

Subpart I. Two or more members of the Executive Board reserve the right to revoke the rental agreement at any time, should law enforcement recommend such action during the rental time period. Members of law enforcement may choose to disband and clear the property should a nuisance exist. Upon revocation, all renting members of the club must vacate the property.

Subpart J. Amherst Police Department has expressed consent to enter the club for routine patrols.

Subpart K. Renting club member/guests understand that any person securing the club for any function shall be responsible for any and all damages that occur as a result of renting the facility.

Subpart L. Renting club member/guests must ensure that all guests and/or participants leave the property upon completion of the event or rental time period. NO GUESTS MAY REMAIN after the person responsible for renting the facilities leaves. The person responsible for renting the facilities must be present for the entire duration.

PAY TO PLAY REGULATIONS

Subpart A. Temp 1yr trial membership \$700, or as determined by a vote of the club for term ending 12/31/current year. Pay to play member can receive \$100 deduction by working 2 races. One time agreement per family, renewable at the clubs discretion.

Subpart B. Required to read and follow bylaws; excluding dues, assessment fees and is NOT eligible to vote.

Subpart C. Required to learn to operate pump and watering system and keep dust at a minimum.

Subpart D. Required to pay gate fee on race days, but does NOT pay riding fee at open practices.

Subpart E. Must refrain from any action(s) that damage or create unreasonable or excessive wear to the facilities, parking lot, or track. Must respect the property. If law enforcement is summoned to the club for any reason, a breach of conduct will be presumed to have occurred thereby causing unwanted and derogatory attention to the club and members of Amherst Meadowlarks Motorcycle Club. The executive board has the right to terminate the Pay to Play membership.

Subpart F. Permitted off road vehicles shall be described as, and voted on by active voting members in the year prior to a Pay to Play membership being accepted by the club.

(added January 12, 2021)

Amherst Meadowlarks Motorcycle Club Bylaws

MISSION STATEMENT

To cultivate good fellowship; to promote motorcycling as a sport and a hobby, to encourage the proper use and maintenance of motorcycles, to create a favorable impression of motorcyclists among the general public, to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization and provide for its direction, the Amherst Meadowlarks Motorcycle Club of Amherst, Ohio ordains this Constitution.

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1. The members of this club shall be all persons who have been, or may hereafter be, regularly initiated into it.

Subpart A. Honorary members of the club are those persons or organizations deemed deserving by the Executive Committee. (Added November 19, 1991)

Subpart B. Honorary memberships shall be subject to periodic review by the executive committee to determine if such designation shall continue. Honorary members whose status is discontinued will be notified in writing by the club secretary. (Added November 19, 1991)

Subpart C. Present Honorary members shall be exempt from this review process unless voted upon by 75% of the members in good standing present at a regular meeting. (Added November 19, 1991)

Section 2. All persons at least 21 years of age wishing to support and abide by the preamble to this constitution and further the image and goals of the Amherst Meadowlarks Club shall be eligible to apply for membership. (Revised April 20, 1999)

Subpart A. Membership includes all immediate family in the household up to 21yrs and full time college students up to 26yrs old.

Section 3. Application for membership shall be written on a prescribed form and presented by a member in good standing at a regular meeting.

Section 4. The sum of \$25.00 shall be included with application for membership. A balance of \$75.00 must be paid by the applicant at the time of his initiation if accepted as a member. The initial \$25.00 shall be returned with notice in the event of rejection.

Section 5. All prospective members shall be a guest at six (6) regular meetings, work three (3) race events and three (3) work parties or social events. Six (6) months after the application is submitted they are eligible to be voted upon provided they have satisfied the meeting attendance and work party requirements. (Revised June 21, 2005)

Subpart A. All applicants when presented shall be referred to the Investigating Committee for action as hereinafter prescribed. After processing, the committee shall report findings and recommendations at a regular meeting, and a vote shall follow.

Section 6. Voting shall be by secret ballot with the results tabulated by two or more club officers.

Subpart A. Three negative votes shall reject the candidate.

Subpart B. A second ballot may be ordered by the presiding officer (President).

Subpart C. A rejected applicant may resubmit his application after sixty (60) days.

