

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP
THUNDER CREEK CHAPTER
BYLAWS

PART ONE: GENERAL

SECTION I

Name

The organization is hereinafter known as Harley Owners Group, Thunder Creek Chapter.

SECTION II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote responsible motorcycling activities for Harley Owners Group members by conducting chapter activities and encouraging participation in other Harley Owners Group events while providing for the mutual assistance, enjoyment, entertainment, education and social benefit of its members and the general public.

SECTION III

Organizational Rights

This organization shall always follow an orderly democratic process. No member or group of members shall claim or possess total control of the organization. All members have equal voting rights. Unless otherwise provided herein, any measure, item or resolution will be deemed carried if supported by a majority vote of the membership present.

SECTION IV

Exclusive Rights

The exclusive right to use the name and marks, “Harley Owners Group, Thunder Creek Chapter”, belongs solely to the Club. The members of said Club shall retain exclusive and sole rights to use, or to refuse use of all emblems, colors, seals, badges or other items incorporating the words “Harley Owners Group, Thunder Creek Chapter” or any of its marks in any business pursuits or in any other activity which violates the national Constitution of the Harley Owners Group or these Bylaws.

All items offered for sale by any member, chapter or other subdivision of the organization shall be submitted and approved by the Board of Directors. Unauthorized use of the organization’s emblem, name, mark, colors, logo or seal shall be cause for removal or suspension of the offending member(s). The Board of Directors may penalize violators to the fullest extent allowed by the law or these Bylaws upon a majority vote of the Board.

PART TWO: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

Full Membership

Only current, national, Harley Owners Group members may join. An expired membership in the national Harley Owners Group automatically excludes eligibility for membership in this chapter. This chapter will not discriminate for membership purposes on any basis including but limited to gender, race or national origin. Full membership requirements include the following:

1. Ownership of a Harley Davidson motorcycle
2. Fulfillment of local and national application requirements
3. Payment of dues

SECTION II

Membership Dues

The chapter will charge membership dues, not to exceed the maximum amount established in the national Charter. All dues are renewable on the first day of June each year. Membership dues as of January 2009 will be \$20.

SECTION III

Grounds for Termination or Suspension of Membership

Termination or suspension of chapter membership may occur for any violation of the following:

1. Unauthorized use of the name "Harley Owners Group, Thunder Creek Chapter", it's emblem, logo, badges or marks.
2. Any conduct or activity that discredits the organization, sponsoring dealership or its membership
3. Failure to obey Club Bylaws or the National Charter of the Harley Owners Group
4. Failure to pay dues

SECTION IV

Process for Termination or Suspension of Membership

Upon a motion by any member, to the Director, any member may be suspended or removed for just cause. In all cases, the Director shall notify such member of his suspension or removal in writing.

Motions for suspension or removal must be presented, in writing, to the Director. All such motions must bear the signature of the moving party and the signature of five (5) other members who support the requested action. The motion must describe in detail the reasons for requested action. Upon receipt of any such motion, the Director shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors. Upon unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, the motion shall be carried.

Members in question may appeal to the Director. Upon receipt of any such appeal, the Director shall present the matter to the membership for ratification at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Upon majority vote of the membership, the matter will be deemed ratified.

Failure to pay dues will result in an immediate suspension of membership, without the above described formality, until such time as paid in full.

PART THREE: OFFICERS

All officers listed in subsequent Sections I – VI, for Bylaw purposes, shall be considered Primary Officers.

SECTION I

Director

The Director is the general executive and head of the organization. He shall be the co-signer with the Treasurer on all notes, checks, deeds, leases and other legal documents. He shall have the power to call meetings of the membership or Board of Directors in addition to other powers established in these Bylaws. He shall be the presiding officer of the Board of Directors. He shall preserve order and enforce the National Charter and local Bylaws. He shall decide all questions of order while following the democratic process. The Director shall nominate to the Board of Directors a member to serve in an interim capacity in the event of absence or disability of any other officer. Upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the interim member shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

The Director may appoint special committees. All such committees shall perform the duties assigned to them within the time specified and shall report their findings/progress to the Director/Board of Directors or the general membership as the case may be.

SECTION II

Assistant Director

The Assistant Director shall assist the Director in carrying out his duties. At the request of the Director or in the event of the Director's absence or disability, the Assistant Director shall perform the duties and exercise the power of the Director to the extent authorized by these Bylaws.

SECTION III

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of funds of the chapter and provide the national Harley Owners Group with a written annual financial statement. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and properties of the local chapter. He is subject to such regulations as may be imposed by law, the national Harley Owners Group or local membership. The Treasurer may co-sign with the Director or other designated officers on checks, notes, deeds, etc. He must keep an accurate record of all debts and report the Chapter's financial condition at each meeting or when required.

The Treasurer may write checks to pay bills or purchase items that have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may write checks not to exceed \$50.00 for spontaneous purchases of items the Chapter must have. Any such distribution must be immediately reported to the Board of Directors.

