

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE NPO

Association of Motoring Historians in Bulgaria

PREAMBLE

The founders of the **Association of Motoring Historians of Bulgaria** NPO, in view of the need for an association, which to work for the culture, history and promotion of retro car life in Bulgaria, having in mind the significant potential of a clear definition and positioning of priorities on the above mentioned work of the retro car guild and by committing to work for their affirmation, development and priority, adopted the decision to found the said Association of Motoring Historians of Bulgaria NPO.

I. General

STATUS

Article 1.1. The **Association of Motoring Historians of Bulgaria** is a private association, registered pursuant to the Law for Non Profit Legal Entities (LNPLE), in order to create conditions for maximum favorable development of the cultural and historical recording and promotion of historical vehicles, as well as of events related to them.

1.2. The **Association of Motoring Historians of Bulgaria** is an association of natural and legal persons with clearly declared interest in the area of culture, history and promotion of historic vehicles in Bulgaria.

DENOMINATION

Article 2.1. The denomination of the association in Bulgarian is **АСОЦИАЦИЯ НА АВТОМОБИЛНИТЕ ИСТОРИЦИ В БЪЛГАРИЯ**, referred to hereinafter as “The Association” for short. In English, this is equal to **Association of Motoring Historians of Bulgaria**.

2.2. The Association will use the Bulgarian abbreviation **ААИБ** and the English one **AMHB**.

HEADQUARTERS

Article 3.1. The Headquarters of the Association are at **the City of Stara Zagora, Municipality of Stara Zagora, Zip Code 6000**, and the Registered Office is at: **City of Stara Zagora, 80 Sveti Knyaz Boris I Street, 1st floor, apt. 9a**

3.2. Any written statement on behalf of the nonprofit legal entity will contain its Denomination, Headquarters and Registered Office, as well as data on its registration, including EIK number.

3.3. The Association may open branches and offices in the country and abroad.

TERM

Article 4. The existence of the Association is not limited by a term or other suspension clause.

II. Goals of the Associations, Means for their Achievement, Object of Business

PRIVATE ACTIVITY

Article 5. The Association, as a nonprofit legal entity, is self-determined to do business for PRIVATE BENEFIT.

MAIN GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND MEANS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

Article 6.1. The Main Goals of the Association are:

1. To work for the culture, history and promotion of retro car life in Bulgaria and to help its Members.
2. To exchange creative, historic and marketing ideas, experience, mutual help. To unite the Members of the Association.
3. To raise the cultural level regarding historical vehicles of the rising generation in order to form interest in it towards said vehicles.
4. To protect the interests of historical vehicles' owners and disallow discriminatory policy of the institutions and bodies of the Republic of Bulgaria towards them.
5. To encourage the exchange of professional ideas, views and experience between Members of the Association and all interested parties.
6. To assist in the distribution of the scientific and technical achievements, as well as of the foreign experience in dealing with issues in the area of historical vehicles; to aid the foundation of business contacts, the negotiation and conclusion of contracts between Members of the Association and Bulgarian and foreign business partners or NPOs.

6.2. Means for Achieving the Goals:

1. Holding events on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and abroad, including academic and expository.
2. Leading an explanatory policy among the rising generation in order to decrease the road accidents in the country.
3. Organizing internal sessions and meetings.
4. Electing its own participant/s in historical events and events of interest for the Association in the country and abroad.
5. Preparing and presenting before the respective bodies united opinions and proposals of the Members on occurring issues in the area of historical vehicles, as well as proposals for their resolving.
6. In case of being invited, participating in State public consultation bodies, as well as such in the European Union and its Member States: work groups, commissions, committees, councils and similar, which discuss historical vehicles related issues.
7. Distributing applied knowledge through organizing seminars, courses, open lessons, lectures, workshops etc.
8. Adopting a Code of Ethics for the Members of the Association.
9. Mediating for voluntary settling of disputes occurring between the Members of the Association.
10. Being a member of and cooperating with other associations on the territory of the republic of Bulgaria and abroad.
11. Participating in Bulgarian and international programs and projects.

OBJECT OF BUSINESS

Article 7.1. In order to achieve the goals in Article 6.2, the Association will engage in the following activities:

1. Aiding and uniting its members.
2. Representing and protecting their interests before State and non-governmental bodies and organizations and the public in the country.
3. Representing and protecting their interests before international organizations.

Article 8.1. In order to achieve its goals, the Association may exercise **Additional Business Activity**, and use the revenues from it only to achieve the nonprofit goals, defined in Article 6; the Association does not distribute profits. Additional Business Activities are:

1. Courses for increasing the road safety.
2. Publishing, distribution, advertising and consulting in the area of historical vehicles.
3. Organizing and holding forums, auto marches, courses and training.

8.2. The Association does not distribute profits and uses the revenues from the Additional Business Activity for achieving the Goals set in these Articles.

ASSETS

Article 9.1. The raising and spending of Assets is based on the following principles:

- a) Raising funds voluntarily;
- b) Guaranteed strict honoring of the will of the Contributors and Testators expressed during the donation or testament;
- c) Declaring the donations and testaments and the spent funds, unless the Contributors and Testators have wished for the opposite;
- d) Spending funds only for the Goals in Article 6.

