

# **By-Laws for Eagle Riders**

## **Article I – Name**

1. The name of our organization shall be the Eagle Riders.

## **Article II – Chapter Officers/Cabinet Members and Duties**

1. The Chapter should have the following officers, duties are described below:

### **Chapter Officers:**

- i. **President:** Responsible for the overall management. Will maintain a working relationship and be a direct contact with the Board of Trustees.
- ii. **Vice President:** When the President is absent, the Vice President shall be responsible for the duties of the President.
- iii. **Secretary/Treasurer:** (Secretary), Shall keep minutes of all meetings; and make sure that all members have a signed waiver form for the current year. (Treasurer), Shall maintain a bookkeeping system of the funds of the Eagle Riders. Provide a monthly financial report to the officers and members at each Chapter meeting. Oversee all funds the Chapter raises from fundraisers and during all 50/50 raffles.

### **Cabinet Members:**

- iv. **Sergeant At Arms:** Shall be responsible for keeping the peace, enforcing chapter and charter rules. Will be responsible for all Poker runs and monies collected.
- v. **Sergeant At Arms Alter:** When the Sergeant At Arms is absent; the Sergeant At Arms Alter shall be responsible for the duties of the Sergeant At Arms.

## **Article III – Chapter Elections**

1. Election of Chapter Officers and Appointment of Cabinet Members.

- i. Chapter Officers shall be nominated annually at the Chapter meeting in December and will be voted upon in the monthly meeting in January.
- ii. Chapter Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the membership, with quorum present. If only one nomination for an office is received, the election will be done by voice, with a “yea” or “nay” vote. Any majority vote of “nay” shall result in a secret ballot being presented. If the secret ballot results in a majority vote against the candidate, that position will be put up to the membership for re-nomination and a new vote will be held at the next regular Chapter meeting. In the event more than one nomination is received for a position, the vote for that position shall be secret ballot.
- iii. The Chapter Officers shall appoint the Chapter Cabinet Members.

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## Article IV – Members

### 1. Application Process:

- i. Applications for membership shall be accepted from any person, without regard to race, creed, national origin, or sex.
- ii. Applications must be filled out completely, signed, dated and accompanied with the dues.
- iii. All new members must sign a waiver.

### 2. Membership Rights and Responsibilities:

- iv. There shall be no limit to the number of members in the organization. Must be a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles.
- v. The age limit will be 21 years of age to be a full member.
- vi. Member must have a valid motorcycle license.
- vii. A street legal motorcycle of any make and model must be in safe riding condition.
- viii. Eagle Rider members in good standing, must make 50% of all Eagle Riders meeting to be eligible to vote for officers.
- ix. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds vote.
- x. Chapter Officers have the power to temporarily/permanently expel or suspend any member from the Association by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular chapter meeting, for violation of charter or by-law agreements, and/or for illegal or unbecoming conduct at the Chapter function. Unbecoming conduct includes, but is not limited to: unsafe riding and actions that are detrimental to the objectives of the Eagle Riders.
- xi. Member privileges include: Riding with Eagle Riders, voting on sanctioned rides; eligibility to submit and vote on Amendments; eligibility to nominate and vote Chapter officers/eligibility to run for Chapter Office.

### 3. Chapter Dues and Other Funds:

- xii. The Chapter Treasurer shall collect chapter dues annually, in January. Chapter dues are currently \$12.00 Dues may be changed by a majority vote of the Chapter, only when a quorum is present.
- xiii. New members' dues will be pro-rated on a monthly basis.
- xiv. Dues will be used for Chapter functions, Chapter events and to cover the expenses incurred from the administration of Chapter business. No officer or member may receive payment or compensation for services rendered, unless such compensation is approved by a majority vote of the Chapter.

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- xv. All funds in excess of operating costs, raised from functions organized by the Chapter will remain in the account until the Chapter votes by majority as to where and when the funds will be distributed (e.g., charities, etc.)
- xvi. Resignation shall be tendered only by written notice to a Chapter Officer. The resignation will be accepted at the next Chapter meeting and the President will direct the Secretary/Treasurer to drop the member from the Chapter's membership roll. Verbal resignations will not be accepted and may result in the member being recorded as absent until formally suspended and dropped from the membership roll.
- xvii. The Member may rescind the resignation request at any time before it has been acted upon at the Chapter meeting.
- xviii. When a resignation is accepted and acted upon, the former member shall not be eligible to join the Chapter again for a period of one (1) year. At the end of this time, they may submit an application for new membership.

### **Article V – Meeting and Rides**

- 1. Chapter Meeting will be held once a month, followed by a Chapter Ride, if applicable. The meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. A quorum for any Chapter meeting shall consist of eight (8) members in good standing.
- 2. Chapter Rides are broken into two categories: Sanctioned organized rides and unsanctioned organized rides. Sanctioned organized rides consist of monthly rides, which follow Chapter meetings. Unsanctioned organized rides are any rides formed by the membership and containing at least two (2) Chapter Officers or Chapter Cabinet Members, and eight (8) additional members.
- 3. Chapter means of communication will be through email, if applicable.
- 4. Cell phones and alcoholic beverages will not be permitted at the meetings.
- 5. The order of business will be as follows:
  - i. Roll call for all officers
  - ii. Introduction of guests and new members
  - iii. Read minutes from last meeting
  - iv. President Report
  - v. Vice President Report
  - vi. Secretary/Treasurer Report
  - vii. Sergeant At Arms Report
  - viii. Old business
  - ix. New business
  - x. Adjourn

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## **Article VI – Amendments**

1. Amendment requests for the Chapter by-laws will be submitted in written form. Any active Chapter member can submit amendment requests.
2. Amendment requests will be read to the membership during the current month's Chapter meeting and emailed to all active Chapter members. A re-reading of the amendment and a vote on the amendment request by active Chapter members will take place at the next monthly meeting. A majority vote, with a quorum present, must be received for an amendment to be implemented.

## **Article VIII – Trophies and Awards**

1. All trophies and awards that the group wins or is awarded will be displayed at the local Aerie.