



# THE GRAND STRAND BRITISH CAR CLUB

## By-Laws

### Article I

#### *\*Name\**

The name of this Club shall be The Grand Strand British Car Club hereinafter referred to as (GSBCC).

#### *\*\*Scope\*\**

GSBCC is a non-profit organization representing British car and motorcycle enthusiasts with a venue to share and enjoy various activities related to British motor vehicles.

#### *\*\*\*Objectives\*\*\**

#### Information:

1. To communicate membership views on activities related to British motor vehicles
2. To develop and publish voluntary information as the needs of the membership dictate and to promote an ongoing liaison in cooperation with compatible organizations.

#### Education:

1. To provide a balance of product, restoration processes and general information through seminars, publications, meetings or special events.
2. To provide an opportunity for suppliers to the British motor vehicle enthusiast to demonstrate state-of-the art products and services.
3. To promote the future of the British motor vehicle enthusiast by supporting British motor vehicle related education and information at the local level.

### Article II

#### *\*Purpose\**

To provide British car owners and enthusiasts the opportunity to connect with one another for social activities, technical support and automotive events and to encourage and promote the preservation, general enjoyment and maintenance of British vehicles for educational, recreational, and historic interest.

## **Article III**

### *\*Members\**

#### Section 1: Membership

Membership is available to anyone 18 or older who has an interest in British automobiles or motorcycles without regard to sex, race, religion, or national origin. Ownership of a British vehicle is not a prerequisite, however only British vehicles shall be featured in any gathering, drive, technical session or show.

Membership shall be considered single (one vote) or couple (2 votes) as registered on the membership form. Dual memberships shall receive one copy between them of any and all correspondence from the Club, but each one is entitled to a vote on all Club matters. Application for membership shall be made in writing on a form approved by the Board of Directors and shall be made (including renewals) annually.

Membership requires payment of annual dues. Annual dues shall be proposed by the Board to the general membership for voting in December for the next year. Dues are collected for the purposes of sustaining the Club, and its activities. Dues are payable in advance at the beginning of the membership year which starts January 1 and ends December 31. A 60-day grace period will be allowed. After the grace period, being March 1, Club privileges, meeting and event information will be discontinued until such time as dues are collected and membership is renewed.

#### Section 2: Termination of Membership

Membership in GSBCC, its rights privileges and property may terminate by ceasing to be eligible for membership, by voluntary withdrawal or by suspension or expulsion. For a member to be suspended or expelled, a written notice stating the offense will be sent to the member's address on record with GSBCC and must be presented to the Board of Directors who will investigate the charge and present their findings to the membership. Suspension or expulsion requires a vote of a simple majority of those present and voting at any regular meeting or at any called meeting announced in advance for the purpose. The right of a member in or to the GSBCC, its rights, privileges and property shall cease on the termination of membership. Termination of membership shall not relieve any member of his or her obligations to GSBCC which arose during the period of membership.

## **Article IV**

### *\*Directors\**

#### Section 1: General

The Board of Directors (hereinafter referenced as BOD) shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair and the Events Chair. The BOD shall be responsible for the overall direction and guidance of the BCCC. The BOD shall meet monthly or as necessary as determined by the BOD. All business that is conducted shall follow Roberts Rules of Order.

In addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon it by these By-Laws, the BOD may exercise all such powers of the club and do all such lawful acts and things as may be consistent with the purposes of GSBCC.

#### Section 2: Terms of Office

The term of office shall be two (2) years with no Director sitting for more than two terms. Exceptions can be made when necessary to fill a vacant position. Candidates for Director will be nominated at the November meeting by the general membership and elected at the December meeting at which time all documents and Club materials will be transferred from the outgoing Directors to the newly elected Directors or no later than 15 days after the election. Outgoing Directors will assist the new Directors. Upon the office of any Director becoming vacant, the membership of GSBCC shall elect a new Director to

serve in his or her place for the remainder of his or her unexpired term. A vacancy can be created by withdrawal or by an absence from three consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings.

### Section 3: Meetings

Regular meetings of the BOD shall be held each month at such times and places as determined by a majority of the BOD.

Special meetings of the BOD may be called by any Officer of the club or upon request of two or more members of the BOD so long as 10 days notice is given to each Director by mail or email, at the address on file at the time.

At all meetings of the BOD, no less than a simple majority of the voting members of the BOD shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a simple majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be an act of the BOD.

## **Article V**

### *\*Officers and Committees\**

#### Section 1: General

The Officers of the GSBCC shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### Section 2: Term

The members of GSBCC shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer on an annual basis. Such election shall be by a simple majority of those present and voting at any regular meeting or at any called meeting announced in advance for the purpose. Other non-elected Officers may include the Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair and Events Chair. Upon election, all Officers shall become members of the BOD.

