

Rapido and Silver Owners Club Rules  
amended 14 October 2023

NAME

1. The name of the Club shall be the “RAPIDO and SILVER OWNERS CLUB”

OBJECTIVES

2. To provide its members, and their families and friends, the majority of whom shall own any RAPIDO product, or any other pop-top caravan or folding caravan, (not trailer tents) hereafter referred to as a “compliant unit” with the opportunity of exchanging information, and to give practical assistance where possible in connection with all models.
3. To provide social activities primarily, but not exclusively, by way of rallies for enthusiasts.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The requirement to become a member is the ownership of a compliant unit at the time of joining the Club, or to be invited to join by a current member of the Club. Such members shall be approved by the Committee prior to joining the Club. They shall have full voting rights, the right to stand for Committee office and shall pay annual subscription fees at the same rate as members joining the Club with compliant units.
5. Membership will not be affected if at any time a member, for whatever reason changes their ‘compliant unit’ to a make other than a compliant unit. Members however will be encouraged to retain ownership of a compliant unit.

ENROLMENT

6. Payment of the annual subscription will be deemed to be confirmation that he/she shall abide by the rules of the Club.
7. For the purpose of enrolment, partners shall be deemed as one.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

8. An annual subscription shall be such sum as the Club Committee shall from time to time determine. Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable in full on 1<sup>st</sup> December, except that the enrolment and subscription paid from October shall automatically be applied to include the following year.
9. Any annual subscription unpaid on the last day of January will result in lapsed membership.

DISCIPLINE

10. Any member behaving in a manner which, in the opinion of the majority of the Committee, brings or is likely to bring, the Club into disrepute, he/she shall be required to resign their membership immediately. The said member does have the right of appeal to the Committee. Any such appeal will be made in person.
11. Pets are welcome on rallies and the owners are obliged to abide by the caravan site rules. Pets are not permitted in halls, clubhouses, marquees or any club gathering where any type of food (other than biscuits), and/or entertainment, is involved. Members who invite others into their own van or awning, such as rally marshals, are exempted from this rule. Our club insurance policy does not provide 3rd party liability cover for pets. Responsibility for this is a matter for pet owners alone. All club members should be vigilant and inform the owners of any problems.

## MANAGEMENT

12. The management of the Club shall be vested in an elected Committee at an Annual General Meeting and shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Administration Secretary, Sites Secretary, Membership Secretary, Rally Secretary, and Social Secretary.
13. The Committee may from time to time co-opt any member having special qualifications.
14. All the Committee as prescribed shall be eligible for re-election annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall not serve more than four consecutive years in their offices.
15. Any member of the Committee not wishing to continue or renew his/her term of office shall notify the Secretary /Chairman accordingly, at least two months prior to the AGM.
16. A form calling for nominations shall be sent out to all members not less than two rallies prior to the AGM.
17. Nominations for officers of the Committee shall be received by the Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the AGM.
18. Nominations on the day of the AGM are not permissible, except in extreme circumstances, and then only if agreed by a majority of the Committee.

## MEETINGS - GENERAL

19. A General Meeting of Club members will be held each calendar year for the purpose of electing the Committee, approving the accounts, and to transact such business as may be necessary, of which notice will have been given.
20. Any member wishing to introduce any special business at a General Meeting shall give a minimum of 21 days notice thereof in writing to the Secretary stating the nature of such special business, and forwarding with the notice a copy of any motion he/she desires to propose, and the Secretary shall enter any such business as a separate item on the Agenda.
21. Any member at an Annual Meeting wishing to raise a topic not on the Agenda may do so for discussion only, under Any Other Business, but no voting shall be allowed at this time. A Special General Meeting shall be convened after a minimum period of 30 days to deal with this matter, should this be the wish of the majority in attendance.
22. All members may attend a General Meeting (and are encouraged to do so).
23. For the purpose of voting, partners shall vote separately.
24. Voting shall be by a show of hands, or if decided by the Chairman of the meeting, by ballot. In the event of a tie the ballot shall be re-run, if this fails to break the tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall exercise a casting vote, but may not cast this vote in his/her election.
25. There shall be no postal voting or voting by proxy.
26. The Secretary shall keep minutes of proceedings, particularly noting the Proposer and Secunder of all motions. The minutes of a General Meeting shall be published as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting.

## MEETINGS - COMMITTEE

27. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at the discretion of the Chairman or at the request of at least four Committee members.
28. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings, which shall be circulated to all Committee members as soon as practical after the meeting.
29. A quorum at a meeting of the Committee shall comprise FOUR members.

## ACCOUNTS

30. The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions from the Membership Secretary and any other monies due to the Club. All monies shall be held in a bank account in the name of the Club.
31. Cheques shall be signed by one of the four authorised signatories, in accordance with the arrangements the Club has with its bankers. In addition, on-line and debit-card banking will be available to facilitate payments to and from the Club.
32. The Treasurer shall prepare a verified statement of expenditure detailing all expenditure and receipts in each accounting year ending at the 31<sup>st</sup> August. The verified statement of expenditure shall be presented to the next Annual General Meeting. The verified statement of expenditure must include the statement “This statement of expenditure has been produced by the treasurer and verified by the Responsible Officer”

## ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENT OF RULES

33. These rules supersede all previous issues of the RAPIDO AND SILVER OWNERS CLUB rules, agreed by the Committee and endorsed by the membership at the AGM of the Club, this 14th day of October 2022. New rules or any special business that is passed by the majority at the AGM having given the required 21 days notice, should come into force immediately.
34. These Rules may only be amended at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose or at the AGM, by a majority vote of two thirds of those members present at such meeting.

## DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB.

35. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the assets of the Club shall be distributed in accordance with a Resolution passed at an Annual or Special General Meeting. The Treasurer or another person appointed by the Committee for the purpose shall prepare proposals based upon the principle that the greater benefit shall be given to those subscribing and life members based on the number of rallies that they have attended over the preceding six years.

JANE NAPPER Chairman  
LORRAINE HOLLAND, Club Secretary  
RAPIDO and SILVER OWNERS CLUB  
14th OCTOBER 2023