

OKLAHOMA DIRT RIDERS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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OKLAHOMA DIRT RIDERS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be "OKLAHOMA DIRT RIDERS," known as "OKIE DIRT RIDERS."

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

SECTION 1:

Advance the use of recreational motorcycling and ATVs.

SECTION 2:

Acquire additional land areas for motorcycle and ATV recreation.

SECTION 3:

Provide a forum whereby rider problems of all kinds can be surfaced, solutions considered and courses of action initiated.

SECTION 4:

Provide technical advice and assistance to a governmental body, or to a committee or other subdivision thereof.

SECTION 5:

To foster national or international amateur sports motorcycle and ATV competition.

SECTION 6:

And any other activities as directed by the membership.

ARTICLE III: PRINCIPLES

This organization and its members, in pursuit of the purposes stated above, shall act in accordance with the following principles:

SECTION 1:

The organization is based upon the principle of equality of all its members.

SECTION 2:

All members in order to ensure all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership, shall fulfill in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with this constitution.

SECTION 3:

All members shall give the "Okie Dirt Riders" organization every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with this constitution.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Kinds of membership. There are four classes of membership in this organization: Active, Associate, Inactive, and Honorary.

SECTION 1: Active Membership

Any person of good character, 18 years of age or older, who subscribes to the purposes of this organization may, upon application in accordance with its by-laws, become an active member.

SECTION 2: Associate Membership

Any person of good character, who subscribes to the purposes of this organization, may, upon application in accordance with its by-laws, become a non-voting member.

SECTION 3: Inactive Member

Any active member who, by word or action, fails to support the purposes and goals of the group may be placed in inactive status in accordance with the by-laws.

SECTION 4: Honorary Membership

Any person, member or non-member, who performs any extraordinary service for the group may be nominated for honorary membership by the board of directors. Such nomination must be approved by two-thirds vote of the voting members at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE V: DUES

SECTION 1:

Dues are set as specified in the current by-laws.

SECTION 2:

This requirement can be changed by two-thirds of the voting members present at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed change is in the newsletter mailed to members in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

SECTION 1:

Regular meetings shall be held at least quarterly as provided in the by-laws.

SECTION 2:

In November of each year, an annual business meeting shall be held for the nomination of officers for the next year and for vacancies on the Board of Directors. Procedures to be followed for this special meeting are contained in the by-laws.

SECTION 3:

Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors, the President, or by petition of ten or more members.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

There shall be two bodies concerned with the business of the group:

- A. An organization for the daily conduct of the group's business, with the following officers who shall be known as the BUSINESS OFFICERS— a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a treasurer.
- B. An organization for the development and control of general policy who shall be known as the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 2:

All of the above officers shall be elected at the January meeting by such method as shall be specified in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII: BY-LAWS

SECTION 1:

This group shall adopt by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution embodying additional provisions for governing of the group.

SECTION 2:

Each active member shall have one vote.

SECTION 3:

Membership decisions, other than specifically defined by other articles contained in the charter, shall be made by a simple majority of those members present and voting.

OKLAHOMA DIRT RIDERS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

An applicant may become a member of the "Oklahoma Dirt Riders" organization upon completion of the application and payment of the required dues.

SECTION 2: RESTRICTIONS

None.

SECTION 3: FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Any family of good character who subscribe to the purposes of this organization may upon completion of application in accordance with its by-laws receive a family membership. A family shall constitute single, married, common law marriage, etc., family group with a child (children) under the age of 18. The family members over 18 (parent(s)/guardian(s)) shall be active members and receive voting privileges afforded such members. Family members under 18 child (children) shall have the same privileges as associate members.

SECTION 4: DURATION

Membership continues until resignation, dismissal for cause, or expiration of term of membership.

SECTION 5: RESIGNATION or DISMISSAL

The resignation of a member shall be tendered at any regular meeting. Any member of the group found guilty of an act inconsistent with the goals or good of the group or who is more than one month in arrears in dues may be dismissed by majority vote of the Board of Directors, subject to majority confirmation of the membership (if requested by the dismissed member).

SECTION 6: TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

The term of membership shall extend for 12 months, January 1 through December 31;

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES are set at \$15.00 per annum.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FEES are set at \$10.00 per annum.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FEES are set at \$5.00 per annum.

ARTICLE II: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting shall be held each November as determined by The Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held, consistent with current requirements. Meeting dates may be modified by the Board of Directors to meet meeting room availability or other non-controllable events.

SECTION 3: COMMITTEE OR SUB-GROUP MEETINGS

Shall be held as designated by the committee or sub-group chairperson.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

1. Convene and preside at all meetings.
2. Cause all meetings to be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner.
3. Exercise general supervision over the affairs of the organization. The president shall be the highest officer of the organization.
4. Represent the organization in all matters (subject to general membership approval on any major decision involving finances in excess of \$100.00 or the continued existence of the organization).
5. Take the lead in any movement for the welfare, enhancement or maintenance of the organization.
6. Cast a vote only in case of a tie in a motion before the assembly.
7. Carry out and enforce the provisions of the Constitution, the by-laws and such special or standing rules as may be ratified hereafter.
8. Appoint all committee and sub-group chairpersons.

B. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL:

1. Assume the duties of president when the president is absent.
2. Attend and assist the president in all matters of consequence to the organization.
3. Serve as purchasing agent. In this capacity, the vice president or in his absence another officer present, shall receive all bills presented against the organization and certify them as true debts of the organization to be paid by the treasurer.

