

## Manx Club Charity Contribution Policy

## 1. PURPOSE AND MANDATE OF THE CLUB

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The Manx Club's purposes are pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit purposes, including preservation and maintenance of motor vehicles of interest and historical value, serving as an accurate source of technical information about such vehicles, and promoting and facilitating the common enthusiasm, interests and goals of its supporting members. Despite any other provision of our by-laws, this Club shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise powers that do not further the purposes of this corporation. Our goal is to preserve the legacy of the Meyers Manx and the sustainability of the Manx Club.

## 2. About a 501(c)(7) Not for Profit Social Club

Social clubs are exempt from federal income tax under IRC 501(a) as organizations described in IRC 501(c)(7) if they are "organized for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofitable purposes."

It should be noted that the benefits of 501(c)(7) tax exemption flow to the club, not to its members. One difference between 501(c)(7) tax-exempt clubs and traditional charities is that donations to the club, including dues, are not deductible as charitable contributions on the members' individual tax returns.

Exemption for 501(c)(7) social clubs makes it easier for people to pool their resources in pursuit of group recreational interests. As long as social clubs stay in their lane by operating to further their pleasurable and recreational purposes and by meeting their other IRS requirements, they can securely pursue their interests on a tax-exempt basis. However, if the organization deviates from its original purpose and tries to move into another lane, the social club runs the risk of losing its tax-exempt status.

## 3. POSITION

Ensuring no bias for or against any charitable organization or fund raising activity, the resources, members and/or activities associated with the Manx Club shall not be directly used to support any specific charitable organization through donations or other means. Event coordinators may decide to provide visibility to charitable organizations during an event as long as it does not become the main focus of the event and that the resources of the Manx Club are not being solicited for such activities.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to support groups that are deemed essential/relevant to the survival of our club and hobby.