

# VINTAGE MOTOR BIKE CLUB

## CHARTER

### Preamble

Machines to which specifically built-for-bicycle engines have been added or furnished as part of the whole machine, along with motorized scooter which have been built as such, have placed an important part in the motorized history of our great Nation.

Therefore, it is deemed proper and fitting for people who are interested in old motorized bicycles and scooters of the past to meet in association and good fellowship and promote their mutual interest in these machines of antiquity; and therefore, let it now be known that the Vintage Motor Bike Club is hereby formed and established.

It is fondly hoped that through the efforts of this organization, many fine examples of these yesteryear machines will be restored and maintained and preserved in their original or near-original condition for the enjoyment of all interested parties for many years to come. In view of the foregoing it is rightful that the Vintage Motor Bike Club be governed by the attached Constitution and Bylaws.

Now be it known to all men that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Vintage Motor Bike Club as appended herewith forms this CHARTER.



## VINTAGE MOTOR BIKE CLUB



### CONSTITUTION:

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### Parliamentarian

*“Robert’s Rules of Order Revised” (see Art. V Bylaws) states:*

“The parliamentarian should not be an elected officer. The principal duty of the parliamentarian is to advise the President. The President may be the best parliamentarian in the organization. It is absurd and also embarrassing to elect an advisory officer, when that adviser may know less about the subject than the officer he is supposed to advise. If there is to be a parliamentarian, in a local organization, the President should be free to appoint one in whose abilities he has confidence. When state or national organizations need a professional

parliamentarian, he may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.”

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Article I – (Constitution)**

#### Name

The name of this organization shall be Vintage Motor Bike Club, and when referenced in any manner whatsoever shall appear with initial capital letters, or full capital letters, as: *Vintage Motor Bike Club* or *VINTAGE MOTOR BIKE CLUB*. When referenced in any manner whatsoever using only initials, all letters will be full capital letters with no periods and or spaces between the letters, as: *VMBC*. When referenced in any manner whatsoever as the club, the word will be shown with an initial capital letter only, as: *Club*.

### **Article II – (Constitution)**

#### Purpose

The aim and purpose of the Vintage Motor Bike Club (hereafter referred to as the VMBC) shall be for educational purpose only within the meaning provided in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, specifically to include locating, obtaining, repairing or restoring, and displaying at periodic intervals to its members and the interested public, motorized bicycles and scooters of the past which are currently out of production.

### **Article III – (Constitution)**

#### Membership

VMBC membership shall consist of those people who have an active interest in vintage motor bikes and scooters as indicated in the Preamble to this Charter as well as those people who have a sympathetic or vicarious interest in the aim and purpose of the VMBC as indicated in Article II of this Constitution, provided that all of the aforementioned pay the annual dues as approved and regulated by the voting membership (see Bylaws, Art. III, Sec. 2 and 5).

### **Article IV – (Constitution)**

#### Officers

**Section 1** – The officers of the VMBC shall be: *President, Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Advisor, Editor, Assistant Editor, and Safety Man*, all of whom shall be members in good standing.

**Section 2** – The Executive Board shall consist of the *President*, who shall serve as the Chairman, the *Secretary, Treasurer*, eight or more elected members, and the ex officio.

## **Article V – (Constitution)**

### Meetings

Regular meetings of the VMBC shall be held as defined in the Bylaws.

## **Article VI – (Constitution)**

### Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be made at any regularly scheduled meeting of the VMBC by two-thirds vote of the members present.

## **BYLAWS**

### **Article I – (Bylaws)**

#### Membership

**Section 1** – The general prerequisite to membership in the VMBC shall be as stated in Article III of the constitution.

**Section 2** – All members present at the VMBC’s organization meeting shall be Charter members, and shall retain such status as long as they maintain their dues in good standing, or become suspended from membership for any reason.

**Section 3** – Membership shall be for the family type and shall include the member and spouse, and all children of their household under the age of 18 years.

**Section 4** – Honorary or Life membership shall be granted to any deserving member upon the recommendation of three Board Members and an Officer. Honorary or Life membership shall extend for the life of the honored member.

**Section 5** – All members shall abide by these Bylaws and conduct themselves at all times, publicly or on any form of social media, in a manner which will in no way reflect upon, nor be detrimental to, the aim and purpose of the VMBC. All members will assume all liability which may arise from any conduct or misconduct attributable to them. VMBC will not be responsible for any liability lawsuits brought forth by the conduct or misconduct of any member, nor any liability lawsuits brought forth by the action of any vehicle owned by any individual member.

Beyond the point of payment of annual dues, members are encouraged to attend any meetings as their affordability will allow, help build good fellowship within the VMBC, attract new members, and make themselves available when called upon to serve the interest of VMBC, or provide some reasonable and acceptable excuse for not serving.

**Section 6** – Upon joining the VMBC, each member will receive from the Secretary a membership card showing dues to be in good standing, and the new member's name will be added to the active Membership Roster. Privileges will include free advertising in the VMBC publication.

**Section 7** – Any member may be suspended from the VMBC for due cause by a majority vote of a quorum (see Bylaws, Art. III, Sec. 6). Cussing, inappropriate posts or comments detrimental to the club on social media will be cause for immediate blocking by a moderator.

Any visitor, member or guest of the VMBC that is asked to leave the fairgrounds by a safety member, Board member, Fairgrounds personnel or law enforcement officer for any inappropriate conduct is subject to forfeiting their membership. Said member's actions will be reviewed by Board members at the next Board meeting. If your membership is forfeited, you will no longer be allowed to participate in any VMBC functions for an undetermined amount of time. Said person will not be allowed on the grounds of any future VMBC meet until the Board votes that they will be given a second chance.

