

# Club Statutes Mercedes-Benz SLR.Club e.V.

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# § 1 Name, financial year and headquarters

The Club bears the title Mercedes-Benz SLR.Club e.V. Its financial year is the calendar year. Its seat is in Lehrte and it is listed in the association register of Lingen (Ems) under the number VR 201696.

# § 2 Purpose, funds, use of funds

- 1. The Club promotes the maintenance and care of Mercedes-Benz vehicles of the type SLR.
- 2. The Club pursues its purpose by, for example, securing spare part procurement and repair facilities through its contacts with the Daimler AG/Mercedes-Benz Museum GmbH and the latter's suppliers. It pursues the non-profit purpose of preserving the historical substance of the Mercedes-Benz brand and its products as well as the technological and stylistic development of the automobile.
- 3. The Club does not seek to generate profits. The Club does not pursue any commercial goals. The funds it raises are used solely in pursuit of its purpose. No individual may benefit from improper use of funds or inappropriately high levels of remuneration. Members do not receive profit shares or other financial contributions from the Club's funds.
- 4. The Club offers its members the opportunity to share their opinions and experience with each other on a non-political, non-denominational basis in technical, historical and tourism-related matters, to take part in brand events, to organise such events themselves and to engage in dialogue with the company.
- Members are provided with information on a regular basis via electronic and printed media.
- 6. The funds required to meet the Club's objectives are raised by means of membership subscription fees, a one-off sign-up fee, interest, donations, sales from the Club Shop, revenue from events, sponsorship and other contributions.
- The Club and all its bodies are run on a voluntary basis. Any expenses are reimbursed.

# § 3 Membership

- Any natural person who owns a Mercedes-Benz SLR can become a member. The spouses and offspring of SLR owners are also expressly permitted to become Club members if the owner of the Mercedes-Benz SLR is already a member themselves. The Club also accepts members from other countries.
- Application for admission must be made in writing. The Board decides on the acceptance of an application. Reasons do not have to be provided in the event of rejection.
- Membership is deemed to have been acquired when the declaration of admission has been accepted by Board resolution. The applicant is informed of admission by the Board; the timing of this notification is not relevant to the start of membership.
- 4. The rejection of an application for admission cannot be contested.

- 5. There is no entitlement to admission.
- 6. Persons who have especially promoted the purpose of the Club or who have in some other way promoted the vehicles or made them worthy of preservation can be made honorary members at the suggestion of the Board and by majority decision at the General Meeting.
- 7. Membership ends with the sale of the Mercedes-Benz SLR, or if the vehicles is no longer in the possession of the owner as of the end of the financial year. The member is obliged to report this fact (sale or handover or a Mercedes-Benz SLR) to the Board without delay.
- 8. Members may not pursue commercial goals in the Club. Such activities are not desired and result in exclusion.
- 9. Membership includes the family with a Mercedes-Benz SLR. The family has one voting right. If an additional family member also possesses a Mercedes-Benz SLR, this individual can likewise become a member of the Club. In this event they are required to pay the membership subscription fee; they then become a fully-fledged Club member in their own right.

# § 4 Rights and responsibilities

- All members are entitled to vote both actively and passively. They
  are entitled to attend Club event and they each have one vote. Their
  responsibilities include serving the Club's interests and goals to
  the best of their ability, respecting the statutes and resolutions and
  paying their subscription fees as laid down in the statutes.
- 2. Members are entitled to inspect all Club business records.
- 3. Only with the express written authorisation of the Board is a Club member allowed to act or appear in public on behalf of the Club.
- 4. Through admission to the Club, the member recognises the statutes unreservedly and submits to the resolutions of the General Meeting and the Board as soon as these take effect. Members are obliged to join forces to support the endeavours and interests of the Club. All members explicitly renounce any intention to derive financial profit from the Club.
- 5. Club members undertake to support the Club in performing its tasks and to provide the Board with the information it requires in the proper way to enable it to perform Club duties.

# § 4.1 Other legal provisions

- 1. This version of the statutes is legally binding. Otherwise the provisions of the German Civil Code (BGB) apply.
- 2. Liability for the Club's debts is limited to the Club's assets; the Board and members are not personally liable for the Club's debts and obligations.
- 3. The assertion of any liability or damage claims arising from Club activities on the part of members vis-à-vis the Club and the Board is excluded insofar as the Board has not acted with intent orgross negligence. In the event of slight negligence, the Board is only liable for the infringement of material obligations.





- Club members attend events at their own risk. It is up to Club members to take out their own accident and liability insurance.
- Attendance at Club events is reserved solely for members; one passenger is permitted as a guest. Family members are most welcome to attend events. Other exceptions have to be approved by the Board.
- 6. The Board reserves the right to assess the condition of the vehicle and to deny membership if necessary.

# § 5 Membership fees

- The Club charges a one-off admission fee and an annual subscription fee. The annual subscription fee is due for payment on 1 July every year. The amount of the admission fee and subscription fee is determined at the General Meeting. Club members are obliged to pay the annual fee.
- The Club's funds are administered by the Chief Financial Officer. In doing so, he shall observe the obligations of a prudent businessperson and trustee, keeping the Club assets separate from his own assets at all times.
- 3. Honorary members can be released from having to pay a subscription fee and an admission fee. Once paid, fees cannot be reimbursed.

