

**BYLAWS**  
**of the**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MIATA CLUB**  
**(SOCALM)**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Southern California Miata Club (SOCALM), hereafter referred to as the “club.”

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club shall be to: promote goodwill for the mutual benefit of club members; provide social, recreational, instructional, and technical activities to preserve the Mazda MX-5 Miata automobile; and to promote a responsible image for all Miata owners (drivers). SOCALM is a non-profit social group.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A To qualify for membership:**

- 1 All drivers must possess a valid license to operate an automobile
- 2 All vehicles and drivers must comply with the California Financial Responsibility Act (auto insurance).

**B Memberships shall be available in two categories:**

- 1 A dual membership shall consist of all members of a single household otherwise qualified for membership and shall have only one vote in general membership meetings.
- 2 An Individual membership shall consist of one individual and shall have one vote in general membership meetings.

**C Membership rights:**

- 1 An invitation to participate in any club event planned by general membership.
- 2 The right to attend any meeting of the executive board as a non-voting observer.
- 3 Inclusion in all mailings of general membership publications.

**D Membership Responsibilities.**

Members and guests shall act in accordance with the stated purpose of the club. Failure to do so may result in immediate suspension and/or termination of membership.

**ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The elected officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a secretary, and regional representatives (region as defined by the executive board); and shall collectively represent the club in all official matters.

1. No member of the club shall hold more than one elected office during any term.
2. Only one individual of a dual membership shall hold an elected office during any term.
3. Purpose and function of the executive board shall be to make recommendations to the general membership on club matters.
4. The executive board shall by majority vote appoint another club member in good standing to assume the duties of any vacated office until the next election by general membership.
5. No member may serve in the same executive board office for more than three consecutive terms.

**ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

1. The president shall: preside at all general membership and executive board meetings; enforce these bylaws; sign, along with the treasurer, all checks and contracts in the club’s name; and be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the membership.
2. The vice-president shall: fulfill the functions of the president in the case of the president’s absence or if the president’s office is vacant, assist the president in the coordination of the elected and appointed officers’ duties, and plan at least two driving events and two social events per year.
3. The treasurer shall: along with the president (or vice-president in the case that the president’s office is vacant), sign checks and contracts; collect all dues, moneys and other remuneration from all sources; maintain a current membership list showing annual dates; keep books of accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and

make a financial report at every club meeting; shall further make an annual financial report showing income statement and balance sheet at the last meeting of his or her term.

4. The secretary shall: keep the minutes of decisions only and records of the general membership and executive board meetings; maintain a record of attendance for all meetings; obtain a current membership list showing annual dates from the treasurer and have it available to the membership; furnish each member with a copy of these bylaws and amendments thereto as they occur; maintain a file of club minutes and records during his or her term. At the last meeting of his or her term, shall relinquish the minutes and records of the past year for the permanent club files.
5. The regional representatives shall: preside over meetings of the club's membership in their respective regions; be responsible for coordinating a standard meeting spot within their respective region for club members to gather and drive together to distant events; plan at least one driving event and one social event during their term; use the telephone and e-mail to encourage members within their respective region to participate in club activities.

## ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

A meeting of the general membership shall be held once per quarter including in January and June unless otherwise determined by a vote of the general membership.

1. A special meeting must be called by the president upon presentation of a petition signed by at least thirty (30) general members in good standing and one-third of the executive board.
2. The executive board shall meet at least once every two months at a time and place determined by the board. Executive board meetings shall be open and announced to the general membership in advance.

## ARTICLE VII. APPOINTMENTS

The president shall propose to the elected officers for approval any office or person to be appointed. After approval of the elected officers the president shall make appointments as deemed necessary.

## ARTICLE VIII. QUORUMS

A quorum shall consist of the members present at any scheduled executive board or general membership meeting.

## ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

1. Only members paid up in good standing shall be eligible for election or appointment as officers.
2. Nominations are to be made at the general membership meeting on a Saturday in January in order that same may not conflict with Holidays, or dates deemed inadvisable by the executive board.
3. Election of officers shall take place annually at the meeting in January followed by installation of officers at the same time.
4. All elected and appointed officers shall hold office for one calendar year.

## ARTICLE X. DUES AND EXPENDITURES

1. Club membership dues are due annually for either a dual or an individual membership. Dues payable in full to the treasurer on the annual date of a member's joining the club.
2. Expenditure of club funds shall be restricted to the administration of club business and activities, for the mutual benefit of the general membership.

## ARTICLE XI. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

SOCALM will endeavor to procure an Internet / e-mail system and make it available to the general membership. In addition to official club communications, the purpose of this Internet / e-mail system is to facilitate the open and convenient discourse between club members. Since the subject matter of communication by the general membership is open and therefore uncontrolled, SOCALM is not responsible for the content or result of any communication that isn't authored by the SOCALM Board or at the express direction of the SOCALM board; including postings by Board members not relating to club business. Further, SOCALM is not responsible for the content or result of any invitations to join caravans to or from club functions and invitations to non-club-sponsored activities / events / independent runs.

SOCALM will identify club-sponsored activities / events within the text of messages / announcements / reminders posted on the club's Internet / e-mail system by including verbiage such as: "We would like to remind you of this upcoming SOCALM-sponsored event."

Members / persons posting invitations to non-club-sponsored activities / events / independent runs, via the club's Internet / e-mail system, are requested to state that "this is not a SOCALM event" within the text of their message / invitation. SOCALM is not responsible for the omission of this verbiage.

SOCALM documents, such as the club waiver and release form, may not be used for non-club-sponsored activities / events.

SOCALM may sponsor proposed activities / events after they have been submitted in writing and approved by the club's Activities Coordinator and Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor will maintain a file of proposed activities that have been approved for sponsorship by the club. Non-approved activities may not be advertised in the SOCALM club newsletter. The events of other (sister) clubs / organizations may be advertised in the SOCALM club newsletter without submitting to the approval process. However, SOCALM assumes no responsibility for the result(s) of these activities, and cautions that participants take part at their own risk.

## ARTICLE XII. AUTHORITY

Any matters not included in these bylaws are to be determined by Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS OR REVISION OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership at any regular meeting or special meeting or by mail ballot provided such amendment or revision shall be read to the membership one meeting previous to the vote.

Original Bylaws Adopted: June 1990  
Bylaws amended on October 20, 1991  
Bylaws amended on June 18, 1997  
Bylaws amended on September 5, 1998  
Bylaws amended on January 23, 1999  
Bylaws amended on January 15, 2000  
Bylaws amended on August 12, 2000  
Bylaws amended on August, 2001

## *CURRENT OPERATING POLICIES*

The following are operational policies used by the Executive Board in addition to the club bylaws. These policies are subject to change.

1. Any member of the Executive Board can authorize an expense of up to \$25.00 without any other approval.
2. Any two members of the Executive Board can authorize an expense of up to \$75.00 without any other approval.
3. Any expense between \$75.00 and \$1,000.00 must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.
4. Any expense in excess of \$1,000.00 must be approved by a simple majority vote of all members present at any club meeting.
5. Expenses of up to \$500.00 directly related to the publication and mailing of *The Reward* does not need prior approval.
6. All participants of a club event **must** sign the sign-in sheet / liability waiver.
7. All club members are entitled to subscribe to the club e-mail list (SOCALM@eGroups.com).
8. Any purchases made through the club (merchandise, books, etc.) will be made available for pre-arranged pick up at a club event. Items are **not** mailed unless postage costs are paid to the club.
9. Members will receive one newsletter in excess of their membership. If the member does not renew after their one extra newsletter, their membership will expire and will receive no further newsletters.
10. The first time a member plans a club events, he/she will be eligible to receive a set of complimentary club logo magnetic emblems.

Original Operating Policies Adopted: August 2000