### **Officers and Executive Board Members**

**Section 8** – All Officers and Executive Board members shall be nominated and elected by and from the membership at the Annual Meeting in July of each year.

**Section 9** – All Officers shall serve for a term of two years, and upon completion of their tenure, shall be eligible for election to any office of the VMBC.

**Section 10** – Executive Board members shall serve a term of two years, and upon completion of their tenure, shall be eligible for election to any office of the VMBC. One-half all Executive Board terms shall expire on even years – 2016, 2018, 2020, etc.; and one-half of all Executive Board terms shall expire on odd years – 2017, 2019, 2021, etc.

**Section 11** – Upon completion of their terms of office, and unless re-elected for another term, the President, Secretary, and Treasurer will automatically serve as ex officio members of the Executive Board for the term of two years.

**Section 12** – When any member is elected to the office of President, no member of his or her immediate family shall be eligible for election to the office of Secretary or Treasurer, and vice versa.

## **Article II – (Bylaws)**

### **Duties of Officers, Executive Board, and Committees**

#### **Section 1 – President**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the VMBC; serve as Chairman of the Executive Board; appoint all members of special committees with the approval of the Executive Board; appoint such other functionaries as in his judgment will expedite the work of the VMBC; serve as ex officio member of all committees; and perform all other duties incidental to this office.

#### **Section 2 – Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President, or at any other time upon the request of the President. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall assume the duties of the Vice President in the absence of the President, or at any other time upon the request of the President; both shall serve as Program and Activities Chairman; and perform all other duties incidental to this office.

#### **Section 3 – Secretary**

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the VMBC; handle all correspondence relative to VMBC activities; receive custody of all VMBC funds and VMBC monies to be given to the Treasurer; maintain complete and accurate records of all transactions; prepare semi-annual reports to be read at meetings and published in the VMBC's publication; and perform all other duties incidental to this office.

#### **Section 4 – Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary and record all VMBC funds and monies; maintain complete and accurate records of all transactions; prepare semi-annual reports to be read at meetings and produce upon the request of VMBC members in good standing; prepare and file taxes; and perform all other duties incidental to this office.

#### **Section 5 – Technical Advisor**

The Technical Advisor shall be in charge of all judging of machines in the competitions for trophies, including eligibility requirements, and will choose a committee from two to four assistants from the attending members; this committee to be approved by unanimous vote at the Annual Business Meeting prior to judging of entries.

#### **Section 6 – Editor**

The Editor shall be in charge of writing and printing and all services necessary to the preparation and distribution of the VMBC publication; and perform all other duties incidental to this office.

#### **Section 7 – Assistant Editor**

The Assistant Editor shall operate under the supervision of the Editor.

#### **Section 8 – Safety Man**

The Safety Man shall take charge of all matters dealing with the safe use and operation of machines at any gathering or meeting of the VMBC; and will have authority to restrict any person who does not conform to the standards of safety as determined by him.

#### **Section 9 – Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall consider and evaluate all recommendations made to it by the President and shall take all necessary and appropriate action; approve or disapprove all committee appointments; and materially advise and assist the President in all matters pertaining to the necessary arrangements and programming for the Annual Meeting. The Executive Board will be responsible for the institution, approval, and implementation of all matters of policy relating to the VMBC.

#### **Section 10 – Committees**

It shall be the duty of each committee to receive and handle all matters referred to it, and make recommendations to the President.

## **Article III – (Bylaws)**

### **Fiscal Year**

**Section 1** – The VMBC fiscal year shall be from June 2 through May 31, and all terms of Officers, Executive Board members, and memberships shall terminate on June 30 of each appropriate year.

### **Meetings**

**Section 2** – A regular meeting of the total membership shall be held once every year in the month of July at a time and place designated by the President and Executive Board.

**Section 3** – Two regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held during each membership year at the call of the President.

**Section 4** – Special meetings may be called when and if the President and the Executive Board deem them necessary.

### **Dues**

**Section 5** – Dues will be assessed annually by the Executive Board. Unless approved, dues will remain fixed at the previous year's level. All dues will be payable on a yearly basis only, and all memberships will begin on June 1 and expire on the following May 31. Membership dues received by the Secretary after February 28 of any year will be held for the membership year beginning on the following June 1.

### **Quorum**

**Section 6** – A representation of a majority of the voting members at any meeting of the VMBC shall constitute a quorum authorized to transact any business duly presented.

**Section 7** – Three-fourths of the voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 8** – A majority of any and all committee members shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article IV – (Bylaws)**

### **Activities Participation**



**Section 1** – In order to participate in VMBC activities members’ motor bikes and scooters must be models which are out of production, they must be in operating condition and they must be 20 years of age or older.

**Section 2** – Members who have not paid their dues for the fiscal year in which any VMBC activity is scheduled will be ineligible to participate.

**Section 3** – Modified motor bikes or scooters will not be eligible to participate in VMBC events and activities, other than Open Class Competition.

**Section 4** – No commercial or political advertising will be permitted on machines during VMBC activities unless it was part of the original equipment.

**Section 5**- Motorcycles, as opposed to motorized bicycles and scooters, will not be eligible to compete in motor bike competition at any VMBC event.

**Section 6** – At any VMBC activity the decisions of the judges will be final

**Article V – (Bylaws)**

**Parliamentary Authority**

Parliamentary authority shall be “Robert’s Rules of Order Revised.”

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