

By-Laws

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1

The name of the club shall be The Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club. (Also known as Redwood Riders MC and RRMC)

Section 2

The purpose of the club is to positively promote all aspects of motorcycling, with an emphasis placed on rider education and safety.

Article II – Board of Directors

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected directors of the club. The Board of Directors shall have the power to proceed in any manner that, in their judgment, serves in the best interest of the club. The decision of a 51% majority of the Board of Directors on any question shall be binding.

Article III – Directors

Section 1

The elected Board of Directors of the club shall be President, Vice President, Membership Director, Tours and Events Director, Safety Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. Said Directors will hold office for one year from January 1st through December 31st. Additional Directors may be created by the Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, as needed or desired, and may be filled by appointment by the Board or by election of the general membership if the Board chooses.

A Member at Large may be appointed by vote of the Board of Directors and will be a board member with full voting rights and privileges. The person selected shall be a past president or past officer whenever possible. If none are available, the Board may choose not to fill the position, or chose to fill the position by an active member with experience and a demonstrated involvement in club activities shall be appointed.

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Section 2

Election to the Board of Directors shall be by popular vote of the general membership at the November membership meeting. A quorum (as described in Section 4) of 25% of the total membership must be in attendance. Nominations for Director Positions shall be opened at the October and, if necessary, November meetings. Elections are to be held at the November meeting, and all members of the club in good standing and present at the November meeting shall be given the opportunity to vote. Installation of the Directors is to be at the December meeting. There is a 30-day transition period where outgoing and incoming Directors will meet and prepare for the transfer of responsibilities. The new Board of Directors will be introduced to the members by the outgoing President at the January meeting. At that time the transition of responsibilities will be official. At the following Board meeting, the new Board of Directors shall vote to keep or replace the current Member at Large.

Section 3

Should the need arise, the Board of Directors shall have the authority, at its discretion, to either call for a special election to fill an absent Board position or appoint a member to fill the vacant position if only one member volunteers for said position. Election shall be by popular vote of the members in attendance at the meeting. Board members whether elected or appointed shall have full voting rights in all club functions.

Section 4

All votes shall require a quorum of members. A quorum for a general membership meeting shall be 25% of the membership, in good standing. A quorum for a Board of Directors meeting shall be a majority of the currently filled Board positions.

Article IV- Duties of Directors

Section 1

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. The President has general supervision of the operation of the club. A President's Book shall be created and once created it shall be maintained and updated by the President. The President's Book shall be passed on to each succeeding President. The Book shall outline the duties and responsibilities of the Office, that of the Board of Directors positions and contain any pertinent information regarding the operation of the club.

Vice President: The Vice President shall take over duties of the President in his/her absence.

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Membership Director: The Membership Director shall be responsible for receiving, processing and recording membership applications and membership fees. The Membership Director will be responsible for overseeing and insuring that the participating shops in the area are supplied with our current club flier. The Membership Director will promote the club to non-members whenever possible and appropriate. The Membership Director should be well informed as to club policies, functions and all matters pertaining to the club with a goal of increased membership. The Membership Director will maintain a record (inventory list) of Club gear and coordinate sales of such with the Treasurer. It will be required that the Membership Director give a current membership report at monthly meetings.

Secretary: The Secretary shall handle all official correspondence of the club as necessary. Keep minutes of both the general membership and Board of Directors meetings. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the general membership meeting minutes to the Club newsletter editor for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall manage the financial affairs of the club, be custodian of the club funds and collect all dues payable by club members. The Treasurer will be responsible for overseeing the 50/50 raffle at club meetings or events as necessary. The Treasurer shall maintain an inventory list of all Club gear and coordinate sales of such with the Membership Director to keep track of all sales and inventory levels. The Treasurer shall render a financial report at monthly meetings and Board of Directors meetings.

Two (2) signatures are required for all RRMC checks. (Amended 02/12/2008)

3 months of cash reserve shall be kept in checking account for expenses. (Amended 02/12/2008). Cash reserve in checking account will be at least \$300.00. A majority vote of club members attending a general meeting is required to go below the minimum cash reserve. (Amended 11/18/2008).

It shall be the official policy of the Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club not to 'Buy-back' articles of clothing or patches of former members. Former members may either attend a general membership meeting and offer their items for sale or give them away to current members in good standing or sell the items on their own.

Unless previously approved by the Board, a request for reimbursement of funds shall be submitted in writing, along with the appropriate receipts, to the Board for approval. Club funds shall only be disbursed at regularly scheduled Club meetings.

