

# EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB BY LAWS

## Preamble

Empire City Motorcycle Club, founded in October 1964, and incorporated under the Not For Profit Corporation provisions of the State of New York in November 1972, is a fraternal and social organization of male motorcyclists, with its principle base in the City of New York.

## Article I – Purposes

Empire City Motorcycle Club was founded to cultivate brotherhood among its members by engaging in diverse motorcycling and social activities.

## Article II – Membership

### A. Membership

#### a. Associate Membership

- i. Associates shall be members who live out of the area or cannot regularly attend meetings *or*
- ii. Associates shall be members of other AMCC clubs who have been invited by the club to join.
- iii. Associate members shall not have voting rights and cannot hold office.
- iv. If an Associate member seeks to become an Active member he shall go through the Active membership process, with credit given for events attended/time as an Associate.
- v. All Associate members shall be licensed and insured owner/operators, over 21 and male.

#### b. Active Membership:

- i. Active members shall be licensed and insured owner/operators, over 21 and male.
- ii. Active members in good standing shall have the right to vote on all club matters unless specifically denied elsewhere in this document.
- iii. Responsibilities of Active membership shall include attendance at five or more club functions, i.e., rides, meetings, bar nights, parties, etc., during any preceding twelve-month period. Failure to meet attendance requirements may result in suspension of voting privileges, pending club action on exoneration, censure, probation, or expulsion.
- iv. Those who have been Active members for at least 10 years but no longer own motorcycles or are unable to operate one may retain active membership for a period of no more than one year. If after that time they still cannot fulfill Active membership requirements, they may apply for Emeritus Membership. The member may request retention of Active membership if he resumes motorcycling.

#### c. Emeritus Membership:

- i. Active members in good standing who have been members for at least 10 years but can no longer fulfill the attendance and/or riding requirements of Active membership may request Emeritus membership. Emeritus membership carries the full compliment of membership benefits (the right to attend club meetings, events, and to wear Empire City Motorcycle Club insignia and colors) except the right to vote at meetings.
- ii. Emeritus membership shall be requested in writing by the member requesting it for himself and must be approved as outlined in Article II, Section B, subsection f.
- iii. Previous Active members who resigned in good standing may also be nominated for Emeritus status by the current Active membership

### B. Membership Applications:

- a. Associate applicants from out of the area shall have one sponsor to apply. They shall attend 3 club events or rides prior to a membership vote by the Active membership.

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- b. Associates from another club in the AMCC community shall have one sponsor, and this membership shall be by invitation of the Active membership.
  - c. Active membership applicants shall have 2 sponsors, and shall attend 3 meetings or events and not a following meeting, during which the membership shall discuss his qualifications with the sponsors. The sponsors shall then advise him if he is accepted as an Active member Pledge. If accepted as a Pledge, the potential member shall attend 2 more meetings or events, and 1 club supervised ride before the Active membership votes.
  - d. Emeritus members shall be elected either by action on written request by the member himself, or by nomination of the Active membership.
  - e. All sponsors shall be Active members in good standing.
  - f. All membership votes of all types shall be by the Active membership in good standing, and shall require that the majority of the membership votes yes, and fewer than three members vote no.
- C. Membership Reapplication
- a. Members who have resigned without prejudice may, within one year, reapply for membership
  - b. The waiting period shall be waived.
  - c. Acceptance of membership requires that the majority of the membership vote yes and fewer than three members vote no.
- D. Expulsion
- a. A member may be expelled for unbecoming conduct. In such an event, a written complaint shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, who shall take evidence, hold a hearing at which the member may appear, and report its recommendation to the membership.
  - b. Action on the Board's recommendation shall require a two-thirds vote of all Active members in good standing.
- E. Dues and Fees
- a. The Club shall determine dues and fees for all members. Members in arrears shall be considered delinquent. Any member two months delinquent in his dues shall be disqualified from voting. Any member six months delinquent shall automatically be expelled from the club. Members so expelled whom wishes to reapply for membership shall first pay delinquent dues and then follow the procedure from Article II, Section C.

## Article III – Meetings

- A. Regular Meetings
- a. Regular membership meetings shall be held on a date as early as the first Wednesday of each month, but no later than the first Sunday following the first Wednesday, to be decided in advance at a prior meeting
  - b. Exceptions to this can be made by a prior majority vote.
- B. Special Meetings
- a. The Directors may call special meetings of the Corporation.
  - b. The Secretary shall be required to notify all members of the Board prior to such a meeting in the most expeditious manner.
- C. Order of Business
- a. Robert's Rules of Order shall define the order of business at meetings.
- D. Quorum
- a. The attendance of a number equal to more than one half the number of Active New York City members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
- E. Proxies
- a. Each member may designate another to vote on his behalf.

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## F. Guests

- a. Members may invite guests to attend meetings.
- b. No guest may attend more than three meetings within one calendar year.

## Article IV – Officers and Directors

### A. The Officers

- a. The Officers shall be:
  - i. President
  - ii. Vice President
  - iii. Road Captain
  - iv. Treasurer
  - v. Secretary
- b. In addition, an AMCC representative shall be named annually.

### B. The Directors

- a. The elected officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

### C. Duties of Officers

- a. The President shall have the general management of the affairs of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions are carried into effect.
- b. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President. He shall plan all non-biking activities.
- c. The Road Captain shall plan all club rides and biking activities. He shall enforce the rules of club riding.
- d. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursements of funds and maintenance of club bank accounts.
- e. The Secretary shall have the custody of the seal of the Corporation and shall attend to all official correspondence. The Secretary shall also be responsible of recording, maintaining, and reporting the minutes of all meetings and shall maintain a membership roster.

### D. Elections

- a. Elections of all officers shall be held at the second meeting of the year.
- b. Neither the President nor the Road Captain shall be permitted to serve more than two consecutive terms.

## Article V - Amendments

### 1. Amendments

- a. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing at a regular membership meeting.
- b. It is incumbent upon the member proposing such amendments that he contacts the entire membership before the meeting at which it will be read.
- c. He can obtain proxies from those that cannot attend the meeting.
- d. It shall be read and discussed at the next three meetings and called for voting.
- e. A vote of two thirds of all Active members in good standing shall be required to pass an amendment.