

BYLAWS OF THE
TURNPIKE RAMBLERS MOTORCYCE CLUB
CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA 17013

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Article I
Definitions

- A. The term “the club” as used herein shall be construed to mean the Turnpike Ramblers Motorcycle Club, Inc.
- B. The term “Active Member” shall be male or female members, riders or enthusiasts that is actively associated with the club. An active member must Attend ten (10) club meetings or five (5) TPR motorcycle events, or a combination thereof during the 12-month period as covered by their dues, to retain active membership.
- C. The term “Inactive Member” shall be a member who fails to meet the requirements of the active member (see Article I Section B). The member who is considered to be inactive will have no vote.
- D. The term “Inactive Member – Military” shall be an active member that has been called to active Military Duty outside of our area, and their dues will be suspended until return from duty.
- E. The term “Delinquent Member” shall be a member who is more than one (1) month behind in dues. For a delinquent member to become an active member they must pay back dues or join as a new member after two (2) months has elapsed.
- F. The term “Life Member” shall be an active or inactive member who has completed 20 consecutive years of membership in the club .
- G. The term “motorcycle” as herein used shall be construed to mean only the vehicle titled as a motorcycle.
- H. The term “Officer” as herein used shall be construed to mean only elected officers of the club unless otherwise specified.
- I. The term “The Committee” as herein used shall be construed to mean the Elected Board of Trustees, President and any others the President may appoint to facilitate the accomplishments of club business.
- J. The term “Associate Member” is an active member without a vote until determined by a majority of active members, para J of Article I, definitions.

Article II
Membership

- A. Qualification: New memberships are limited to persons 18 years of age or older, male or female, who either own a motorcycle or are authorized motorcycle dealers or enthusiasts.
- B. Spouse of Active or Deceased Members – Must submit application for membership marked “Spouse” to become an active member.
- C. Admitting New Members – Every applicant for membership must submit application for membership. After three (3) club activities, the membership status of perspective member shall be determined by a majority vote of active members present during a regular membership meeting. The ballot will be written and secret. At least two trustees or members will count the ballots and report the final count to the Secretary and President.
- D. Qualifications for lifetime membership in the club takes 20 consecutive years and dues paid annually.
- E. Dues Delinquency: When a member becomes more than 2 months delinquent in their dues, their membership in the club is automatically terminated and the Secretary removes their name from the roster. They must reapply as a new member and be voted on. Annual membership dues are to be paid NLT 31st of January of calendar year
- F. Expulsion of a member from the Club: A member may be expelled, or put on probation for a period as seen fit by the Committee for conduct unbecoming a member of the Club, but charges must be first be made in writing and the accused member given a hearing before the Committee. The Committee shall take evidence and report its findings to the Club (at regular meetings) with the recommendations that the charges are considered as proven and the accused member be dealt with accordingly. If the charges are not proven the accused will remain a member of the club with no further ado. If a member is put on probation, his/her dues continue but he/she shall lose all privileges for a set period. The right to vote and voice in meeting shall also be suspended.
- G. Members expelled from the club: Any member who has been expelled from the Club can reapply for membership after 5 years. They will be subject to the normal membership process and need an approval vote of 2/3s active members present at the meeting.

Article III
Election of Officers

- A. There will be four officers elected annually, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and also one Trustee. Election will be held in October and elected members will assume office the first of November each year. Nominations for officers will be from the open forum of the last regularly scheduled meeting prior to elections, and will remain open until the forum moves for their closure on election night. Voting will be done by secret ballot. Two persons pre-designated by the President will count the votes. All votes will be held until the forum is assured of their having been correctly counted. At no time may any one person hold more than one of the first four high offices of the Club.

- B. Term of Officers –
 - a. Elected Officers shall hold office for one year or until elected to office by majority vote of club members for succeeding year.
 - b. Trustees shall serve three-year terms, the term of one Trustee to expire each year, with terms of officers.

- C. Impeachment –
 - a. Any Officer or Trustee may be impeached by the vote of 2/3 of those voting in the next regular meeting in at least 4 days after notice of the pending proceeding has been mailed to all active members. This vote on impeachment shall be by secret ballot.

- D. Pro-Tem Officers –
 - a. The members shall appointment officers pro-tem to serve out the unexpired term of any office vacated for any reason between regular elections unless other provisions for filling that office were herein made.

- E. Duties of Officers:
 - a. The President – shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club, call special meetings as required, enforce by-laws and standing rules of the club, support the accomplishment of club business and promote the best interest of the club at all times.
 - b. The Vice President – shall assume the duties of the President in his absence and shall become President to serve out the un-expired term if a vacancy occurs in the Presidency. Key control custodian.

c. The Secretary – shall keep a true roster of all club members, and dues records, their contact information addresses and the minutes of all club meetings. He/She shall conduct all club correspondence and render all reports as otherwise herein specified.

d. The Treasurer – shall keep a true record of all funds in the club treasury, the source of all income and receipts for all items of expense and a record of all dues and fees paid by members and give the club a complete report on the finances of the club for the preceding week or weeks at each regular meeting and such other meetings as the President may require.