Section 7. A rejected candidate shall be so notified by the club secretary, who shall also return the application fee in person or by first class mail.

Section 8. An accepted candidate shall be so notified by the club secretary.

Section 9. An accepted candidate shall be on one year's probation. During the first six (6) months probation the new member may be expelled by a majority vote of members in good standing, present at a regular meeting. A two-thirds vote shall be required to expel a new member during the second (6) months probation. (Revised July 18, 2000)

Section 10. Total active membership shall be limited to one hundred and twenty five (125). (Revised October 19,1991)

CLUB RENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any Motorcycle Club member renting the facilities must be respectful and cognizant of Amherst Meadowlarks Motorcycle Club Members and the residents of the surrounding community. Club/Renters/Members must not engage in any conduct that offends Meadowlarks Members or brings unwanted and derogatory attention to the Amherst Meadowlarks Motorcycle Club. Derogatory attention shall include: any and all unlawful acts, complaints of loud music, profanity, nudity, or any other conduct that annoys or offends the neighboring community, our members, or community members passing by. (Added January 3, 2006)

Subpart A. Renting club guest/members may not permit or allow any illegal activities to take place on the property of Amherst Meadowlarks Motorcycle Club.

Subpart B. Renting club guest/members refrain from any action(s) that damage or create unreasonable or excessive wear to the facilities, parking lot, or track.

Subpart C. All trash containers must be emptied into the dumpster. Any loose trash must be bagged and placed in the dumpster.

Subpart D. Renting club guest/members securing the facilities cannot use the track nor can members allow their friends or family members to use the track during the rented weekend. The track shall remain open for the exclusive use of Meadowlarks members.

Subpart E. Band must play indoors at a reasonable sound level throughout the day and evening. Band must cease playing at 10:00 p.m.

Subpart F. Club house must be broom swept with chairs and tables folded and placed in their designated pallets.

Subpart G. Renting club guest/members shall be respectful and cease from riding bikes with "loud pipes" through the neighboring streets at unreasonably early hours or unreasonably late hours throughout the weekend.

Subpart H. If law enforcement is summoned to the club for any reason, a breach of conduct will be presumed to have occurred thereby causing unwanted and derogatory attention to the club and members of Amherst Meadowlarks Motorcycle Club.

ARTICLE XV Club Programs

Section 1. The club shall maintain an advanced race support program on an annual basis. This should be available to club members who advance to regional or nation levels and be supervised by a race chairman and the Executive Board. (Revised Oct. 18, 1994)

ARTICLE XVI Indemnification of Officers (Added January 4, 1988)

Section 1. Each present and future Trustee, Officer, Volunteer, or employee of the club and each member of any committee appointed by the Executive Board (and the heirs, executors, and administrators of such Trustee, Officer, Volunteer, Employee of Committee Member) shall be indemnified by the club for all expenses including settlements or judgments paid and legal fees or other defense costs as permitted by the Ohio law, provided such expenses are incurred as a result of his office as Trustee, Officer, Volunteer or in the course of his employment with the club.

Section 2. Prior to indemnification of any Trustee, Officer, Volunteer, Employee or Committee Member being reimbursed for any such legal expenses, the Executive Board shall review his request for such indemnification. Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Board present, indemnification of such expenses shall be permitted.

Section 11. A member may elect to transfer their regular membership to their child of 21 provided the child applies for membership and is voted in by the club. The member may elect to remain in the club as an honorary member. (Added October 18, 1994)

ARTICLE II Dues, Fees, and Assessments

Section 1. Initiation fee shall be \$100.00 and shall be evidenced by a membership application.

Section 2. Dues (Revised January 4, 1994)

Subpart A. Dues shall be collectable as of the 1st of January each year, payable no later than the 31st of January. (Revised January 4, 1994)

Subpart B. After January 31st, there shall be a grace period until the 1st of March. (Revised January 4, 1994)

Subpart C. Any member who has not paid their dues by the 1st of March, will be dropped from the membership roles. (Revised January 4, 1994)

Section 3. Assessments and Credits (Revised September 15, 2015)

Subpart A. Effective January 1, 2016 and thereafter, the associate dues schedule will take effect. Under this schedule, each member will be assessed the sum of \$400.00 subject to reduction according to credits earned that year.

