

Ghostriders M.C. Club Bylaws

Section 1

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary proceedings of this club unless otherwise provided by these bylaws. The order of business shall be:

1. Roll call
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
3. Report of officers
4. Unfinished business
5. New business

Section 2

COMMITTEES

Standing committees shall be the Competition Committee and Activities Committee each made up of up to three active members. The Competition Committee shall have general charge of all competitive meets. The Activities Committee shall have charge of social functions, subject to such orders as the club may give. Other committees may be appointed as necessary by the president.

Section 3

All bills must be reviewed and approved by the executive board before they are paid. Bills and/or expenditures exceeding \$499.99 (four-hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents) must first be brought to the membership for approval and a quorum vote (See Section 10). The quorum vote will take place the following month. Prior to voting the secretary must include a synopsis of the proposed expenditure(s) in the monthly newsletter to ensure all members have an opportunity to know where club monies are spent and/or be allowed the opportunity to vote via proxy should they be unable to attend the next scheduled meeting. The "499 Rule" will not apply to customary invoices associated with the Phantom Scrambles event. Exceptions can be made for an emergency situation or "time is of the essence" situations. A full accounting of all expenditures will be made during the next regular scheduled meeting.

Section 4

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

On payment of dues, if applicable, the applicant(s) will be placed on probation Applicant(s) must attend a minimum of one meeting in a calendar year and participate a minimum of two full days during the annual Phantom Scrambles event. A waiver of said participation may be approved for unexpected or extenuating circumstances, which prohibits the applicant from attending. The executive board must be notified and concur with the reasons and/or situation. Afterward, his/her conduct being satisfactory and the minimum meetings and event participation requirements being met, the prospective member shall be voted into the club. A majority vote will decide if the prospective member is accepted. If accepted, he/she will become a member in good standing entitled to all privileges and benefits of the club.

A prospective new member, who fails to work the required two full days at the annual Phantom Scrambles event, may at the discretion of the Board of Directors be voted in as a Probationary member.

To remain a member in good standing, all members must work a minimum of two full days (Saturday and Sunday) annually in support of the Phantom Scrambles event. Exceptions to this rule (i.e. less than two full days) may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

NOTE: The minimum one meeting requirement can be exchanged by supporting the Ghostriders M.C. in an alternative way. Alternatives include but are not limited to attending a District 36 meeting, or participating in a club workday. All alternatives must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

At any time during the probation period, any member in good standing may request to the executive board a vote to expel any probationary member for any reason. The executive board will bring the vote to the members in good standing. Voting will be per Section 10.

Section 5

DEFINITION(S)

Member In Good Standing

- a. Must be a member, voted in as listed in Section 4.
- b. Must be current with all dues to the club (no more than 60 days past due.)
- c. Must participate a minimum of two full days (Saturday & Sunday) annually supporting the Phantom Scrambles event.
- d. Member(s) in a "Probationary" status are not considered "In Good Standing".
- e. Friends of the Ghostriders are not considered "In Good Standing".

Probationary

- a. New member(s) who have not met the criteria set forth in Section 4
- b. Member temporarily removed from "In Good Standing" status pending a review from the executive board.
- c. Members in good standing who have not participated in a club event within one calendar year and/or have not attended any monthly club meeting within a six (6) month period will automatically be placed onto the probationary list pending a review of their status from the executive board.
(NOTE: Members who reside outside the immediate area (20-mile radius from our meeting location) may be exempt by the executive board due to hardship case (travel)).
- d. Member(s) who are currently behind in club dues (if applicable) or have outstanding monies (over 60 days) owed to the club.

Friends of the Ghostriders

- a. Member(s) in good standing who have been re-classified by a decision of the executive board.
- b. Probationary member(s) who have been re-classified by a decision of the executive board.

Active Member

- a. A member "In Good Standing"

Club Event

- a. Regularly scheduled monthly meeting.
- b. Official (Organized) club ride.
- c. Annual event (i.e. Phantom scrambles)

Just Cause

- a. Is there a rule?
- b. Is the rule reasonable?
- b. Is the member aware of the rule?
- c. Is the rule consistently and equitably enforced?
- d. Was a thorough investigation completed?
- e. Is the severity of the recommendation reasonably related to the infraction itself?

Spouses, Significant Others, Children

- a. Self-explanatory.
- b. Spouses, Significant Others, and Children of members in good standing may be provided limited benefits at the discretion of the Board of Directors (BOD).

Section 6

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Active and/or prospective Board members must be current members of the American Motorcyclist Association.
- b. Active and/or prospective Board members must be members in good standing and meet or exceed the following minimum years of service standards:
 - 1) President – Minimum 2 years as an active member in good standing.
 - 2) Vice President – Minimum 1 years as an active member in good standing
 - 3) Secretary – Minimum 1 year as an active member in good standing
 - 4) Treasurer – Minimum 4 years as an active member in good standing
 - 5) Chief Legislative Officer – 1 year as an active member in good standing
 - 6) Web Master – Minimum 1 year as an active member in good standing
 - 7) Sergeant At Arms – Minimum 1 year as an active member in good standing

Section 7

EXPULSION

A member may be expelled for good reason(s) (Examples include but are not limited to: Conduct unbecoming, violation(s) of the Code of Conduct / Etiquette, endangering the life and/or limb of others, delinquent on dues or monies owed to the club, criminal activities, dishonest, disgraceful or immoral conduct, or other conduct prejudicial to the Ghostriders M.C.). Charges must first be made in writing and the accused member given a hearing before the executive board. The executive board shall take evidence

and make a determination taking into consideration “Just Cause”. The board will report its findings to the club with the recommendation that the charges be 1) Considered proven and the accused member be expelled, 2) The charges be considered not proven and the accused remain a member of the club 3) The charges are proven but do not rise to the level of expulsion, where as the executive board may recommend a lesser penalty including, but not limited to probation. If applicable, the executive board shall be specific in their recommendation(s) of remedy. The club shall then vote whether the recommendation of the executive board shall be adopted. Voting will be in accordance with Section 10. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the active members present and entitled to vote to veto the recommendation of the executive board.

Section 8

All active members of the club shall be members of the American Motorcyclist Association.

Section 9

Not Applicable

Section 10

VOTING

- a. A minimum of three (3) board members must be present prior to conducting an official vote on any matter.
- b. A minimum of three members in good standing must be present prior to conducting an official vote on any matter.
- c. Probationary members are not eligible to vote on By Law or Constitution changes. The executive board may waive this restriction if they deem it appropriate.
- d. Spouses and/or significant others are not eligible to vote. The executive board may waive this restriction if they deem it appropriate.
- e. Friends of the Ghostriders are not eligible to vote.
- f. A quorum is defined as a minimum of three (3) board members and a minimum of three (3) members in good standing.
- g. All votes per “Section 10” are considered quorum votes.

PROXY VOTES

- a. Proxy votes mailed to the official address must be signed and dated by the member.
- b. Proxy votes hand delivered to a meeting by another member or his/her designee must be signed and dated.
- c. Proxy votes will be allowed through the web site.

SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE

- a. Only the President can elevate a voting matter to “Significant Importance” status.
- b. Voting matters deemed “Significant Importance” would be deferred until the next scheduled meeting. During the deferment period, the Vice-President will notify all members in good

standing via e-mail and/or telephone and/or the monthly newsletter ensuring that all members have an opportunity to know of and vote on said matter.