9.2. The Assets of the Association are collected from:

- a) Initial donations from the Founders of the Association;
- b) Donations from the State, State and public bodies and organizations;
- c) Testaments from Bulgarian and foreign natural persons;
- d) Sale of donated or inherited movable and immovable property;
- e) Interests on cash funds;
- f) Initial and monthly Members Fee;
- g) Lease of donated or inherited movable and immovable property;
- h) Revenues from Additional Business Activities;
- i) Revenues from other sources.

9.3. The donations or testaments may be with burdens or conditions.

9.4. The Association may refuse a donation or testament, made with unacceptable conditions or in contradiction to its Goals, the Articles of Association or the legislation in the country.

9.5. The Assets of the Association are managed in compliance with Bulgarian law.

III. Membership

MEMBERS

Article 10.1. A Member of the Association may be any legal and natural person with capacity under Bulgarian law, which works, helps or is emphatic to the issues and goals of the Association and accepts its Articles of Association and vision for placing the historical vehicles in modern society.

10.2. The Members of the Association preserve their economic, legal and organizational autonomy.

10.3. No political parties, movements, coalitions, as well as religious organizations and syndicates may be Members of the Association.

10.4. Public organizations, State organizations, State institutions and entities may be Members of the Association.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

Article 11 Each Member of the Association has the right:

1. To participate in person or through a representative in the General Assembly of the Association and through that participation to control the work of the Association and its managing bodies.

2. To one Vote in the General Assembly of the Association.

3. To be elected in the managing bodies of the Association.

4. To be informed of the Association's activities.

5. To use the Assets and the results of the Association's activities.

6. To use the services, provided by the Association.

7. To participate in events, organized by the Association.

8. To put for discussion and review issues related to the goals and activities of the Association.

9. To propose initiatives on behalf of the Association in protection of its interests.

10. To seek the cooperation and aid of the Association during its business activity.

11. To dispute the decisions of the Association's bodies in the manner provided for in these Articles of Association.

Article 12. Each Member of the Association has the obligation:

1. To follow the Articles of Association and inner Regulations of the Association.

2. To aid in the completion of the Association's Goals.

3. To follow in their behavior the Ethical Rules, approved by the Association, regarding the other Members and the Association.

4. To pay their Membership Fee, for which they receive a document, issued by the Association.

Article 13 The Members' rights and obligations, except for the Assets, are not transferable and do not pass to other parties in case of death or termination of membership.

INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY WHEN TERMINATING MEMBERSHIP

Article 14.1. Becoming a Member:

1. All persons, fulfilling the requirements of Article 10, Par.1 of the Articles of Association and wishing to become Members of the Association, submit a written request to the Board of Directors, which states their correspondence address, including their email, and declares that they are familiar with and accept the Articles of Association, the Code of Ethics and the other adopted internal rules and documents of the Association, including the current Membership Fee.

2. The Board of Directors reviews the requests in the order of their receipt on its first session following the receipt and issues a written decision regarding the acceptance or refusal of the respective new Member.

14.2 The Membership is terminated:

1. By a unilateral one month written notice.

2. By the death or placement under guardianship of the Member - natural person.

3. By exclusion - for regular and severe violations of the Members' obligations and/or the adopted Code of Ethics of the Association.

4. By removal - for systematic non-participation in the Association's activity or non-payment of 2 /two/ current Membership Fees.

14.3. The Matrimonial Property when terminating the Membership is distributed for each specific case, where the terminated Member has no right to request return of funds, which they have submitted in favor of the Association.

Article 15.1. The Decision for exclusion of a Member or non-acceptance of a Candidate is made by the Board of Directors (Board of Founders) of the Association. The Decision of the Board of Directors (Board of Founders) for exclusion of a Member or non-acceptance of a Candidate may be appealed before the General Assembly within one month of the notification, but not later than one year from the date of the Decision.

15.2. The grounds for exclusion of a Member or non-acceptance of a Candidate are ascertained in the decisions of the Board of Directors (Board of Founders), stating the motives for the respective decision.

Article 16. When a Membership is terminated, the Association does not return the Membership Fees up to the moment of termination.

IV. Bodies

Article 17. The Bodies of the Association are:

The General Assembly

The Board of Directors

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 18. The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association and consists of all its Members.

18.1. The General Assembly:

1. Modifies and adds to the Articles of Association.
2. Elects and fires Members of the Board of Directors.
3. Makes decisions to reform or terminate the Association.
4. Adopts the Budget of the Association.
5. Adopts the Activity Report of the Board of Directors.
6. Negates decisions of the other Bodies of the Association, which are against the Law, the Articles of Association or other internal Rules, regulating the Association's activity.
7. Makes other decisions, previewed in the Articles of Association.

18.2. The rights under Paragraph 1, Points 1-6 cannot be assigned to other Bodies of the Association.

18.3. The Decisions of the General Assembly are obligatory for the other Bodies of the Association.

18.4. The Decisions of the General Assembly are subject to judicial control regarding their lawfulness and compliance with the Articles of Association.