Tours & Events Director: The Tours and Events Director is responsible for gathering information on upcoming rides and events making sure that information is accurate and as complete as possible. The Tours & Events Director shall send out a weekly email and update the RRMC hotline to inform members of the upcoming weekend's event(s). The Tours & Events Director may be assisted in the gathering of information by the Information Officer if one exists.

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The Tours & Events Director shall give a summary of recent rides as well as report on upcoming activities at the monthly general meetings. The Tours and Events Director shall also coordinate rides with the Road Captains.

Safety Director: The Safety Director shall be in charge of determining safe group riding practices and to prepare and keep current the “RRMC Safe Group Riding” handout for RRMC members. This document shall be open to review and revision by the Board of Directors. The Safety Director’s duties shall include observing the members during group rides and discussion with the members on safety issues including any violations of the RRMC (written) safe riding practices. The Safety Director shall first discuss any member’s safety violations privately with that member, and if the violations are repeated, shall officially bring that member’s conduct to the attention of the Board of Directors. The Safety Director shall give a monthly safety tip/report at the general membership meetings. The Safety Director is responsible for providing safety tips in the monthly newsletter and shall give a safety tip/report at the monthly general meeting.

Sergeant at Arms: The Sergeant at Arms shall provide assistance to the Board of Directors by calling to order all meeting and announcing the close of all meetings. The Sergeant at Arms will keep order during meetings to allow members speaking to be heard. The Sergeant at Arms is charged with keeping the peace among members.

Member at Large: The Member at Large shall be a goodwill ambassador for the members of the club. He/she, shall help greet new members, understand and convey to the Board of Directors, members' concerns, and help maintain continuity of club policies and operations.

Articles V – Members

Section 1

Membership: All properly executed membership application shall be reviewed by the Board, who shall accept or reject the applicant as a member of the Redwood Riders Motorcycle Club. In the case of an applicant’s rejection there must be a show of just cause. All rejections must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In the case of an applicant’s rejection all associated application fees shall be returned to the applicant.

Section 2

Spouses: Spouses, significant others and members of the household listed on the application for membership are given an honorary membership in the club. Spouses and significant others shall be required to sign the RRMC membership form as co-applicant in order to participate in club events.

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By signing and submitting an application for membership, members and co-applicants who are parents of, or a legal guardian for, minor(s) listed on the application form agree that the liability waiver and 'hold harmless' clause contained therein shall apply for those minors listed on the application form.

Section 3

Guests: Guests wishing to participate in Club 'ride' events shall be required to read and sign an RRMC "Release of Liability Waiver" prior to participating in any RRMC riding event. After 3 guest rides, the guest is required to join the club if they wish to continue to participate in Club events.

Section 4

Dues: The amount of dues payable yearly to the treasurer shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Any change in the amount of dues may be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors only after notifying members at the next monthly meeting.

Club Dues are to be paid on an annual basis and are due in full in the month of January for existing members and at the time of application for new members.

Section 5

Termination of Membership: The membership of any member may be terminated by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for conduct unbecoming a member of the club or other just cause. Members must conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with promoting a positive image of the Club and motorcycling. The member shall first have the opportunity to hear and reply to the charges or reasons for such action. If a member fails to appear at their hearing or comply with the finding of the Board their membership will be terminated.

Section 6

Charter Membership: Charter members shall be those who attended the first meeting, October 29, 1996, and all members who joined the club in 1996.

Section 7

New members shall receive a copy of the current "By-Laws", a "RRMC Safe Group Riding" handout, a membership card, and copies of the RRMC "Release of Liability Waiver" for any guest they wish to bring on rides.

Article VI – Meeting of Members

Section 1

The members shall hold monthly a meeting on a day and time as determined by the Board and approved by members. The meetings shall be held at a place designated by the Board of Directors. A special meeting may be called by any member of the Board of Directors. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order. The quorum for a general membership meeting will be 25% of the total membership in good standing. The quorum for a board meeting will be the majority of the currently filled board positions.

Section 2

The consumption of any alcoholic beverage or any illegal substance during any club activity is discouraged. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage or any illegal substance during a riding activity is prohibited. Violation shall be grounds for termination of membership.

