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American Legion Riders
Motorcycle Association

Chapter By Laws
Post __. City, State, Zip

Purpose

To participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with aims and purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion Family members who share the same interest. To use the Association to promote and support programs of The American Legion.

I. Membership

One of the following is required for membership.

- A. A current Member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.

II. Officers of the Local Chapter

- A. Director
- B. Assistant Director
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Sgt. At Arms/Run Coordinator

- F. Historian *
- G. Membership Chairman *
- H. Chaplain *

(* These officers are at the discretion of the chapter.)

III. Elections

Election of chapter officers will be held annually at such time as determined by the general membership of the chapter

IV. Duties of Local Chapter Officers

A. Director: Will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Association and will preside over all meetings. He/She shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association. He/She shall perform such other duties as directed by the general membership.

B. Assistant Director: Will assume the duties of the Director in his/her absence. He/She will assist the Director in the performance of his/her duties when called on by the Director to do so.

C. Secretary: To keep a full and correct record of all proceedings at the meetings. Keep membership records as may be required by the general membership.

D. Treasurer: To have charge of all finances of the Local Chapter. To have charge of disbursing funds as directed by the general membership. To establish a checking account requiring two signatures as determined by the Director and Treasurer. Provide detailed financial reports at each regular meeting. (Copies shall be furnished to the sponsoring Post if requested.)

E. Sgt. at Arms/Run Coordinator: Will be the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Local Chapter. He/She will determine dates, times, routes and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity. He/She may at their discretion, appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures he/she may feel necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a run. He/She will also help to maintain order during Local Chapter meetings.

F. Historian: Will record events of interest for future review. To include photos, run flyers, and Local Chapter events.

G. Membership Chairman: Will issue membership cards for eligible, approved, members and collect dues. Will ensure applications are completed in full and signed by the applicant.

H. Chaplain: Will officiate at the beginning and end of each chapter meeting. Will arrange visits to sick and distressed members, their immediate families, and fellow veterans. Report on sick and/or distressed members at Local Chapter meetings.

V. Meetings

Meetings will be held at a date, time and place as voted on by a majority of members at any regular meeting. Seven members will constitute a quorum.

VI. Finances

Finances of the Local Chapter will be from Local Chapter membership dues or such other sources, as approved by the membership. All monies will be given to the Treasurer and properly deposited in a bank approved by the Sponsoring Post Executive Committee.

VII. Expulsion

Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Local Chapter by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular Chapter meeting or special Director's meeting of the Chapter.

VIII. Chapter Residency

Each Local Chapter will be known by the state in which it's majority of members reside. Local Chapters may be further broken down into City and Post. (i.e., Florida Chapter, City, Post #)

IX. Charter Membership

Each Local Chapter may determine eligibility for Charter Membership in it's own chapter.

X. Governing Rules

Each Local Chapter shall adopt these By-Laws. These By-Laws may be Amended. However, they shall not be more liberal, but may be more conservative than the original document. They shall not conflict with

the National or Department Constitution and By Laws of the American Legion nor the Constitution and By Laws of the Sponsoring Post. The Sponsoring Post Executive Committee shall approve or disapprove the Chapter By-Laws.

The Local Chapter acknowledges that this is an activity of the American Legion Post. The Local Chapter shall provide a quarterly report to the Sponsoring Legion Post as to activities and a full financial report.

XI. Disbursement of Funds

Disbursement of funds will be only by those authorized by the general membership of the Chapter. Each Chapter will be a nonprofit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and national laws regarding nonprofit organizations.

XII. The Official Insignia

The Official Insignia of the American Legion Riders shall be the one available from National Emblem Sales. The Emblem may contain only the following modifications:

- A. Florida Chapter at the bottom of the patch in Gold writing
- B. Post number at the bottom of the patch in Gold writing.
- C. A Gold border indicating a Charter Member
- D. Two (2) Gold Stars one on either side of the word American indicating a Life Member.
- E. The name of the City where the sponsoring Post is located. This will be located below the word American and will be in Gold writing.
- F. The only Rockers allowed below the patch shall only have one of the following: "Legionnaire" or "Auxiliary" or "S.A.L." or "Veteran." This shall be placed under the patch and must be touching or as close as possible to the emblem or patch.

XIII Order

All meetings will be conducted under "Roberts Rules of Order."

Approved by the Department Executive Committee March 13, 2005