3. THE SECRETARY SHALL:

1. Keep the minutes of all proceedings of the group and maintain all records (except financial).
2. Maintain membership records, monitor member status and notify any member of any change in their status.
3. Send out notices of regular or special meetings.
4. Carry on all external and internal correspondence of the organization (except that the president may delegate to certain committee chairpersons the authority to conduct correspondence related to their duties).
5. Maintain the original of all incoming correspondence and a signed copy of all outgoing correspondence.
6. Furnish each member with a copy of the CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS and any duly authorized amendments thereto.

4. THE TREASURER SHALL:

1. Keep an accurate account of all monies received or disbursed and their source/destination.
2. Maintain the bank account of the group and keep books of accounts using generally accepted accounting procedures. Funds will be disbursed only through checks.
3. Sign most checks drawn on the organization account. The President and Secretary will be authorized to sign on the organization account when necessary.
4. Make a report at the meetings of all receipts, disbursements and balances.
5. Serve without bond or surety.

SECTION 2: BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be the President. The other four members who shall not hold any other concurrent office in the organization, shall be divided into two groups, A and B. At the first election subsequent to adoption of these by-laws the A group directors shall be elected for a term of one year, the B group for a term of two years; thereafter, two directors shall stand for election each year and serve a two year term.
- B. Three of the five directors shall constitute a quorum.
- C. Directors shall be limited to the casting of one vote in person for each motion brought before the board.
- D. Duties shall include the determination of policy and procedures to be followed by the organization. They shall advise and oversee the conduct of the president and shall be subject to recall or override by the membership. Recall or override must be confirmed by two-thirds majority of the assembled voting members at any regular meeting. Any such action requires prior notification in writing to the membership.

SECTION 3: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Nomination for candidates for each office shall be from the floor at the November meeting.

Election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the January meeting.

Additional nominations may be made, with the consent of the nominee, at the January meeting before the balloting begins. Three volunteers who are not candidates or existing officers will count the ballots.

SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP

No member shall stand for election until that person has maintained continuous active membership for at least one year.

SECTION 5: VOTING

Voting for officers and directors shall be secret ballot. Absentee votes are permitted, proxy votes are not.

SECTION 6: TERM LIMITS

NO OFFICER SHALL SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

ARTICLE IV: COMMITTEES AND SUB-GROUPS

SECTION 1. Committees and Sub-groups:

Committees and sub-groups chairpersons shall be appointed by the President or Vice-President acting in the capacity of the President to carry out the necessary business of the organization.

Each chairperson shall select members of the committee or sub-group and notify the Secretary of the committee or sub-group composition and meeting places and dates. As a minimum, the President will appoint a chairperson for the following committees:

A. LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE. This chairperson will:

1. Function as a point of contact for all legislative matters concerning advice and/or assistance.
2. Appear before or communicate with any legislative body with respect to a possible decision of that body which might affect the existence of the organization.
3. Will represent the collective interests of the "OKIE DIRT RIDERS" organization and all other Motorcycle and ATV organizations that make known their desire for representation.

B. ENDURO. This chairperson will:

1. Function as the external point for information on enduro activities.
2. Secure sponsorships for related member activities.
3. Provide membership with information on upcoming events, status of membership involvement and identifying any membership accomplishments.
4. Support the coverage and development of newsworthy articles, when appropriate, for the local news media.

C. MOTOCROSS/CROSS COUNTRY RACING. This chairperson will:

1. Function as the external point for information on motocross and cross-country racing activities.
2. Secure sponsorships for related member activities.
3. Provide membership with information on upcoming events, status of membership involvement and identifying any membership accomplishments.
4. Support the coverage and development of newsworthy articles, when appropriate, for the local news media.

D. TRIALS RIDING. This chairperson will:

1. Function as the external point for information on trials riding activities.
2. Secure sponsorships for related member activities.
3. Provide membership with information on upcoming events, status of membership involvement and identifying any membership accomplishments.
4. Support the coverage and development of newsworthy articles, when appropriate, for the local news media.

E. TRAIL RIDING. This chairperson will:

- a. Function as the external point for information on trail riding activities.
- b. Secure sponsorships for related member activities.
- c. Provide membership with information on upcoming events, status of membership involvement and identifying any membership accomplishments.
- d. Support the coverage and development of newsworthy articles, when appropriate, for the local news media.

SECTION 2: Special Committees:

In addition to the committees and sub-groups appointed by the president, a special committee shall be formed each November, as follows:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE. This committee will:

It shall be the duty of this committee to examine and audit the books of the organization and to report their findings at the annual business meeting. This committee shall have three members; elected officers and members of the board of directors are not eligible to be members of this committee.

ARTICLE V: ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1: MEETINGS

When possible, the following order shall be used for the meetings:

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. READING OF THE MINUTES
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT
- D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- E. COMMITTEE SUB-GROUP REPORTS
- F. NEW BUSINESS
- G. ADJOURNMENT

SECTION 2: ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER

When not in conflict with the constitution or by-laws, shall govern all parliamentary procedures.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

THE PROVISIONS OF THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY REGULAR MEETING BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING, PROVIDING THAT SUCH AMENDMENT HAD BEEN PROPOSED AT THE LAST PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING AND PROVIDED THAT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE CHANGE IN WRITING IN THE NEWSLETTER IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST TO BE RETURNED TO AN ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICER, TO BE COUNTED AT THE SCHEDULED VOTE.

ARTICLE VII: EFFECTIVE DATES

The foregoing constitution and by-laws are effective March 1, 1979, with changes effective September 6, 1979, July 11, 1985, May 10, 1988, and November 14, 2002.