



San Joaquin Valley Miata Club Bylaws

Article I – Name

This organization shall be named the San Joaquin Valley Miata Club (SJVMC).

Article II – Club objectives

The objectives of the club are to provide an opportunity for Miata owners and aficionados to exchange ideas, information, and to participate in group events and activities involving Miatas.

Article III – Membership

The San Joaquin Valley Miata Club shall have one category of membership:

1. Members shall be at least 16 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and comply with the California financial responsibility law or maintain legally required automobile insurance.
2. Payment of annual dues is a prerequisite to membership.
3. Ownership of a Miata is required for membership.
4. Membership shall be considered as per person with one vote per person.
5. The club is open to all persons regardless of race, sex, or national origin.

Article IV – Dues

1. Dues are paid annually to the Treasurer at the beginning of each year.
2. Members joining between Jan 1st and June 30th of a given year will pay the full annual dues as established by the Board of Directors. Members joining between July 1st and December 31st of a given year will pay one half the annual dues as established by the Board of Directors.
3. Any increase or decrease in dues (with justification) will be recommended by the Board of Directors and requires a majority approval of members present at the meeting in which it is being requested.

Article V – Officers

1. There shall be four elected officer positions:

-President

-Vice President

-Secretary

-Treasurer

The most recent past President will be the 5th member of the board.

2. Officers shall maintain membership in good standing.

3. Officers shall represent the membership in all official matters.

Article VI – Officers Duties

1. The President shall preside at all General Membership and Board of Directors meetings, shall enforce these bylaws, shall sign and enforce contracts, shall sign checks, shall appoint committees, shall assign duties to members, shall vote in the event of a tie and shall be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the membership. Upon completion of term of office, the most recent past President shall remain a member of the Board of Directors.

2. The Vice President shall preside and perform all duties of the President in his/her absence, shall have check signing authority in the absence of the President and must co-sign all contracts. In the event of an absence of any elected officer, the Vice President assumes the duties of that officer until the absent officer resumes his/her duties or until a new officer is appointed for that office and confirmed by the Board of Directors. The Vice President's position will also include the responsibility of an Events Coordinator. The added responsibilities would be to act as a clearing house in searching all possible events both locally and regionally that the club may be interested in and bringing the information to the meeting for discussion and interest.

3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the General Membership and Board of Directors meetings, shall keep records of the membership, shall maintain a record of attendance for all meetings, shall be responsible for the preparation and e-mailing of all meeting notices and other club literature, shall furnish each member with a copy of these bylaws and their amendments as they occur, and shall maintain a file of minutes and records of the past years. At the last meeting of his or her term, shall turn over to the new Secretary all minutes and records for club files.

4. The Treasurer shall issue and sign checks, pay approved bills, collect all dues and other monies from any and all sources and issue receipts if requested, shall keep books of accounts and make a financial report at all club meetings; shall further make an annual financial report showing all income and disbursements. At the last meeting of his or her term shall turn over the records of the past year to the succeeding Treasurer.

Article VII –Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the four elected officers and the most recent past President.
2. No member of the Board of Directors shall hold more than one elected office except the Vice President on a temporary basis as per Article VI.

Purpose and Function

1. Make recommendations to the membership concerning club matters and events. Recommendations are taken to the general membership based on a simple majority vote of this board.
2. By majority vote, shall appoint another club member in good standing to assume the duties of a vacated office until the next election by the general membership.
3. Any single expenditure exceeding \$200 except for normal operating costs, requires a majority approval of members present at the meeting in which it is being requested.

Article VIII – Nomination, Elections and Term of Office

1. Only members in good standing shall be eligible for election or appointment as officers.
2. Nominations for officers are to be made at the November general membership meeting.
3. Election of officers shall take place annually at the business meeting in December.
4. Installation of officers shall take place during the membership meeting in January.
5. Members in good standing not able to attend the December meeting may vote by submitting sealed ballot to any officer, prior to the scheduled meeting date. Ballots will be opened and counted at the meeting.
6. All officers are elected to hold office for one calendar year. Additional terms are permitted if nominated and elected by the membership.
7. A term of office shall consist of and continue from the date of appointment until the next annual meeting.

Article IX – Voting

1. Elections of officers shall be done by written secret ballot.
2. Ballots shall be collected and votes recorded by one member of the Board of Directors and two members not holding office or being nominated for office.
3. Announcement of the newly elected officers shall be done immediately after the ballots have been counted.

Article X – Meetings

1. Monthly meetings: The club shall meet monthly as scheduled by the Board of Directors to carry out the objective of the club.
2. Annual Business Meeting
 - a. Time – there shall be an annual business meeting every December.
 - b. Location – The Board of Directors shall select the place for the meeting and shall announce the time, date and location in a notice e-mailed to all members at least two weeks in advance.
 - c. Majority –A simple majority of the ballots cast at the annual business meeting will be counted to officially elect officers.

Article XI – Communications

1. The club shall maintain a website.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting as supplied by the Secretary and any other information of interest that may be submitted by any club member or other sources will be emailed to all members.

Article XII – Poker Run

1. The proceeds from the Poker Run auction and raffle are to be given to the chosen charity or charities.
2. The money collected from the registration for the Poker Run event is to cover the cost of the event. Registration cost to be determined by the event chairperson.
3. If there is an excessive amount left over after the cost of putting on the event, a vote by the club will determine the disbursement of additional money to the charity or charities and/or remain a part of the club's operations funds. A simple majority vote is all that is needed of members in attendance.
4. The amount that will be donated to the charity or charities will not be determined until a report from the Poker Run chairman and the Treasurer has verified that all outstanding expenses have been paid. The presentation to the charity or charities will then take place at the next general meeting.
5. The word 'charity' will be taken out of the main title of the Poker Run and will be a part of the description of the event.

Article XIII – Amendments or Revisions to the Bylaws

Amendments or changes to these bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing. Proposed amendments or changes will be emailed to all members and will be voted on at the next regular business meeting. Approval by 60 percent of those members present at the meeting is necessary for adoption.

Revised and approved by a majority member vote present at the meeting on February 18, 2016