Except as otherwise expressly provided by the By-Laws, the powers and duties of the Officers of GSBCC shall be as from time to time prescribed by the BOD. Notwithstanding this provision, all notices, announcements and materials disseminated to the members shall be done only with the approval of the BOD.

The Officers of the GSBCC shall hold office until their successors are elected. If the office of any Officer becomes vacant for any reason, a successor shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of those present and voting at any regular meeting or any called meeting announced in advance for the purpose, and said successor shall become a Director in the place of the Officer whose vacancy he or she fills.

#### Section 3: President

The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the GSBCC; preside at all meetings of the members and Directors; shall be the ex-officio member of all Committees and shall have the general powers and duties usually vested in the office of a President of a club. The President shall supervise and conduct all of its business and affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall appoint all committees as appropriate. The President may, together with the Vice President, sign any documents or instructions. The President shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President. The President is empowered to sign checks in the Treasurer's absence and provides for an annual audit of books by appointing a committee of two people from the general membership.

#### Section 4: Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President with the exception of signing checks.

#### Section 5: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a written record of the minutes of Club meetings and of any meetings of the BOD. The minutes of each meeting are to be distributed to the BOD prior to being published to the membership.

#### Section 6: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep all financial accounts of the Club; have custody of and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the GSBCC. The Treasurer shall receive and give receipts for all payments to the Club and deposit all payments in the name of the GSBCC in such bank as the BOD may designate. The Treasurer shall only pay bills authorized by the BOD and shall give a report to the membership at Club meetings and to the Secretary for publication to the membership. All expenditures must be presented for approval to the BOD and must be approved by a simple majority of the BOD.

#### Section 7: Committees

The BOD from time to time may appoint such Committees and may delegate such authority to them as they may deem necessary for the proper functioning of the club. Each committee shall have a Chairman. Each Committee Chairman is expected to attend all BOD meetings.

#### Section 8: Nominating Committee

At the September meeting, the BOD, by a simple majority, shall appoint a nominating committee for the purpose of determining a slate of officers for the coming year; such slate of officers to be introduced to the membership by the November meeting. The Members of the GSBCC may make additional nominations at either the November or December meetings. The proposed slate of officers shall be voted upon by simple majority of those present and voting at the December meeting. In the event that there are two or more candidates for any office, such voting may be conducted by secret ballot.

#### Section 9: Compensation

Officers elected by the membership shall volunteer their time and efforts to GSBCC and will receive no compensation for any kind of services they may provide.

#### Section 10: Liability

The officers, including future BOD's, will not be held personally liable for any monetary damages or other obligations incurred by the club nor be held personally responsible for any breach of fiduciary duty by GSBCC.

#### Section 11: Committee Chairs

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the Club's newsletter; shall receive new membership data from the Membership Chair for publication in the newsletter. Newsletters shall be published and sent out to the members on a monthly basis.

The Membership Chair shall be responsible for the collection of dues which will be forwarded to the Treasurer for deposit and ensure that new membership data is forwarded to the Newsletter Editor. Membership Chair shall maintain the current Club roster.

The Events Chair shall coordinate and orchestrate the annual calendar of events for any social or motor events as desired by the Club. The Events Chair may form an Events Committee to assist with coordination of events; however, only the Events Chair will be a member of the BOD and only he/she will report to the BOD. The Preceding Past President shall represent the membership at large. This person, when available, will provide advice to new officers along with continuity to the Club.

#### Section 12: Meetings

General and BOD meetings will be held monthly at such times and locations as are designated by the BOD.

#### Section 13: Events

GSBCC shall organize one major annual event, whose purpose, date and venue will be determined by the BOD. They shall also organize at least one monthly driving event, weather permitting. All members are encouraged to participate.

Section 14: Directory

On March 15 of each year, the Membership Chair shall publish the membership directory and distribute the directory to each member in good standing. The directory shall include the names, addresses and vehicle information of each member as authorized by the member. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be published if available, unless a member requests that such information be withheld.

Section 15: Insurance

The Treasurer of GSBCC shall maintain an insurance policy to protect the Club and its Officers in carrying out the duties and functions of the Club. Such insurance shall not cover fraud, malfeasance, criminal activity or wanton irresponsible acts of any Officer or member of the Club.

Section 16: Amendments

Any and all amendments to the Club's By-Laws shall be presented in writing at a regularly scheduled Club meeting. On consent of the majority present at the meeting, the proposal shall be published in the next issue of the Club's newsletter. It will take a simple majority vote of the total membership to amend these By-Laws. Any vote required will be put forth to the membership via email with applicable instructions.

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