



**Statute, version issued on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
registered with the Düsseldorf County Court under VR 6392

**§ 1 Name and Seat**

1. The Ro 80 Club International e.V. - Rotary Piston Technology Club, formerly (until 28.04.2012) Ro 80 Club Germany e.V. - Rotary Piston Technology Club, formerly (until 04.05.1996) Rotary Piston Technology Club – Ro 80 Club Germany e.V., was founded on September 14<sup>th</sup> 1979 as the Ro 80 Club Germany with the seat in Duisburg at the time, and entered into the Duisburg local court's register of associations under the number 2247.
2. The location from which business is managed and the place of jurisdiction are to be decided by the executive board.
3. The financial year is identical to the calendar year.
4. The seat of the Ro 80 Club International e.V., hereafter referred to as the "club", is in Düsseldorf.

**§ 2 Aims and Objectives**

1. The industrial production of rotary piston engines, which began a new era in the history of combustion engines by introducing the round rotating piston, was ended in the year 1977. The objective of this club is to promote and encourage all technical developments which expand the general level of knowledge of this technology, developed by Dr. Ing. h. c. Felix Wankel. This primary objective of the club is achieved by the promotion of measures taken to further lower usage and emissions of the rotary piston engine, which is powered by fuel without any additives, along with the continuous improvement of the Wankel drive unit.
2. The club can outsource research on improving the environmental conditions, which aim to reduce the emission of pollutants in general and focus on the rotary piston engine. The results of these efforts are to be allocated and released to the public. The sale of research results in exchange for a fee is to be excluded.
3. The club is to support its members with the care and upkeep of their rotary engine cars.
4. The club is non-profit-making and therefore follows only altruistic goals.
5. Members can consult the offices on all questions pertaining to the aims of the club.
6. The club can supply members at cost with spare parts.
7. The newsletter is intended to inform on the current state of rotary piston technology, as well as all matters concerning the club.

**§ 3 Membership**

1. The club has members and honorary members.
2. Every Ro 80 driver and person interested in rotary piston technology and the aims named in §2 can, upon written request, join the club.
3. The executive board decides on admission.
4. Membership privileges can only be made use of after the payment of the admission fee and the first contribution.
5. People who have performed great services to rotary piston technology can be, upon suggestion by the executive board or the general assembly, named as honorary members for life. Services to the club itself can also be rewarded with honorary membership.

**§ 4 Membership Termination**

1. Membership is terminated following notice, death, removal from the list of members, or expulsion.
2. A termination notice can only be handed in at the end of the year and must contain a written explanation to the board. There is no period of notice necessary.
3. The removal from the list of members is deemed necessary if, despite receiving two written warnings, a member fails to pay the due fees or legal actions for the recovery of debt are deemed necessary.
4. Expulsion can be decided by a majority vote by the executive board if a member works against the statutory objectives of the club or damaged the club's reputation.  
This also includes the disclosure of club members' addresses for commercial reasons.
5. A member must be given the chance to explain oneself during the process of expulsion. The member concerned can place a founded objection to the decision within four weeks with the first chairman. The first chairman will then present the objection at the next general meeting, where the matter will be irrevocably decided by a simple majority.  
Any positions in the club held by the member in question are to be put on hold until a final decision is made on the expulsion.
6. All membership privileges are revoked upon receiving the notice of removal or expulsion, while the overdue payment obligations remain unchanged.

## **§ 5 Organisation**

1. The bodies of the club are the executive board and the general assembly.
2. The executive board consists of the first chairman, the second chairman and the treasurer.
3. The executive board is elected by the general assembly for a period of two years. They remain in their positions until a new board is appointed.
4. The decisions of the executive board are made by majority vote. The board has a quorum if two board members are present. If necessary, resolutions can be made by written or telephonic notice.
5. Subject specialists (accessors) can be named by the executive board to support the board's work.
6. The executive board and the accessors work pro bono.
7. The first chairman, assisted by the second chairman and the treasurer, governs current affairs and operations. They are to manage the club assets and ensure the realisation of the general assembly's decisions.
8. The club is represented in all judicial and extrajudicial matters related to § 26 of the German Civil Code by two of the three executive board members together.

## **§ 6 General Assembly**

1. The general assembly, in which every member has a vote, is to be initiated at least once every year. Time and place are decided by the executive board.
2. The invitation must be issued along with the announcement of the agenda via the club newsletter or written notice to every member at least four weeks in advance.
3. The agenda of the general assembly must contain the following point:
  - a) ascertainment of the number of members and list of members present
  - b) activity report by the first chairman
  - c) the cash report by the treasurer
  - d) report by the cash auditors
  - e) discharge of the executive board
  - f) regular election of the first chairman or a necessary replacement vote in the interim
  - g) election of the cash auditors
  - h) authorization of the budget for the following business year and setting the premiums
  - i) debate on current proposals
  - j) miscellaneous
4. Proposals to be discussed at the general assembly must be submitted to the executive board at least fourteen days before the assembly with a registered letter.
5. The attending members must appoint a chairman of the meeting.
6. Resolutions are decided upon, unless stated otherwise in the statute, by a simple majority. If there is a tie vote, the vote of the chairman of the meeting decides. For the following resolutions, a majority of three-quarters is necessary:
  - a) changes to the statute
  - b) approval of emergency motions
  - c) motions of censure against the executive board or individual board members
7. The general assembly has a quorum regardless of the number of members present. The minutes of the proposals must be kept and must be signed by the board and the keeper of the minutes.
8. An extraordinary general assembly can be instigated by the executive board if deemed necessary, again with at least four weeks' notice.

## **§ 7 Budget**

1. The club charges a one-time admission fee and an annual contribution suggested by the executive board and approved by the general assembly.
2. The admission fee and the first annual contribution are due within four weeks of acceptance into the club. The following annual contributions are due by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January each year.
3. The contributions are to be paid by new members via direct debit. The cost of an unsuccessful payment is to be covered by the member themselves.

Members failing to pay will be reminded by the treasurer within a good time in the club newsletter to perform the transaction. A failure to pay will lead to a reminder charge of 6 EUR per written notice.  
After two unsuccessful warnings, a default summons can be issued.
4. The club funds can only be used toward statutory goals. The members receive no financial benefits.
5. No person can be favoured by spendings not related to the club's ideals or uncommonly high compensation.
6. The cash auditors are responsible for reviewing the finances of the club. They are elected by the general assembly for one year and are to report on the result of the review.

The cash auditors cannot be members of the executive board or subject specialists.

## **§ 8 Dissolution**

1. The dissolution of the club can only be decided by a general assembly called for that reason. The convocation must be at least four weeks before.
2. The final decision requires the votes of at least three-quarters of the members present, who must represent at least two-thirds of the entire membership.
3. If the required number of members are not present, another general assembly is to be called within four weeks, which will then decide the vote with a majority of three-quarters regardless of the number of members present.
4. If the club is dissolved or its purpose is lost, the club funds will be donated to the Felix Wankel aid organisation or another charitable organisation. The general assembly must make a decision concerning this. The receiver can only use the money for non-profit projects.