



# BY-LAWS OF ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC Amended, May 18, 2014

## ARTICLE ONE - ORGANIZATION

1. The name of this organization shall be: **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC**

## ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE

1. The following is the purpose for which **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC** has been organized.
2. **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC** is a family oriented club and we welcome all riders to our club without prejudice of race, sex, creed, color or economical status. Our members come from various backgrounds and we get together to have a good time doing what we all have a passion for, which is riding motorcycles, promoting motorcycle riding and promoting motorcycle safety.
3. Club colors are Royal Blue, Powder Blue and Black

## ARTICLE THREE - MEMBERSHIP

1. There are five classes of membership: **Founding Member, Full Member, Associate Member, Probationary Member** and **Absentee Member**. All members (with the exception of Associates) shall have the right to attend any meeting of **RDRMC** (with the exception of Directors meetings) and All members shall have the right to participate in any events sponsored by or involving **RDRMC** unless notified otherwise. Full Members shall have a vote in any issue brought before a members meeting, a vote in the election of officers, and shall be eligible to serve as officers or member of the Board of Directors. Only the members of the Board of Directors and Founding Member shall have a vote in Directors meetings. Membership becomes effective upon completion of the designated probationary period and vote in by the Founding Members and Board of Directors.

### Founding Member

- a. A Founding Member is a Full Member of the **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC** who was one of the original members who started this club in the year 2003.

### Full Member

- a. A Full member is a member of good standing.
- b. A Full member is an individual who has kept his/her membership current while representing **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC** in a positive manner.
- c. A Full member must have his/her own motorcycle, M1 credentials, valid registrations and insurance.
- d. A Full Member will participate in all **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC** functions such as Charity events, Socials, Meetings and Rides.

### Associate Members

- a. an Associate member is a person that is involved in an extended relationship (married/common law married) with a Full Member in good standing who has been a member for a minimum period of 1 year.
- b. an Associate members must be ready and willing to ride with their companion who is a Full Member and participate in club functions with their companion.
- c. an Associate member must show respect to Full Members, interact well with Full members and be characteristically drama free.
- d. Associate members will pay for a patch with “Associate” as part of the **RDRMC** colors.
- e. Associate members are associated to a specific Full Member and have no voting rights or say regarding club business

### Probationary Members

- a. A Probationary member (Prospect) is one who aspires to become a Full Member. This individual must be sponsored by a Full member in good standing. Probationary members have no voting rights.
- b. All Probationary Members must:
  1. Interact well with other current members.
  2. Improve the climate of **RDRMC** when present. (must be cool peeps)
  3. Serve a mandatory period of time (to include an unspecified amount of rides and attendance of meetings/club functions) until a full member in good standing will sponsor the prospect for membership.
  4. At the completion of the Probationary Members qualifying period ranging from 90-180 days, a **RDRMC** vote will be taken into consideration with the final decision to be made from the Founding Members and Board of Directors.

### Absentee Member

- a. An Absentee Member is a former Full member who is no longer able to participate in the functions of RDRMC due to extenuating circumstances.
  - b. An Absentee Member no longer has voting rights.
  - c. An Absentee Member may continue receiving RDRMC updates via email or text on MC events or functions
  - d. An Absentee Member may return to Full Membership by vote in by the Founding Members and Board of Directors.
2. Membership in **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC** shall be open to all that enjoy the sport of motorcycle riding, promote riding safety and adhere to the by-laws of **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC**. Membership with **RDRMC** is limited to individuals, and can be held in single or couple status. For couple status, both members must reside at the same address. All M.C. members, no matter their standing, will obey these rules:
- a. A completed membership form must be submitted to the club secretary or senior member of the Board of Directors
  - b. All members must have a working motorcycle. If a Full Member’s motorcycle is non-operable for more than six months or a Full Member has chosen not to ride

(aside from temporary physical impairments or occupational requirements) for more than six months, the Full Member will be demoted to Absentee Member status.

