



# GRAND STRAND BRITISH CAR CLUB

## By-Laws

### Article I

*\*Name\**

The name of this club shall be Grand Strand British Car Club, hereinafter referred to as GSBCC. GSBCC is incorporated in the State of South Carolina as a **501c7** Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation representing British car and motorcycle enthusiasts with a shared interest in activities related to British motor vehicles.

### Article II

*\*Purpose\**

#### Section 1: Purpose

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

#### Section 2: Objectives

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

#### Section 3: Education

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

## **Article III**

### *\*Membership\**

#### Section 1: Membership

Membership is available to anyone age 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 motor vehicle is not a prerequisite.

#### Section 2: Types of Membership, Voting, and Eligibility to Hold Office

- A. Standard Membership – A Standard Membership shall consist of the applicant and spouse or significant other living at the same address. The membership shall have one single vote, but each party shall be eligible to run for an elected office.
- B. Legacy Membership – The Board of Directors may confer upon an individual (who may or may not have a concurrent active Standard Membership) a Legacy Membership for such period as the Board of Directors shall determine. Legacy Membership does not entitle any privileges of Standard Membership but shall be only honorary in nature in recognition of an individual whose position or past work has been of special significance in advancing the purposes of GSBCC.

#### Section 3: Application for Membership

Application for GSBCC membership shall be made in writing on a form (either paper or electronic) approved by the Board of Directors and shall be utilized both for New Membership Application and for Annual Membership Renewal.

#### Section 4: Annual Dues

Annual Dues are collected for the purpose of sustaining the club and its activities, and payment of Annual Dues shall be a requirement of Standard Membership.

## **Article IV**

### *\*Board of Directors\**

#### Section 1: General

- A. The Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as BOD, shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair and the Social Media Chair. Past Presidents shall always be included in BOD meetings and may have input, but shall not have voting power.
- B. The BOD shall be responsible for the overall direction and guidance of GSBCC. 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: BOD Meetings

The BOD shall meet as necessary to address business before it, and such meetings shall be conducted following Roberts Rules of Order. 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.

## **Article V**

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

## Section 1: Officers

- A. The Executive Officers of GSBCC shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Executive Officers shall be elected annually by the GSBCC membership.
- B. Appointed Directors of GSBCC shall include the Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, and Social Media Chair and shall be appointed by the President at will.
- C. Upon election or appointment, all Directors shall become members of the BOD.

## Section 2: Term of Office

- A. The Officers and Directors of GSBCC shall hold office until their successors are either elected or appointed.
- B. If the office of any Executive 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.
- C. If the office of any Appointed Director becomes vacant for any reason, a successor shall be appointed by the President. Such successor shall become a Director in the place of the Officer whose vacancy is filled.

## Section 3: President

- A. The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of GSBCC, preside at all meetings of the Membership 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 the president of a club. The President shall supervise and conduct all of GSBCC's business and affairs and shall sign documents pertaining to such.
- B. The President shall countersign GSBCC business checks initiated by the Treasurer.
- C. The President shall call for an annual audit review of the financial books of GSBCC by appointing a committee from the Membership.

## Section 4: Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence, or at the request, 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.

## Section 5: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a written record of the minutes of club meetings and of any meeting of the BOD.

## Section 6: Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall keep all financial accounts of GSBCC and have custody over and be responsible for all funds and securities of GSBCC.
- B. The Treasurer shall receive funds and give receipts for all payments to GSBCC and deposit all payments in the name of GSBCC in such bank as the BOD may designate.
- C. The Treasurer shall only pay bills authorized by the BOD and shall give a report to GSBCC Membership at club meetings and to the Secretary for publication to Membership. All expenditures over \$500 must be presented for approval to the BOD and must be approved by a simple majority of the BOD.

## Section 7: Ad Hoc Committees

The President from time to time may appoint Committees and may delegate such authority to them as deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the club. Each Committee shall have an appointed Chair.

## Section 8: Policies and Procedures

A Policy and Procedures outline shall accompany the By-Laws and shall be reviewed as needed by the BOD.

## Section 9: Compensation

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

## Section 10: Liability

None of the past nor present Officers of GSBCC will be held personally liable for any monetary damages or other obligations incurred by GSBCC or be held personally responsible for any breach of fiduciary duty by GSBCC.

## Section 11: Amendments to the By-Laws

Any and all amendments to GSBCC's By-Laws shall be presented in writing at a regularly scheduled GSBCC meeting. On consent of the majority present at the meeting, the proposal shall be published in the next issue of GSBCC'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.

Section 12: Dissolution of GSBCC

Upon dissolution of GSBCC, being a Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation in the State of South Carolina, and after all outstanding debts are satisfied, the remaining assets shall be equally distributed to Membership.

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