Section 3

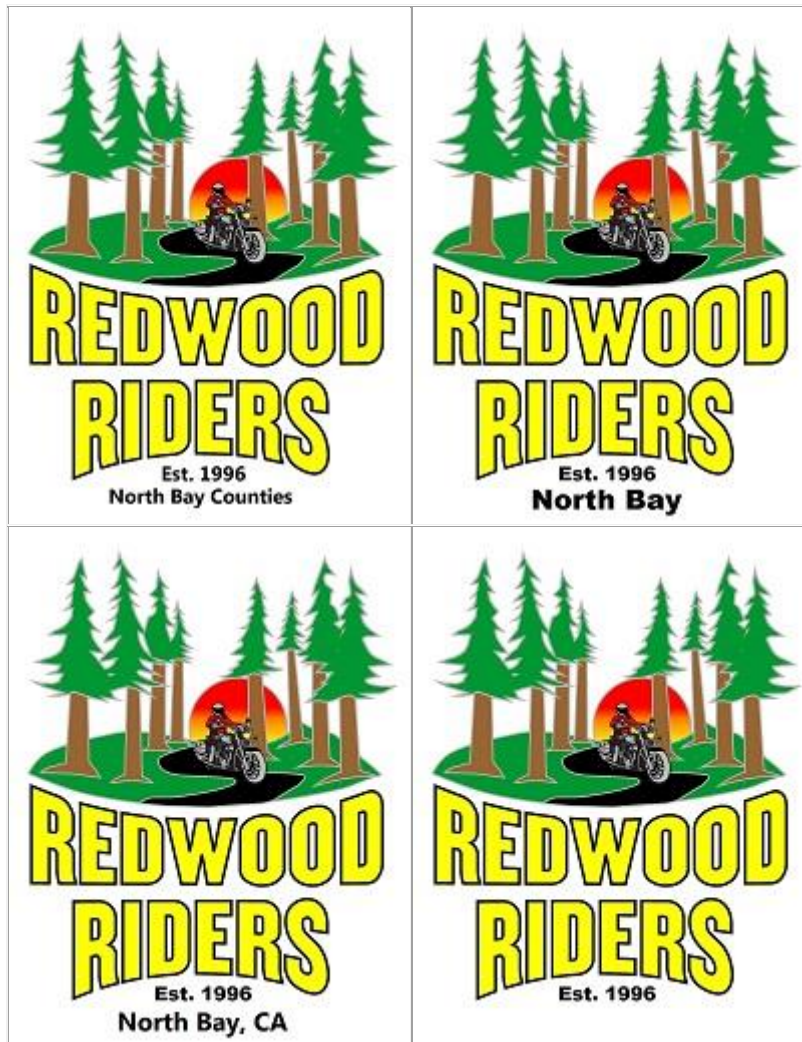
Club rides officially end at the pre-determined destination point. Members may opt to continue to ride together after the official destination. An exception to the “official end” shall be made for very long rides, where safety requires the members to stay together until nearing home. Under no circumstance should guests or new members be left behind at a destination unless it has been verified that they can safely return. No member or guest shall be left behind on any ride without verifying that they are choosing to leave the ride.

Article VII – Club Requirements

Section 1

All Members and Board of Directors of the club shall be bound by any and all section of these By-Laws.

Article IX – Club Emblem or Logo



The logo will no longer display "Sonoma County." Options are to show "North Bay, North Bay Counties, North Bay Ca." or no specific geographical location.

Article X – Approval of By-Laws

Section 1

These By-Laws, to become effective, shall be approved by a majority vote of the membership at a regular or specially called meeting.

Article XI – Amendments to By-Laws

Section 1

These by-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors subject to approval of a majority of members at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article XII – Dissolution

Section 1

This club and its members shall be responsible for expenses incurred at its discretion in the activities approved by the membership or the Board of Directors. In the event of dissolution of the club, all indebtedness will be paid from the existing funds with any remaining funds being donated to a charity determined by the Board of directors. If in the case that a worthy charity cannot be agreed upon by the Board of Directors, the remaining funds shall be divided equally between all remaining members in good standing.

Article XIII – Road Captains

Section 1

A Senior Road Captain shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The Senior Road Captain shall be in charge of the Road Captains and of overseeing and monitoring of the existing Road Captains. Duties include the recruiting and training of new Road Captains and revisions to the RRMC Road Captains manual, subject to review, revision and approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 3

Official RRMC Road Captains shall be appointed by the RRMC Board of Directors upon their completion of both a review of the RRMC Road Captains Manual and a Demonstration Ride observed by a minimum of two RRMC Board members. Road Captains duties shall be as set forth in the RRMC Road Captains Manual.

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