



Members Update Spring, 2022

Welcome everyone to our 2022 season. With restrictions lifting, we are looking forward to a great season. We are excited to host the 2022 Topless Sun Run (May 27 – 29) in Penticton. This event has attracted participants from across western Canada and the Pacific Northwest. It's a great way to meet other Miata owners! If you haven't registered for this event, go to www.okmiataclub.com.

It has been a busy winter, and I want to thank the Directors for their support and commitment. The Executive has put forward draft revisions of the Club's constitution and bylaws to ensure compliance with the Societies Act and to better reflect the objectives and operations of the Club. The format of the bylaws has been modified to make them easier to read. The Board appreciates any input on the bylaws before they come to a formal vote at our next AGM in June. To pass the revisions to the constitution and the bylaws, we require a 2/3's majority vote of the members in attendance at the AGM.

There were not significant changes to the bylaws. Below I have highlighted the changes.

- More casual monthly meetings and more social in nature, where the Executive provides updates on activities and events without the need for a quorum and minutes.
- Relevant information will be passed along through email communications.
- Membership will be asked to vote on reports and motions at the Annual General Meeting and any Special Membership Meetings required throughout the year.
- The Constitution of the Club has been modified to reflect the objectives as opposed to the operations of the Club.
- The addition of an "Associate" membership category, to reflect people who may no longer own a Miata, but still wish to attend social events and meetings and people who work in Mazda affiliated businesses.
- Executive structure changes, with the addition of a Vice -President and a Membership Director.
- Expanding the number of Board members, within the limits of the bylaws, to ensure we have broader participation and better continuity and succession.
- The ability to vote on-line or by mail, now required by the Societies Act because of the pandemic.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or anyone else on the Board.

We had a legal review of the Club's liability waiver and our event procedures. There were no glaring concerns, so we only made minor modifications. We also changed our event procedures slightly by asking run participants to be 18 years of age and older and we will require everyone to sign the liability

waiver prior to each run. These run procedures are consistent with other BC car clubs, ensures everyone understands the risks, and mitigates any potential liability on the Club and its Executive.

To make things easier, the waiver form will be included in emails advising members of upcoming runs so it can be completed in advance. We appreciate everyone's understanding and support of this change and we will also have waivers available at the runs.

We had our first run of the 2022 season on April 9th leaving from Penticton that took us down Eastside Road to the Inniskillin winery and then up to Summerland for a group lunch at Zias Stonehouse Restaurant. Despite some weather challenges, we had a good turnout and a great time. We have two more runs coming in April and May as we prepare for the Topless Sun Run including:

- April 23rd 10:30 am – 1:00 Leaving Penticton Lakeside Resort to Giant's Head Lookout and then over to the Naramata Sun Rock Lookout
- May 7th 10:30 am – 3:00 pm Leaving the Moduline Parking Lot in Penticton to the Green Mountain Road, pass by the White Lake Observatory to Area 27 Raceway for a picnic and then along some of the back roads on the east side of Vaseaux and Skaha Lakes.

Check the website and watch Facebook and your emails over the next few weeks for more details on these runs and remember to RSVP so we can expect you.

We still need a few more volunteers to help with the Topless Sun Run and other events for the 2022 season. In addition, we are looking for members who would be interested in joining the Board of Directors at our upcoming AGM. Please let any member of the executive know if you would be willing to join the Board of Directors.

The annual \$25 membership dues for the 2022 season must be paid to Rolly Grimm or pay directly by e-transfer to rolly.grimm7@gmail.com. Your membership needs to be paid to participate in Club events and to vote at the AGM.

We have set up a calendar below for the monthly meetings and have tried to spread them out to maximize participation and to give everyone a chance to tour different parts of the valley. We also welcome a number of new members to the club!

Date	Location	Area
April 27 th	Reiswig Park	Lake Country
May 25 th	Sun-Oka Park	Summerland
June 29 th (AGM)	Gellatly Nut Farm	West Kelowna
July 27 th	Kopje Park	Lake Country
August 31 st	Sun-Oka Park	Summerland
September 28 th	Gellatly Nut Farm	West Kelowna
October 26 th	Kelowna Springs Golf Club	Kelowna

I am looking forward to another successful season exploring the back roads of the Okanagan and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best regards!

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