

Constitution of the International Council of BMW Clubs

1. Preamble

- 1.1. The International Council acts as the Global Organisation for the world-wide associated BMW Clubs.
- 1.2. The Council is an international, independent and non-political group of friends representing all types of BMW Clubs from all over the world. It is associated with and closely aligned to the **BMW brand philosophy expressed by the traditional BMW values: dynamism, innovation and aesthetics.**
- 1.3. It is an institution which symbolises and documents the BMW Club idea on an international level ensuring friendship and partnership among all people who have established ties with the marque and the company, irrespective of nationality, race and ideology.
- 1.4. It desires to maintain friendly relations with BMW AG, its subsidiaries, importers and dealers to the mutual benefit of all concerned.
- 1.5. It accepts the "Corporate Culture" concept of BMW AG. It therefore aims to:
 - Encourage the Clubs to develop their image so that it supports the precepts of BMW's Corporate Culture.
 - Succeed in conveying to the Clubs the BMW image in all areas of communication so as to render the marque absolutely distinctive. At the same time it seeks to encourage Clubs to ensure BMW standards, tradition and lifestyle. The elaboration of Club life is the responsibility of the individual Clubs/Associations, and it is the intention that they will maintain their independence and identity at all times.
- 1.6. It has a club philosophy which it strives to attain and retain for the following reasons:
 - a) Club events in a democratic manner
 - b) To conduct club events in an exemplary and responsible manner
 - c) To support, encourage and take part in cultural and social activities
 - d) To provide a special image to the public including compliance with traffic laws and regulations
 - e) To assist fellow Club members and BMW drivers and riders in distress
 - f) To always seek to improve driving skills and drivers' and riders' responsibility to others
 - g) To maintain their vehicles in the best possible condition for the safety of all concerned **and aesthetics in order to reflect BMW values.**

2. Composition

The Council is composed of:

- Personalities who are mainly delegates of a [BMW Club](#) umbrella organisation.
- Representatives of BMW AG and its national subsidiaries

3. Council Members

Council Members are divided into two groups:

Group A:

Delegates of the BMW Club umbrella organisations of the [Int. Council of BMW Clubs](#). As a rule, each [umbrella organisation](#) may have representatives on the Council. If possible, car clubs and motorcycle clubs should be equally represented.

Group B:

Two delegates of BMW AG and one representative of each continental BMW organisation without the right to vote.

The right to vote:

All officially nominated Delegates mentioned in groups A and B are entitled to vote.

3.1. The composition therefore is as follows:

Group A consists of up to 4 delegates from within each of the 4 BMW markets and 1 from the world wide classic clubs as determined by the [Int. Council of BMW Clubs](#).

Group B consists of two delegates representing BMW AG management

3.2. [Suspension and/or succession of membership](#)

[exact wording follows, by Robert Hellman](#)

4. Membership

- Membership under Group A shall be held by the club organisation and not by an individual.
- Membership under Group B shall be held by a BMW individual, who is the club contact for BMW AG, and one further member of management. .

5. Election

The Council will elect by simple majority from among its members a Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen who will remain in office for three years. [The Vice-Chairmen will represent one each cars, motorcycles and classic vehicles.](#)

6. Observers

The Council **may** call in observers from **accepted** Clubs to the Council Meetings. **Delegates are entitled to bring one observer.** These observers are not participants in making decisions (i.e. they have no vote), but they will fully participate in all discussions, presentations, etc. **Observers** will be guests during the meeting on their own account.

7. Council Meetings

The Council meets once a year for a working meeting. If necessary the Delegates may agree on holding an extra meeting.

It is the responsibility of each **umbrella organisation** to appoint its own representative. **In the interest of continuity the same delegate should be appointed for a reasonable time.**

8. Duties

8.1 Duties of the Chairman

He presides over Council meetings, represents the International Council and its ideas in the public of all nations, draws up and co-ordinates strategies with BMW AG and controls the flow of communication among the Council members. For special tasks he may call in working groups. He is the major liaison for BMW AG. He calls in the Council Meeting and instructs its members about their tasks.

8.2 Duties of the Vice-Chairmen

In case of the Chairman's absence the Vice-Chairmen work and make decisions on his behalf. They will be assigned project related work by discretion of the Chairman.

8.3 Duties of the Council

- The Council will create a basic philosophy. It will use its best endeavours to ensure that Clubs/Associations throughout the world adopt this philosophy and it shall observe the results.
- It is the responsibility of each delegate to the Council to act in good faith to convey the recommendations of the Council in his/her Club in an expeditious and forthright manner.
- The Council will observe all Club activities and where suitable shall encourage similar events throughout the world. These may be supported by BMW AG and its subsidiaries, importers etc.
- The Council can be called in to arbitrate between Clubs and Associations. After the hearing the Council will make a recommendation
- The Council's recommendations are effected by a simple majority of those voting members present.

8.4. The International BMW Club Office will be responsible for:

- Daily office routine and general duties for the Council.
- The preparation, collating and dispatch of matters concerning the annual Council Meeting and any subcommittees, meetings, etc.
- Issuing Newsletters to members of the Council and authorised Clubs.
- The interchange of information from:
 - BMW AG
 - The Chairman
 - Between Clubs
- Co-ordination and liaison of visits to Clubs by:
 - BMW AG
 - The Chairman
 - Specialist Council members
- Co-ordination and organisation of Clubs outside Europe making visits to:
 - BMW AG
 - Europe
 - Other countries (if requested)
- Ensuring that the BMW AG delegation and the Chairmen are kept informed and up to date on all relevant Club matters.
- Acting as a "Clearing House" for all Council matters.

8.5. BMW AG Delegation

The BMW AG Delegation to the clubs:

- Acts as a liaison for BMW AG and represents BMW towards the Clubs
- Works in close co-operation with the Chairman of the Council.
- Acts as the intermediary for BMW AG subsidiaries/importers and for BMW AG in the final approval of new Clubs and their logos.
- Keeps in contact and liaison with BMW subsidiaries and importers in respect of Club matters including their responsibilities towards them.

9. Finance

BMW AG allocates a basic fund each year to guarantee that the Council and the International BMW Club Office are able to fulfil their basic tasks. Further subsidies for special projects will be negotiated in each individual case. The BMW subsidiaries in the markets will support their corresponding Delegates in their work for the Council and enable them to take part in the Council Meetings.

The subsidiaries should support the Council Meetings taking place in their market.

10. Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution must be made by a two-thirds majority of voting members present.

11. Dissolution

The Council can be dissolved only by a two-thirds majority of voting members present.