, advertising fees, sale of service items purchased by the club, etc.