- c. All members must have a valid Motorcycle license, registration and insurance for their motorcycle.
  - d. All members must be safety conscious, ride safely and defensively, must obey all local motor vehicle laws.
  - e. All members will ride in staggered formation on group rides, will use group riding signals when riding with others and maintaining proper motorcycle riding etiquette
  - f. All members will wear the **RDRMC** colors at all M.C. functions or events.
  - g. All members are held to their own individual accountability and must agree to accept all **RDRMC** By-Laws.
3. It is stressed that members and prospects participate in group rides and club events as often as their schedules will allow them. Group rides and club events are only scheduled for weekends and some holidays unless otherwise notified
  4. Prospective members will have a mandatory 90-180 day evaluation period to establish full membership unless otherwise notified by the Board of Directors
  5. Members are required to purchase their own RDRMC Club Patches and vest. Members can purchase the required items via Senior Member or directly from a proposed vender with authorization from the RDR President once notified item is available for purchase.
  6. If a member leaves the club (lays down his/her colors), for any reason, he/she must return the club patch to a current Officer or Founding Member, otherwise, if this person was full member in good standing at the time of his/her departure, this person **has the option to keep the colors as a memento only and cannot display (i.e., wear) the colors in public for any reason whatsoever.** The departing member is bound and cannot join another club prior to the 12month grace period following his/her departure from RDRMC
  7. Any member may be expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the RDRMC. For a member to be expelled, charges must first be made in writing and submitted to an officer. Accused members will be given a hearing before the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will accept evidence from both parties prior to making its recommendation. The Board of Directors will deliberate and the President will then present RDRMC members with the final decision.
  8. No member of RDRMC is to discuss any internal club business, or anything related to club business to anyone outside of the RDRMC

#### **ARTICLE FOUR - MEETINGS**

1. Regular member meetings of **RDRMC** shall be held on the second Saturday or Sunday of each month except if such day is a legal holiday then and in that event the Board of Directors shall fix the day, but it shall not be more than two weeks from the date fixed by these by-laws. All members, including prospects, are required to attend member meetings.
2. The Board of Directors will have coordination meetings to plan upcoming events--other than the senior members that make up the Board of Directors--all members are not required to attend coordination meetings.
3. The presence of not less than four Directors shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct (General Business). The Presence of not less than five Directors shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to remove an officer.
4. Special meeting of **RDRMC** Board of Directors may be called by the president when he deems it for the best interest of **RDRMC**.

5. A special meeting of the **RDRMC** Board of Directors may be requested by members of the Board, or the membership. Requester must make contact with the Board of Directors least 7 days before said special meeting.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE - VOTING**

1. At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be via voice with right hand raised in affirmation/agreement, except that for election of Club Officers, a ballot shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot any mark or markings that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.
2. At any regular or special meeting if a majority vote is so required any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors.

#### **ARTICLE SIX - ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
3. Reports of committees.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Old and unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Good and welfare /Questions and Concerns
8. Adjournments.

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN - BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

1. The business of **RDRMC** shall be managed by a **Board of Directors** consisting of five directors including the officers (officers shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Directors)
2. The directors shall be elected by the members and shall serve for a term of three years. The **Board of Directors** who were in place prior to the amendment of the by-laws shall rotate out of office as per the approved rotation schedule on file with the secretary of **RDRMC**.
3. The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of **RDRMC**. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of **RDRMC** when it shall be regularly convened by its president after due notice to all of the directors of such meeting.
4. Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.
5. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.
6. Vacancies in the **Board of Directors** shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the year.
7. The **President** of **RDRMC** by virtue of the office shall be **the Chairperson** of the Board of Directors.
8. A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. In such case, a director cannot be removed without the opportunity for the director to appear before the board in his or her defense.

## ARTICLE EIGHT - OFFICERS

The officers of **ROWL DOGG RYDAZ MC** shall be as follows:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary - Treasurer
4. Sergeant of Arms
5. Road Captain
  - a. An Assistant Road Captain may be appointed by the Road Captain when deemed necessary

\*\*\*\*\*Appointed Positions\*\*\*\*\*

6. Public Relation Officer
7. Coordinator of Events (Event Coordinator)
8. Coordinator of Support (

## QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF OFFICE

1. **President**: is the CHAIRMAN of the Executive Committee and the Chief Executive Officer of the club chapter. All matters concerning relations between the club and any outside person or organization should be routed to the President for appropriate action. The president or his delegate shall assume the Chair at all chapter meetings. The president shall preside at all membership meetings, by virtue of the office be chairperson of the Board of Directors, present at each member meeting of **RDRMC**, appoint all committees, temporary or permanent, see that all books, reports and certificates as required by law are properly kept or filed, by one of the officers who may sign the checks of **RDRMC**, and have such powers as may be reasonable construed as belonging to the chief executive of **RDRMC**. This person is responsible for controlling the meeting and keeping order. If necessary, the Chair may utilize the services of the Sergeant-at-Arms to aid in keeping order. The Chair may not make or second any motion, and may only vote on questions where their vote would affect the outcome, as in making or breaking a tie vote, or on ballot questions. This person must be an active member of **RDRMC** for at least two years. Must ride their own motorcycle (exceptions will be addressed in extreme situations)
2. **Vice President**: is the Second-in-Command to the President shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his or her office become acting President of **RDRMC** with all of the rights, privileges and powers as if he or she had been duly elected President. This person shall coordinate all committees and supervise plans for all club events. The Vice-President shall act as an intermediary between the President and the Members and Prospects. All questions or comments concerning any club business not specifically related to the duties of the other officers should be brought to directly to his attention. Additionally, this person must be an active member of **RDRMC** for at least two years. Must ride their own motorcycle (exceptions will be addressed in extreme situations)
3. **Secretary/Treasurer**: The **Secretary** is responsible for making and keeping all club chapter records. Membership List, Chapter Bylaws, Rules of Order, Standing Rules, Records of all committee appointments, all written reports, copies of all correspondence between the club and any outside person or organization, Meeting Minutes. This person is responsible for calling roll at the meetings. The Secretary must notify Active Members of special or emergency meetings, and must notify all the members of any appointments or elections in their absence. // The **Treasurer** (in conjunction with the Club President) keeps all the funds of the club chapter. All un-issued Club Colors and Patches, as well as

