

La Strada Club UK – Constitution

1. Name - The club shall be known as “La Strada Club UK”.

2. Interpretation - The words used in this document shall be interpreted as follows:-

CLUB will mean “La Strada Club UK”.

COMMITTEE will mean the “Committee of the CLUB”.

MEMBER will mean “a paid-up CLUB subscriber who qualifies for membership (see para 4 below) and one additional named adult, both of whom may vote at meetings”.

3. Objects of the CLUB - The objects of the CLUB are as follows:

- a. To encourage friendship, collaboration, and liaison between MEMBERS, and with the UK dealership(s).
- b. To organise events (e.g. rallies), activities, and communications between MEMBERS (e.g. newsletter, website and forum).

4. Membership

Membership of the CLUB is open to users and past users of La Strada motor caravans and is subject to payment in advance of the subscription decided at each annual general meeting (AGM).

Any MEMBER who has been reported to have acted detrimentally to the interests and reputation of the CLUB, or in breach of the CLUB's Code of Conduct, may be expelled by the COMMITTEE. The MEMBER shall have the right to appeal the decision at an AGM.

5. Notices, Communications and Records

Communications between MEMBERS and the CLUB will normally be via electronic mail. MEMBERS shall notify the Secretary of their current email address. All notices and correspondence will be sent via email and shall be considered as being duly delivered 5 days after transmission. The CLUB's Data Protection Policy (DPP), in response to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), is explained in a document that is available on the CLUB's website.

6. Organisation

The Officers of the CLUB comprise the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers deemed necessary to carry out the duties of the CLUB.

7. COMMITTEE and Management

a. The management of the CLUB is vested in a COMMITTEE consisting of the 3 Officers nominated above, and the immediate Past Chair (for a period of up to 2 years). Additionally, up to 4 COMMITTEE members may be appointed to provide the following services: Newsletter Editor, Website Manager, Meets Coordinator, and Membership Secretary. Up to a further 3 supporting COMMITTEE members may be appointed to provide additional conduits for MEMBERS to liaise with the COMMITTEE.

b. Election of COMMITTEE Members: the Chair and the COMMITTEE will resign at each AGM and may stand for re-election to serve until the subsequent AGM.

(The Honorary President, if appointed, is not a member of the COMMITTEE.)

c. In the event of a vacancy occurring the COMMITTEE may attempt to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

8. Conduct of COMMITTEE Meetings

a. COMMITTEE meetings will be convened by the Secretary at suitable intervals throughout the year by notices sent to each COMMITTEE member at least 14 days prior to such meeting, detailing the venue, date and time together with an agenda listing the topics for business and discussion.

b. Four COMMITTEE members are required to be present to form a quorum.

- c. The Chair, or an appointed deputy appointed by the Chair, will conduct the meeting and will ensure that all decisions are minuted for CLUB records. In the event of a tied vote, and if a decision is required urgently, the Chair or the appointed deputy will have the casting vote.
- d. Draft minutes will be circulated to COMMITTEE members as soon as possible after the meeting. The final draft will be circulated with the notice convening the next meeting which will invite approval of the minutes.
- e. The approved minutes of each COMMITTEE meeting will be retained by the Secretary and published on the CLUB's website.

9. General Meetings

- a. A General Meeting may be called at 7 days notice; it shall be deemed quorate if at least 10% of MEMBERS are present.
- b. At General Meetings decisions shall be made by a majority of votes by MEMBERS present and voting. Voting will be made by a show of hands, unless the Chair decides that a secret ballot is justified. Voting by post or proxy is not permitted.
- c. An AGM shall be held to receive COMMITTEE Members' reports, review the accounts, decide future subscriptions, and elect the new COMMITTEE. A summary of the current draft accounts, together with the COMMITTEE's report and the agenda for the business to be considered shall be made available to MEMBERS at least 7 days before such meeting.
- d. A list of the COMMITTEE members and a list of the retiring COMMITTEE members willing to stand for re-election shall be published at least 7 days prior to the AGM
- e. Nominations may be made (with the consent of the nominee and subject to their having at least 12 months of membership experience) by any 2 MEMBERS of the CLUB, to be received in writing by the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM.
- f. Election of COMMITTEE Members: the Chair and the COMMITTEE will resign at each AGM and may stand for re-election to serve until the subsequent AGM.
- g. No MEMBER shall introduce any additional business or motion unless written notice to this effect has been received by the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the AGM.

10. Finance

- a. The COMMITTEE will control the assets and funds of the CLUB through the Treasurer. The financial year will commence on 1 March or such other date as approved at an AGM.
- b. The accounts will be presented for approval at each AGM.
- c. The COMMITTEE shall appoint a person who has not been involved with the administration of the accounts to examine the accounts and bank statements for reasonableness at the end of each financial year. The appointed person will report their findings in writing to the Chair before the AGM at which the accounts will be presented.
- d. The COMMITTEE shall have the authority to decide the conduct for signing authority for the CLUB bank account.
- e. In the event of the CLUB being wound up, the retiring COMMITTEE shall appoint a person to meet from CLUB funds all costs, expenses and debts legally incurred by the CLUB, and to transfer any residual funds and assets to a charity or charities nominated by the COMMITTEE.

11. Terms & Conditions of Membership

MEMBERS must comply with the policies of the CLUB which are available on the CLUB's website.

- a. Website Terms & Conditions: The CLUB retains copyright over the website. If a MEMBER supplies material to the CLUB for publication the MEMBER grants non-exclusive perpetual permission for the CLUB to use such material but the MEMBER retains full copyright. Cookies are used in some areas of our site to enable the functionality of these areas and to ease their use by those people visiting.

b. Data Protection: The CLUB's data protection policy is derived from the GDPR and is published on the CLUB's website. Upon application to the Membership Secretary, individual MEMBERS may view all information about them held by the CLUB.

c. Health & Safety: The CLUB will take reasonable care when organising events for MEMBERS, highlighting unusual risks associated with specific events which may not be obvious to MEMBERS. MEMBERS retain responsibility for their own safety. MEMBERS are required to comply with all relevant laws, bye-laws, regulations, and reasonable instructions given by COMMITTEE members.

d. Equal Opportunities: The CLUB is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all MEMBERS and requires all MEMBERS to comply with both this general principle and the requirements of the Codes of Practice issued by the Equal Opportunities Commission and Commission for Racial Equality.

e. Code of Conduct: The CLUB's code of conduct is endorsed by Natural England and must be followed by all MEMBERS.

12 Alteration of Constitution

This constitution may be altered only by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the MEMBERS present and voting personally at a General Meeting. The notice convening such meeting shall state the proposed amendments.

13. Matters not provided for

The COMMITTEE shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this constitution.