

2.4 The Club Council

The Association provides all Boundless by CSMA Members with the opportunity for active participation and involvement in organising and enjoying local group events and national specialist motoring, motorsport, camping, caravanning, travel and leisure activities. The active Club committees also influence and monitor the wider range of commercial, financial and leisure benefits provided by the Executive.

The Articles of Association recognise that these active Members are and always have been the heart of the 'Club'. The day-to-day work done by the active Club Leadership in providing events and activities creates opportunities for all Members and their families to meet with other like-minded people and enjoy these leisure pursuits and find fellowship in a 'safe', club environment. This provides a sound and effective foundation, capability and structure for influencing the long-term success of the Association.

Involvement also enables individuals who have Leadership potential to be spotted, nurtured and developed with the possibility of standing as candidates for higher office in the Association as Board Members.

The Club Council is the senior body of the active membership. It is accountable to the Association Board for developing a strategy and an Integrated Business Plan for cost-effective delivery of an attractive and stimulating programme of local and national events and activities. It is accountable to the members at large for its conduct and overall performance through the ballot box.

The Club Council comprises the Club Officers, Leaders of the Camping and Caravanning Interest Groups and an elected Motoring Groups Leader, up to two Independent Council Members and three Local Group Representatives. The structure ensures that all sectors, interests and operating disciplines are represented whilst minimising the numbers involved.

With the exception of the Executive support staff, all Council Members are elected through defined democratic processes. They are fully accountable to their constituencies and to the Board.

The Club Council is led by the three Club Officers who are each elected from the Club Council by their colleagues.

The Senior Officer is the Club Leader who is automatically a member of the Association Board and elected as a Director. The Club Treasurer is also automatically a member of the Association Board and elected as a Director with a focus on planning, financial and integration matters. The Chair of Club Council helps to share the administrative and operational workload of the Officers.

Geographically, local membership is represented through Local Group Representatives.

There are currently ten nationally based Interest Groups which focus on Motoring, Camping & Caravanning, and Social activities. There is provision for two elected Independent Council Members and additionally 2 further Independent Council Members can be co-opted in non-voting positions on a task and finish basis as determined by the Club Council.