a record of colors, patches, or reproductions thereof issued to members. This person may disburse funds to pay expenses as prescribed in the Standing Rules. The Treasurer must keep an accurate record of all income and expenses. The Treasurer is required to report the fiscal status of the club at each regular meeting for the information of the members. The Treasurer must submit a written annual report to the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting. Must be an active member of **RDRMC** for at least two years

4. **Sergeant at Arms**: is responsible for ensuring that the By-laws and Standing Rules of the club are not violated. He is responsible to insure that the orders of the Executive Committee are carried out in an expeditious manner. He is responsible for policing and keeping order at all club events, except as noted under the Duties of the Chairman. He may conscript members to aid in keeping order on their own authority. He has the responsibility to the club to report any unseemly behavior of incident to the Executive Committee. He is responsible for securing any patches or colors from any member who retires, resigns, or is expelled. The S@A is responsible for the safety and security of the club, as well as the protection and defense of its members and prospects. He shall keep and maintain a record of all data pertinent to the safety and security of the club and its members and prospects. Upon becoming aware of any real or perceived threat to the club, its Members, Prospects, or events, he shall immediately notify the Executive Committee of that information. This person must be an active member of **RDRMC** for at least one year.
5. **Road Captain**: is responsible for all club runs and getting members of the club to the proposed destination safely. This person shall research, plan, and organize all runs. During actual time on the road or at intermediate stops during a run, he shall act as the ranking club officer for rides, deferring only to the President or Vice-President if either of them is present, and only then for matters involving persons outside the club. He shall supply the Secretary with any information required to notify outside agencies of impending club runs in a timely manner. Must be an active member of **RDRMC** for at least one year.

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6. **Public Relations Officer**: is responsible for coordinating publicity efforts in the motorcycle community and the public on behalf of **RDRMC**. By establishing and maintaining lines of communication between its members, the motorcycle community and the public, this person will work to increase awareness of **RDRMC** through all available media.
7. **Coordinator of Events**: is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, promoting, and facilitating special events sponsored by RDRMC
8. **Coordinator of Support**: supports officers in various ways when assistance is needed

## TERMS OF OFFICE

1. President: Five years
2. Vice President: Five years
3. Secretary/Treasurer: Five years
4. Sergeant at Arms: Two years
5. Road Captain: Two years
6. Public Relations Officer: TBA
7. Coordinators: TBA

## **ARTICLE NINE - COMMITTEES**

All committees of RDRMC shall be appointed by the president and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the president.

## **ARTICLE TEN - DUES**

Currently there are no dues. If it is deemed necessary, the decision to pay dues will be decided via voting process by the Board of Directors and if affirmed, Article 10 of the RDRMC's By-laws will be amended as such.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN - ELECTIONS**

Election of officers will be held on November 1st of each year, with newly elected officers taking office on January 1st of the next year.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE - AMENDMENTS**

These By-laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than five directors.

## **ARTICLE THIRTEEN – COMMERCIALIZATION**

RDRMC members shall be allowed to advertise individually owned items to the membership via the classified section of the club web site. Businesses shall be allowed to offer discounts to RDRMC members via the clubs Businesses Offering Discounts listing. Businesses will not be allowed to offer specific items for sale.

## **ARTICLE FOURTEEN - GROUP RIDE RULES**

The following Group Ride Rules will apply to all RDRMC sanctioned rides.

1. Obey all traffic laws (stop signs/signals/markings etc.)
2. Ride in formation. (Staggered, with a two-second interval as a **minimum** following distance from the bike directly in front of you, one-second from the bike to the right or left of you.) Road conditions and speed of group may require a four-second interval.
3. All rides to be lead by RDRMC Road Captain or predetermined Ride Captain.
4. Ride Captain will designate a sweep ride captain for the group ride.
5. Ride Captain will conduct a full Pre-Ride Briefing
6. New riders and new members riding with the club for the first time, shall ride at the rear of the group in front of the sweep ride captain.
7. Group should maintain proper riding etiquette for the duration of the ride.