

# F.M.V.A.

## Federazzjoni Maltija Vetturi Antiki

### STATUTE

#### WHAT IS THE FMVA

1. The Federazzjoni Maltija Vetturi Antiki was founded on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1998 and is a non-profit making Maltese organisation and national association of Maltese clubs concerned with the preservation, restoration and use of, as well as the historic documentation on, any kind of mechanically propelled vehicle of historic and technical interest, within the Maltese Islands.

#### ADDRESS

2. The official address of the FMVA will be either an approved premises or P.O. Box. The aforementioned shall be kept completely independent from any member club, being Founder or otherwise, or from any representative of any member club.

#### OBJECTIVES

3. To safeguard and enhance the interests of enthusiasts be they private, commercial, public services or military; From the worldwide accepted beginnings of motorised transport, to a rolling 30 year cut off date.
4. To act in a consultative or advisory capacity in all matters related to the above categories mentioned in clause 1.
5. To organise activities for its constituent club members and non-members in a bid to attract interest in the preservation and use of historic vehicles.

#### MEMBER CLUBS

6. The founder members of the F.M.V.A. are the **Historic Motorcycle Club**; the **Military Vehicle Collectors Club**; the **Old Motors Club**.
7. Other associations having similar interests may join the Federation as affiliated members subject to the conditions outlined below.
8. A founder Club will cease to remain on the Federation when the said Club ceases to exist.

#### CONDITIONS FOR AFFILIATION

9. The Conditions for affiliation by Clubs are the following:
  - 9.1.Clubs with similar interests may join the Federation as affiliated members.
  - 9.2.Clubs interested in joining are to accept the Federation's statute and byelaws.

- 9.3. Clubs interested in joining are to present the latest copy of their Club's statute (to the FMVA) along with any other required documents..
- 9.4. The Federation will vet the application.
- 9.5. An official answer will be forwarded in the shortest possible time by the FMVA committee.

10. An affiliated Member club can be removed by single majority vote if after having been invited to justify its conduct in relation to the Federation, it is found to have acted against the interests of the Federation.

#### THE COMMITTEE

11. Each Founding club shall appoint two (2) representatives to participate in the Federation's committee meetings.
12. Each affiliated Club shall nominate one (1) representative to participate in the Federation's committee meetings.
13. The Federation shall have the following officers:

Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
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14. All representatives shall have one vote each whilst the Chairman shall have an extra casting vote in case of a tie.
15. Only those motions which obtain two thirds of the votes of the representatives present, shall be deemed to have been accepted except for clause 10 and 21.
16. Representatives of Founding Member Clubs only shall have the right to veto any motion that proposes to change the federation's statute.
17. The term of office of all officers is of a year and are elected or confirmed at the first meeting after the Annual Report or after the second week of February of each year. The Annual Report shall consist of a list of issues tackled and results obtained during the year under review, this will be presented to the FMVA committee at the first meeting in January and after approval will be presented to the FMVA constituent clubs.
18. The meeting mentioned in art. 17 will be presided over by the outgoing Chairman (or secretary).
19. The election of officers will be held between the representatives. A member will present his nomination seconded by an FMVA committee member as per clause 17. If any official post is contested by more than one member a secret ballot will be taken to determine who will fill the post. If this results in a tie the position will be determined by lot.

20. The Committee shall convene at least six times a year as decided by the Chairman in consultation with the Secretary. Meetings can also be called by any 2 committee members also in consultation with the Secretary.
21. Any Representative who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the FMVA Committee without just cause may be removed from his post by simple majority vote of the Representatives. The Secretary would then inform the Member Club to nominate another representative.

## REPRESENTATION

22. In any official meetings with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties or legal proceedings, the Federation shall be represented by a minimum of two members one of which has to be the Chairman or the Secretary. The authorised signatories of the federation will be its officials.

## FINANCES

23. The Federation can obtain funds through consultancy services.
24. The Federation will also obtain funds through member clubs set at € 1.00 per constituent Club Member for the first 100 members and 0.50 cents for every subsequent member. The committee may also request extra fees according to circumstance that may arise from time to time. A minimum fee of 50euros will be levied from those clubs whose membership stands at less than 50. These funds will be collected once a year in the first quarter. The Federation can also collect funds from the organisation of events.
25. In the event of the Dissolution of the Federation, all assets and funds owned by the Federation shall be donated to any charitable institution falling under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Malta after all expenses have been deducted.
26. Further to clause number 24, the FMVA will remain a non-profit making organization as defined in the Voluntary Organisations Act. Any monies accrued from its activities will be exclusively utilized to further its aims as stated in this statute.

## PROVISION OF CONSULTATION SERVICES

27. The Consultation of the FMVA shall be conducted individually by Committee members or collectively as a Committee. Charges from such consultation will be decided by the Committee and will go to the FMVA. The FMVA will pay a fee to the representatives involved in the consultation.
28. The Federation shall conduct consultancy on authenticity of vehicles as required. An ad hoc Committee comprising six members chosen by the FMVA committee shall compose this board which will be known as the Vehicle Authenticity Board. The tenure of this board shall be of one year and shall be elected or reconfirmed at the first meeting after the annual report or after the second week of February of each year.

29. Should the FMVA be asked to appoint representative/s for any official board, the appointee/s shall be chosen by the FMVA Committee.
30. The federation shall be governed by the rules contained in this statute which may be amended, varied, modified or otherwise changed or revoked at a specially convened meeting for this end. A resolution amending, varying or revoking any rules contained in this statute shall require not less than 75% (seventy five percent) of the founding committee members' support to be approved.

This statute has been amended and approved by the founder members on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2010.

Members present at this meeting;

Charles Zahra OMC

Mario Scicluna OMC

Ivan Sammut MVCC

Albert Pisani HMC

Steve Zerafa HMC

Godwin Hampton MVCC