SECTION IV

Secretary

The Secretary shall have charge of books, documents and papers, keep minutes of all meetings, keep a directory of all members and pertinent information on each. The Secretary shall be responsible for the administration needs of the chapter, ensure that all chapter members are current members of the national Harley Owners Group and provide the national group with a list of chapter officers and or any other reports as required by the national organization on an annual basis.

SECTION V

Activities Officer

The Activities Officer oversees the administration of chapter events. It is the Activities Officer's responsibility to organize, implement and administer chapter events once voted upon by the Board of Directors. The Activities Officer both serves on the Board of Directors and advises same of upcoming events and activities from both the local and area HOG chapters. He shall attend all meetings (or appoint someone in his stead) and give adequate notice to all members of scheduled meetings, rides, special events, etc. The Activities Officer shall be responsible for conducting all raffles or other such promotions.

SECTION VI

Road Captains; Chief

The Road Captains assist in planning routes for chapter rides and are responsible for the promotion and enforcement of safe riding habits while on any chapter rides. There shall be one Chief Road Captain who in addition to regular duties, shall be primarily responsible for providing assistance or arranging same for all formal chapter rides.

SECTION VII

Editor

The Editor organizes written material for the chapter. (i.e. newsletters, press releases, etc.). The primary role of the Editor is the publication of the monthly newsletter.

SECTION VIII

Safety Officer

The Safety Officer is responsible for providing information relating to the availability of rider training to chapter members. The Safety Officer shall assist the Road Captains in maintaining safe riding habits during chapter events.

SECTION IX

Photographer

The Photographer organizes chapter photos for newsletters, chapter history albums, etc.

SECTION X

Historian

The Historian organizes a written account of chapter events and activities, membership levels, etc.

SECTION XI

Sergeant at Arms

The Sergeant at Arms shall assist the Director in preserving order and enforcing the Constitution and Bylaws at all club events, activities and meetings.

SECTION XII

Election of Officers

All elected positions shall be elected for terms of one year. Nominations shall be held at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the month of July of each year.

- 1) The Assistant Director will automatically become the Director for the upcoming year.
- 2) Nominations will be accepted for:
 - a) Assistant Director
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Activities Officer
- 3) All other officer positions will be assigned by the Board of Directors

Elections shall be held the following month, in August, at the regularly scheduled chapter business meeting. Ballots shall be counted by two members not holding or presently seeking election to office. All ballots must be turned over to the Secretary who is responsible for the safe keeping of same for two (2) consecutive months. All ballots, upon demand, are subject to membership review during the two-month period.

PART FOUR: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I

Board Members

The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Activities Officer
- Owner Representative

SECTION II

Purpose/Duties

In order to accommodate the future growth of this chapter and to provide leadership, guidance and support to the membership there shall be a Board of Directors to consist of no more than seven (7) members.

The Board of Directors shall make all administrative decisions concerning the chapter, including but not limited to, selection of meeting locations, selection of meeting agenda, establishment of bylaws for chapter approval, schedule of events and activities.

Any proposed measure before the Board of Directors will be ratified upon a majority vote of the board members present unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION III

Membership Directive

The Board of Directors shall take under consideration and ultimately put to a vote any matter put before it by motion of the membership. Said motion shall be presented to the Director in writing, bearing the signature of five (5) members who support the motion. The motion shall plainly state the action requested. Upon receipt of any such motion, the Director shall present the requested action at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

In the event the Board of Directors should vote down the motion presented to it, the moving party may, at their discretion, call for the matter to be presented to the full membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present, the motion will be deemed carried.

PART FIVE: BYLAW AMENDMENT

SECTION I

Procedure

The Board of Directors, whenever they shall deem is necessary, shall propose amendments to these Bylaws. Likewise, upon the application of twenty-five members to the Board of Directors, they shall call for a special meeting for proposed amendments to these Bylaws.

Before any action may be taken on a proposed Bylaw amendment, a quorum consisting of fifty-one (51) percent of the full membership or eighty (80) members, whichever is less, must be present. All votes shall be sealed ballots. In order for a proposed amendment or change to be carried, it must be supported by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the above described membership at three consecutive regularly scheduled chapter meetings.

If at any meeting a proposed amendment fails, either for lack of necessary membership present or due to insufficient number of votes, then it shall fail in its entirety and may not be reconsidered for a period of one year.

PART SIX: LIABILITY

SECTION I

Waiver of Liability

Harley Owners Group, Thunder Creek Chapter members participate voluntarily and at their own risk in Harley Owners Group and Chapter activities. The sponsoring dealership, local chapter and the Harley Owners Group shall not be held liable for any injury, disability, death or damage to property which may occur during any sanctioned event, meeting, or activity, whether accidental or negligent in nature. All members agree to seek no recovery in any form against Harley Owners Group; Harley Owners Group, Thunder Creek Chapter; or its sponsoring dealership in any such event. All members ride at their own risk.

SECTION II

Insurance

Harley Owners Group, Thunder Creek Chapter will purchase event coverage for any Chapter sponsored event.