## § 6 End of membership

- Membership ends by death, statement of withdrawal, exclusion or sale/handover of a Mercedes-Benz SLR at the end of a financial year.
- A statement of withdrawal shall be made in writing and can only be submitted at the end of the financial year, observing a period of notice of three months.
- Exclusion from the Club can occur due to dishonourable behaviour, gross breach of the statutes, severe damage to the reputation or interests of the Club or failure to pay the subscription fee after two reminders.
- The Board decides on exclusion. Prior to exclusion, the member shall be given the opportunity to submit a statement verbally and in writing. Exclusion takes effect by resolution. The member is to be informed of the resolution. Reasons must be provided for the resolution.
- The obligation to pay a fee ends on withdrawal or exclusion. No reimbursements shall be made. All claims vis-à-vis the Club expire at the same time
- 5. The possibility of legal action against Board measures is excluded.

#### § 7 Bodies

The Club's bodies are as follows:

- a) the General Meeting
- b) the Board
- c) the Committees
- d) the Auditors

## § 8 General Meeting

- 1. The General Meeting is the supreme body of the Club. Its functions especially include the following:
  - a) Vote and resolution on the discharge of the Board
  - b) Passing of changes to the statutes
  - Approval of the annual accounts and the projection for the new budget year
  - d) Resolution to set the admission fee and annual subscription fee
  - e) Resolution to dissolve the Club
- The invitation to the Annual General Meeting only takes place in text form by e-mail with a signature and agenda with a notice period of 6 weeks before the event.
- 3. If requested by at least 10% of members entitled to vote, the Board must call an Extraordinary General Meeting. The formal requirements apply as set out in Section 2.
- 4. At the General Meeting, all regular members present are entitled to vote, not the honorary members.
- Resolutions are passed by simple majority. Dissolution of the Club can only be agreed on by means of a resolution passed at a General Meeting called withthis agenda item. A resolution on dissolution requires a three-quarters majority.
- 6. Planned changes to the statutes must be announced as agenda items in the invitation to the General Meeting.
- 7. General Meetings are always quorate, regardless of the number of members present.
- 8. The agenda of the Annual General Meeting must contain at least the following points:
  - a) Ascertainment of attendance and voting entitlement
  - b) Annual report by the Board
  - c) Board by the Chief Financial Officer on the past year and the upcoming budget year
  - d) Auditors' report
  - e) Discharge of the Board
  - f) New elections to the Board
  - g) Motions
  - h) Miscellaneous
- Minutes are to be compiled of every General Meeting and provided to members for information. The minutes are to be signed by the secretary. No sound recordings are to be made.

#### § 9 Board

1. The administration of the Club is the responsibility of the Board. The Board consists of:





- a) the President
- b) the Vice President
- c) the Chief Financial Officer
- 2. The Board is elected for two years by the General Meeting. Only a Club member and owner of a Mercedes-Benz SLR can become a member of the Board. Re-election is possible.
- Even after expiry of the regular period of office, the Board remains authorised as the representative body of the Club until a new Board has been effectively installed and has accepted the outcome of the election.
- 4. The office of Board Member ends on withdrawal from the Club, even if the period of office has not yet expired.
- If a Board Member is unable to be present during a financial year, the Board can nominate a substitute for the period up until the next General Meeting.
- The Club is jointly represented in and out of court by two Board Members.
- 7. The Board establishes a Head Office. The costs of the Head Office are borne by the Club.
- 8. The Board draws up its own rules of procedure.
- 9. The Board always passes resolutions with a simple majority. In the case of a tie vote, the President's vote counts twice.
- 10. The Board is quorate when all members have been invited and at least three are present.

#### § 10 Committees

- The Board is entitled to establish additional committees for special assignments in order to provide consultation and support in managing Club activities.
- At least one Board Member must be a member of these committees.No more than three members of a committee may be Board Members at the same time
- The committees advise the Board and may plan and put forward proposals. The Board can assign full responsibility for holding events and implementing measures to the committees.

## § 11 Auditors

- 1. The Annual General Meeting elects two Auditors for a period of two years. Re-election is possible.
- 2. The Auditors have the following responsibilities:
  - a) to audit the Club's budgetary management once a year or by agreement with the Board
  - b) to report to the Board immediately and to the General Meeting on the occasion of its next session on the outcome of the question of the discharge of the Board, no later than two weeks prior to the General Meeting in writing vis-à-vis the Board
- 3. The Club's annual accounts are to be compiled by a tax advisor, a tax consulting firm, an accountant, an auditing company or a certified auditor and submitted to the Board.

# § 12 Dissolution of the Club

On dissolution or suspension of the Club, the Club's assets are to be transferred to the incorporated foundation under civil law *Laureus Sport for Good Foundation Germany*, Landsberger Str. 382, 80687 München (Munich Tax Office, VAT ID DE278629305).

#### § 13 Statutes

- 1. All persons desiring to become a Club member may view the statutes before applying for membership.
- 2. On admission, each member is provided with a copy of the statutes.
- The original version of these statutes was passed by the General Meeting on 19.09.2017 and entered in the association register on 04.10.2017.

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