

# **BY-LAWS OF WORLD CLASS RIDERS, INC.**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name of this organization shall be World Class Riders, Inc. and shall further be known as “Group” in the By-Laws. The principal mailing address of the Group shall be 94 Dunns Mills Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505. It shall be the President’s responsibility to forward mail received to the proper officer if necessary.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Group is to pursue, promote and protect the interests of motorcyclists.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

- A. There shall be no limit to the number of members this Group may have.
- B. There shall be no age limit required for Group membership.
- C. Members are encouraged to be active National AMA Members.
- D. To become a member of the Group, applicants must pay the yearly membership fee, and sign the Group membership Enrollment Form And Release.
- E. The yearly membership dues shall be \$20.00 for members ages 18-years-old or older and \$10.00 for members under age 18-years-old, and shall cover the member’s annual dues through December 31<sup>st</sup> (no pro-rating). The only exception shall be members joining in the months of November and December. Their membership dues shall be covered through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. These members will need to sign two Group membership Enrollment Form And Release to cover months November thru December and another form to cover months January thru December 31st.
- F. The annual renewal dues shall be due January 1st of each year and members must sign the Group membership Enrollment Form And Release. The enrollment period shall be January and February. Members whose dues are not paid by the last day of February shall be automatically dropped from membership in the Group.
- G. Only members age 18-years-old or older shall be eligible to vote on Group matters and be eligible to receive an electronic copy of the Group newsletter.
- H. Each member of the Group who wishes to run for office must be a member of the Group for a minimum of 12 calendar months and be at least 18-years-old.
- I. The Board of Trustees may suspend or terminate a person’s membership, at any time, at their discretion, based on a majority vote.
- J. Members are welcome to invite a guest to rides/events. Once a guest has attended two rides/events they will be asked to join the Group if they wish to continue attending.
- K. Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at rides and events. Members and guests are responsible for their own actions and safety and adherence to government laws; in addition members are accountable for their guest’s behavior. At the discretion of the Primary Officers, unruly guests and their sponsoring member may be asked to leave a ride/event in progress, and/or not attend future rides/events. All guests must sign the Group Release Form in order to participate in rides/events. Riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be tolerated.
- L. By participating in Group rides/events members and guests give their permission to use their photograph in Group publications and website.

## **ARTICLE IV – HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

- A. A member may request honorary membership in the Group when they want to continue to be a member of the Group but he/she is no longer able to actively participate in Group events or rides due to poor health, relocation, etc. Honorary members shall have future annual renewal dues waived. They would not be allowed to vote on Group matters or hold officer positions. They would be eligible to receive an electronic copy of the Group newsletter. Honorary membership is up for review each year by the Board of Trustees.

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- B. Requests for honorary membership must be submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees stating why the member would be eligible. The Board of Trustees will approve or disapprove the honorary membership at their discretion.
- C. Should a fee be imposed to attend an event, the honorary member would be required to pay the fee.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

- A. The Group shall have the following Primary officers. Primary Officers shall be elected as outlined in Article VI of the By-Laws.
  - i. President
  - ii. Vice President
  - iii. Treasurer
  - iv. Secretary
- B. The President may appoint the following Discretionary Officers whose duties will be determined by the Board of Trustees:
  - i. Activities Officer(s)
  - ii. Road Captain(s)
  - iii. Ladies Officer
  - iv. Editor
  - v. Safety Officer
  - vi. Photographer
  - vii. Membership Officer
  - viii. Webmaster

## **ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- A. Nomination Procedure. At the regular meeting held in October, any Group member may nominate a candidate for an open position. Nominees must be a member of the Group for minimum of 12 calendar months. Nominations shall be taken for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary positions each year. Candidates may only be nominated for one Primary Officer position.
- B. Election Procedure. In the event that two or more candidates are nominated for a position, a ballot election shall take place at the regular meeting held in November, and results of the election immediately announced. The nominee with the highest number of votes shall be elected for the position. In the event of a tie, a runoff election, by raise of hand, shall be immediately conducted.
- C. Office-Holding Limitations. No member shall hold more than one Primary Officer position at a time.
- D. In the event that a Primary Officer position is vacated during the term of office, the Board of Trustees shall appoint an interim officer to assume the vacated position for the remainder of the term of office.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

- A. Regular Meetings. The Group shall hold regular monthly meetings, the date of which shall be decided by the Board of Trustees and published in advance. Smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted at the meetings. Items of business for these meetings shall include:
  - 1. Roll call of primary officers and sign in of all other members
  - 2. Introduction of guests and new members
  - 3. Adoption of minutes previously distributed
  - 4. Activities Officer report
  - 5. Road Captain report
  - 6. Treasurer's report
  - 7. Committee report
  - 8. Unfinished business
  - 9. New Business

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## 10. Announcements

- B. Officers Meetings. The Group officers shall meet once each month to plan Group activities. Smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted at the meetings.
- C. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by any Primary Officer. Special meetings must be called upon the written request of ten members of the Group. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days notice shall be given. Smoking or consuming alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted at the meetings.
- D. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Group shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII – THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- A. Board Composition. The President, Vice President and Treasurer, shall constitute the Board of Trustees.
- B. Board's Duties and Powers. The Board of Trustees shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Group between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Group, and perform such other duties as are specified in these By-Laws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Group, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Group.
- C. Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of any member of the Board.

## **ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES**

- A. Auditing Committee. An Auditing Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President at the Group's regular meeting in February, whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the prior year, and to report at the Group's regular meeting in April.
- B. Other Committees; President's Ex-Officio Committee Membership. Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President, as the Group or Board of Trustees shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Group. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

## **ARTICLE X – GROUP ASSETS/FUNDS**

- A. Only the President is authorized to sign a contract on behalf of the Group.
- B. The President and/or Treasurer must approve, in advance, any and all Group financial expenditures. No other Group officers or members are authorized to approve purchases or disbursements of funds on behalf of the Group. This includes, but is not limited to, items that will be reimbursed from the proceeds of any Group fundraising activity.
- C. Members that outlay personal funds with prior approval from the President and/or Treasurer will be reimbursed. Note: Personal expenses without prior approval may not be reimbursed.
- D. If the Group disbands at any time, Group funds shall be used to pay any debt owed by the Group and any remaining funds shall be donated to charity.

## **ARTICLE XI – ALCOHOL POLICY**

- No alcohol before or during a Group riding event.
- The Group will not furnish alcohol.
- If a ride participant (member or guest) consumes:
  - Alcohol before riding – can't join the ride.
  - Alcohol while riding – may be asked to leave.

We expect each rider's full cooperation and understanding that this is not any one officer's or member's personal moral enforcement; but a policy for the safety and protection of all riders and the Group.

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## ***ARTICLE XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY***

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Group in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules of order the Group may adopt and any statutes applicable to this organization that do not authorize the provisions of these By-Laws to take precedence.

## ***ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS***

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Group by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.