18.5. The Decisions of the Bodies of the Association, made in contradiction to the Law, Articles of Association or previous Decisions of the General Assembly, may be disputed before the General Assembly by request of the interested Members of the Association or its Body, made within one month of the notice, but not later than one year of the date of the Decision.

18.6. The disputes under Article 4 may be taken before the District Court of the Registered Office's area by any Member or Body of the Association or by the Prosecutor within one month from the notice, but not later than one year of the date of the Decision.

Article 19.1. The General Assembly is summoned by the Board of Directors by its initiative or by request of one third of the Members of the Association.

19.2. The summoning of the General Assembly takes place by putting an invitation on a visible place at the Registered Office of the Association and each Member receives the same written invitation at the email, stated in their Request for Membership. The Invitation is considered as received at the moment it arrives in the inbox - i.e. when it is received by the recipient's stated informational system. If they have not stated a specific informational system - when it is received by any informational system of the recipient. If the recipient has no informational system - when they download it regardless of when the message is opened; the contents are considered as received at the date of receipt respectively download of the electronic document.

Article 20.1. The Invitation must contain the Agenda, the date, hour and location of the General Assembly and on whose initiative it is being summoned.

20.2. The Invitation is placed at the Registered Office of the Association and sent by email to its Members not less than one month before the set date.

Article 21. The General Assembly is legal, if more than half of all its Members are present. If there is no quorum, the General Assembly is postponed for one hour at the same location and with the same Agenda and may take place, regardless of how many Members show up.

Article 22. The Decisions of the General Assembly are adopted with a majority of those present.

1. The Decisions under Article 18, Points 1 and 3 are adopted with a majority of 2/3 of those present.

2. Decisions may not be made on issues, not included in the Agenda, mentioned in the Invitation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 23. The Executive Body for managing the Association is its Board of Directors.

23.1. The Board of Directors consists of at least three persons - Members of the Association. Legal persons, which are Members of the Association, may appoint only the Director of their Entity as Member of the Board of Directors.

23.2. The Members of the Board of Directors are chosen for a term of five years.

23.3. The Board of Directors chooses a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary from the Members of the Association.

23.4. The Board of Directors chooses the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary of the Association.

POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 24. The Board of Directors:

1. Represents the Association and decides on the scope of representative powers of its separate Members.

2. Ensures the execution of the General Assembly's decisions.

3. Takes charge of the Association's assets following the requirements of the Articles of Association.

4. Prepares and submits a Draft Budget to the General Assembly.

5. Prepares and submits a Report for the Association's activity to the General Assembly.

6. Defines the Agenda and organizes the execution of the Association's activity, including that in its general benefit, and is liable for it.

7. Defines the Registered Office of the Association.

8. Makes decisions on all issues, which do not fall in the rights of another Body according to the Law or the Articles of Association.

9. Adopts other internal acts.

10. Makes decisions to participate in other organizations.

11. Accepts and excludes Members.

12. Makes decisions for opening and closing Branches.

13. Adopts the main directions and Agenda for the Association's activity.

14. Makes decisions regarding the payability and size of the donations or equities.

15. Performs the obligations stated in the Articles of Association.

16. Organizes the work for receiving donations, including financing under international programs and their use according to the will of the benefactor and the goals of the Association.

17. Confirms the staff and job descriptions of the Association's employees.

CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON REPRESENTATION

Article 25. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Directors are chosen by the Board itself for a term of 5 years.

Article 26. They have the following powers:

1. To organize and coordinate the complete activity according to the Articles of Association, the decisions of the General Assembly and other Bodies, and are responsible for it.

2. **To represent the Association jointly and separately.**

3. To use the bank accounts of the Association according to its goals within the adopted Budget and the regulations of the present Articles of Association.

4. To coordinate the relations of the Association with other organizations and persons.

5. To take charge of the property of the Association and its Assets.

TERMINATION AND LIQUIDATION

Article 27. The Association is terminated in the cases provided for by law:

1. With a decision of the General Assembly.

2. With a court order.

Article 28. When the Association is terminated, a liquidation takes place and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors takes the function of Liquidator. The procedures of the Trade Law apply during the procedure.

Article 29. Assets, remaining after satisfying the creditors, by decision of the General Assembly or the Board of Directors, are provided to the legal entity, appointed to conduct activity in the public interest with the same or similar nonprofit goal.

VIII. Final Clauses

Article 30. The present Articles of Association may be amended and complemented by decision of the General Assembly with a majority of 2/3 of the Members present.

Article 31. The regulations of the LNPLE apply for all issues, not settled in the present Articles of Association, as well as regarding the interpretation and application of its regulations.

Article 32. In case the regulations of these Articles of Association go against the Law, they are replaced by right of their mandatory rules.

The present Articles of Association are adopted on the Founding Assembly, which took place in the city of Stara Zagora on 20.02.2020.

FOUNDERS:

1. Nikolay Dimchev Koruderliev: /...../

2. Gancho Dinev Baev: /...../

3. Galina Vladimirova Nikolova: /...../