1. The club treasury shall constitute two funds to be administered by the Treasurer, the Operation Fund (the checking account) and the Reserve Fund (money in the bank on interest).
2. The Operating Fund shall be money deposited in the checking account to be used to operate the club and shall only be withdrawn by the Treasurer's signature.
3. The Reserve Fund shall be deposited in the bank on interest and can only be withdrawn when there has been a 2/3 majority vote by members at a regular meeting.
4. Any amount taken from the Reserve Fund shall be immediately deposited into the Operating Fund where it shall be subject to withdrawal only for the purpose for which it was withdrawn from the Reserve Fund. Any amount in excess of the amount required for such designated purpose shall be returned to the Reserve Fund at the end of the month after the transaction has been completed. Treasurer and all Trustees would be signers on any Bank Accounts.

Article IV **Appointed Officers**

A. Titles:

- a. The appointed officers of the club shall be the Ride Leader and Safety Officer.

B. Qualifications:

- a. Must be an active member in good standing.
- b. May not be an authorized motorcycle dealer.

C. Duties of Appointed Officers:

- a. The Ride Leader: Shall have charge of highway discipline of all club rides and may appoint such assistants as required to insure safe driving and compliance with traffic regulations at all times. The Ride Leader shall be responsible for the safety of the membership any time the Club rides as a group. The Ride Leader will review routes for safety concerns and will assist other riders in practicing safe driving while travelling in formation. The Ride Leader will be responsible for scheduling departure times and locations for trips or rides, and will communicate this information to all other membership. In the event that the Ride Leader is unable to take part in a club run or trip, Ride Leader will pick a ride leader and assistant(s) to the Lead the Club in his/her absence, and will help them make preparation, if needed.
- b. The Safety Officer shall promote safety throughout the club. Ensure members have motorcycle insurance, bike registration and their motorcycle inspection is current . Assist Ride leader and review safety measures for club rides. Establish a Safety bulletin board in the club house, provide motorcycle safety foundation information to members. Educate members about safe rider skills program. Assist Ride Leader in educating members about group riding techniques, hand signals, distances, rest stops etc.

Article V **Meetings**

A. Regular Meetings:

- a. The regular meeting shall be held on an evening and hour specified in the standing rules.
- b. Regular meetings may be suspended by the vote 2/3 of those voting at a previous regular meeting provided there shall be no less than one regular meeting a month.

B. Special Meetings:

- a. The President of Board of Trustees may call special meetings at his/her or their direction provided that notification is given active members at least 3 days before the scheduled meeting.

Article V
Meetings

C. Quorum:

- a. The quorum for all club meetings shall be 5 active members including 2 Officers.

D. Order of Business:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Call meeting to order
- c. Collection of dues
- d. Roll Call
- e. Reading or distribution and approval of minutes of the last meeting
- f. Communications
- g. Vice President forum
- h. Committee reports
- i. Membership report (first meeting of the month)
- j. Treasurer's report
- k. Bills and receipts
- l. Presentation of applications for membership
- m. Voting on applications for membership
- n. Old business
- o. New business
- p. Adjournment

Article VI
Parliamentary Authority

- A. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order" revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or Standing Rules of the Club.

Article VII
Standing Rules

- A. Adopting:
 - a. Standing rules may be adopted by a 2/3 majority vote of those voting in any regular meeting.

Article VII
Standing Rules

B. Amending or Rescinding:

- a. Standing Rules may be amended or rescinded only by 2/3 of those in any regular meeting who are voting, provided that notice has been given for that purposed specific amendment or rule to be amended or rescinded at the regular meeting.

C. John Boldosser Standing Rule:

- a. You can still be an active member when you no longer ride. It will be decided on a case-by-case basis. (Adopted March 1, 1999)

Article VIII
Amending By-Laws

- A. Any amendments to these By-Laws must be submitted in a motion under New Business in a regular meeting. The Proposed amendment may be amended by motion passed by a majority vote while the amendment is under discussion, but shall require the vote of 2/3 of those voting to approve the amendment at first reading. If the amendment does not receive the required 2/3 vote on first reading it must be approved by the vote of 2/3 of those voting on second reading and third reading at consecutive meetings before it shall become effective. A proposed amendment to the By-Laws may not be amended at the meeting in which it is first presented as a motion. If the proposed amendment does not receive the required 2/3 vote of those voting on either the second or third reading it shall be dropped.

Article IX
Possession

- A. Any member or person making donations of any kind to the club cannot reclaim them without the majority vote of those attending any meeting. Any article in the Club House over 30 days with the knowledge and consent of the owner shall be considered donated unless otherwise specified in the minutes of a regular club meeting.

Article X
Disband The Club

A. Procedure To Disband Club:

- a. Requires 2/3 vote of members present for three consecutive scheduled meetings that are held on the first meeting of the month.
- b. Requires 2/3 vote of officers for three consecutive regular scheduled meetings that are held on the first meeting of the month.
- c. All proceeds from Disbanding Club shall be donated to any non-profit charity specified by members present of the Turnpike Ramblers' Motorcycle Club Inc.

Article XI
Adoption of the BY-LAWS

A. Articles I through XI revised and amended August 2014.

B. These By-Laws shall be adopted by a Majority vote of the Active Members of Turnpike Ramblers Motorcycle Club.

C. These By-Laws supersede and make void all previous By-Laws of the Turnpike Ramblers Motorcycle Club.

D. Edited and submitted for approval by the Turnpike Ramblers By-Law review committee of Nikki Otto, Connie Kuykendall, Louie Kissenger and William Hoffer.

E. Articles I through XI are approved and in effect 10 February 2015