



CONSTITUTION of FLBT

1. NAME

The Club shall be called Four Lane Black Top. It may be abbreviated to FLBT.

2. OBJECTS

The Objects of the Club are;

To provide facilities for its members to participate in the sport of slot car racing.

To promote the sport of Slot Car Racing and to encourage potential members.

To participate in and facilitate the running of local, regional and national slot car racing events.

3. LOCATION

The Club shall be situated at locations as detailed in the club calendar. The Calendar can be found on the clubs website, www.flbt.co.uk.

4. AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated to BSCRA, the British Slot Car Racing Association.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership shall be open to all persons wishing to take part or support slot car racing.

5.2 Any person wishing to become a member shall approach the Chairman who will accept or decline their membership application.

5.3 In declining an application for membership the Chairman may give a reason but not be obliged to do so.

5.4 Membership will be granted on the basis of both acceptance by the Chairman and the payment of any subscription monies.

5.5 Membership shall be on a yearly basis which runs from January 1st to December 31st.

5.6 A member shall cease to be a member of the Club immediately if expelled under the provisions of clause 12.5.

5.7 Membership shall be divided into three classes, Full Member, Junior Member and Associate Member. A junior member to be below the age of 16 and an associate member to be active in the club but who does not actually race.

5.8 All members shall receive the same basic rights except in benefits under clauses 8.8 & 15.3.

5.9 Any ex-member who wishes to re-join will be able to do so after payment of that year's subscription unless specific objection from the Chairman.

6. COMMITTEE

6.1 The committee shall as a minimum consist of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

6.2 No member should hold more than one position simultaneously.

6.3 The committee shall be elected at the AGM. All committee members are eligible for re-election.

6.4 In the event of a position becoming vacant part way through a year the remaining officers will appoint a temporary replacement until the next AGM.

7. MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The affairs of the Club will be managed by the committee, and the committee shall have the power to determine any issue arising in connection with the affairs of the Club which is not specifically provided for in this constitution.
- 7.2 The committee may from time to time formulate and publish such rules as it thinks expedient for the efficient and harmonious running of the Club (but in the case of any conflict between such rules and this constitution, the constitution shall prevail).

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in the last quarter of the year.
- 8.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be convened by a minimum of four members who must officially request an EGM through the Chairman. The Chairman must arrange this EGM within one month of the request at a mutually acceptable venue, date and time.
- 8.3 These four members may include committee members.
- 8.4 The EGM must consist of a minimum of two Committee members and at least three of the four members who called for the EGM.
- 8.5 The Chairman, if present, shall chair all General Meetings, and in his absence an appointed deputy from the committee, shall chair the meeting.
- 8.6 Notice of any General Meeting shall be given to all members at least two weeks before the intended date of the meeting.
- 8.7 Voting at any General Meeting shall be by show of hands, the Chairman having a second or casting vote in the event of parity of voting.
- 8.8 Junior Members and Associate Members are entitled to attend General meetings but are not entitled to vote on any resolution unless they are also Committee members. They may however actively contribute to discussions and the debating on resolutions.

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS and FEES

- 9.1 Each member of the club shall pay an annual subscription. All members shall also pay an attendance fee.
- 9.2 The annual subscription rates for the following year will be determined at the AGM.
- 9.3 The Committee may determine from time to time the attendance fees to reflect changes in both running costs and club financial position.
- 9.4 Competitors taking part in Local, Regional or National events, using FLBT facilities will be expected to pay an attendance fee negotiated as part of the event package.
- 9.5 Attendance is defined as participating in any race or the practice associated with a race.

10. ACCOUNTS

- 10.1 The Treasurer shall arrange for the accounts to be prepared in respect of the financial situation of the Club from 1st October to 30th September.
- 10.2 The accounts for each year shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Club for approval.

11. GUESTS/VISITORS

- 11.1 The club should actively encourage the attendance of both Guests and Visitors of all ages.
- 11.2 Any member may invite a Guest to race at the club.
- 11.3 Attendance fees will be waived for the first visit but shall pay standard fees on any subsequent visits.
- 11.4 Visitors will be welcomed provided they obey club rules and shall pay standard fees.
- 11.5 Any Visitor below the age of sixteen must be accompanied by an Adult, and is the sole responsibility of that adult.

12. CONDUCT

- 12.1 All Members, Guests and Visitors are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner and obey the general etiquette of the 'sport'.
- 12.2 Club conduct is largely based on guidelines issued by BSCRA in their rulebook.
- 12.3 In the event of a complaint being made to the Committee regarding the conduct of a member of the club, the Committee may (and if a written complaint signed by three members, shall) investigate the complaint.
- 12.4 On investigating the complaint the Committee shall give the member about whose conduct is in question, full opportunity to be heard.
- 12.5 If on investigation of the complaint the Committee is of the opinion that the member has behaved in an unacceptable manner or in such a manner to as cause injury to the interests of the Club, then the Committee may reprimand the member, suspend the member from the privileges of membership for a suitable period or expel the member from the club.
- 12.6 The Committee will forthwith notify the member of any decision made on the investigation of a complaint about his conduct, and if it thinks fit publicise the decision by displaying a notice at club headquarters.

13. ALTERATIONS to the CONSTITUTION

- 13.1 No alterations to this constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting of the Club.
- 13.2 In order for a resolution to alter this constitution to have effect, at least two-thirds of votes cast must be in favour.

14. EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 All equipment used on a regular basis as per the calendar is considered the property of the Club unless specific notice has been made to the Committee and been accepted.

15. WINDING UP

- 15.1 In order for a resolution that the Club shall be wound up to have effect, at least two-third of the votes cast on this resolution must be in favour. In addition the vote must exceed one half of the number of members entitled to vote at a General Meeting.
- 15.2 If a resolution is passed in favour of the Club being wound up, the committee shall be responsible for winding up the affairs of the club.
- 15.3 In winding up the club all assets, or monies gaining from the selling of assets at the timing of winding up, shall be divided equally amongst fully paid up Full Members of the Club.
- 15.4 If the winding up has been initiated for the reason of amalgamating with another club (in which case surplus assets and equipment may be transferred to the other club), all assets shall be divided equally amongst fully paid up Full Members of the Club.

This constitution was agreed by the committee members at the time of signing. Committee members were agreed at the AGM held on 6th November 2018.