Subpart B. Credits will be earned according to the following schedule:

Work Credits: Members receive a \$40 credit for each race worked, including the required three races. A member will earn a credit of \$20.00 toward the reduction of your associate dues for any extra work parties worked after the required three. The maximum reduction of dues shall not exceed \$200.00. (revised December 3 2019)

Scheduled events consist of but not limited to races, work parties, steak fries, and poker runs. Attendance at these events will be verified by logbook entry. In the event that a member is unable to participate at the scheduled events, and providing that there are jobs that need completing, a member can earn work credits of \$20.00 per job completed. This work is subject of verification by a trustee or member of the executive committee. All jobs available for unscheduled work shall be recorded in the logbook and work done shall be matched therein. (Revised Sept. 20, 2005)

Membership Credit: For each full year that a member is counted as a member in good standing, a credit of \$10.00 will be earned toward the next years dues. This credit is applied annually beginning the 10th full year of membership until the 26th year of membership. (Added Nov. 19, 1991) All 20 year plus members are to pay \$90.00 starting January 1st, 2016. If you work one (1) event for that year your dues will be reduced to \$50.00. (Added September 15, 2015)

Subpart C. Elected officials of the club shall be exempt from membership dues (Added Nov. 19, 1991)

Subpart D. Members who are at least fifty (50) years of age and have at least ten (10) years of membership shall be exempt from the associated dues scheduled but instead will owe \$90.00 per year through the 26th year. (Added Nov. 19, 1991)

Subpart E. Charter, Earned, and Honorary life members shall be exempt from all dues.

Subpart F. New members joining the club prior to April 1st of any year will be subject to the same dues schedule as a member in good standing. Any new member joining after this date will be assessed dues according to the following schedule:

After April 1st: 75% of base and associate dues

After June 1st: 50% of base and associate dues

After September 1st: 25% of base and associate dues

(Added November 19, 1991)

Section 4. Fee for reserved use of the club shall be \$25.00 May-Oct. and \$75 Nov.-April payable in advance. The member must be present at the function.

Section 3. A three-fourths majority of members in good standing present at a regular meeting shall be required to pass an amendment.

ARTICLE XIV Rules and Regulations

Section 1. No member is permitted more than two (2) riding guests outside of immediate family without prior approval of the membership.

Section 2. No member is permitted more than six (6) non-riding guests, outside of immediate family, for the use of club facilities without prior approval of the membership.

Section 3. Immediate family shall consist of all persons living within the member's household up to 21yrs old, except for full time college students up to 26yrs old.

Section 4. Members shall be responsible for their guests.

Section 5. The club shall not assume any liabilities for guests using club facilities.

Section 6. The President has the authority to assign duties to a member so as to more effectively run an event or function.

Section 7. No minor children shall be allowed on the club grounds without adult supervision.

Subpart A. Persons under the age of 18 are prohibited from riding on the grounds unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or a member willing to assume responsibility for said minor. (Revised October 18, 1994)

Section 3. All Disbursements shall be made by check

Section 4. All bills against the club shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting and shall be paid after approval of the membership. No bills shall be honored unless properly presented.

Section 5. Members will not be monetarily compensated for any work performed on club property except as provided in Article II.

Section 3. Improvements to the property that are estimated to be in excess of \$500,00 and are most appropriate to enlist the services of an outside contractor will require minimum of three (3) bids. The three (3) bids will be presented to the membership for discussion and selection of the successful candidate, prior to the awarding of a contract. The Executive Council is responsible to determine if the contract has been satisfied prior to payment for those services. (Added April 20, 1999)

ARTICLE XI Club Year

Section 1. The Club year shall begin with the first meeting in January and shall end with the last meeting in December.

ARTICLE XII Power to loan, money, ect

Section 1. This club shall not loan its funds to members or anyone else for any reason what so ever.

Section 2. No member shall use the club name or property for personal gain

ARTICLE XIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution and these by-laws may be amended.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting and shall be posted on the bulletin board. A vote shall be taken at the second meeting following the posting. (Revised May 18, 1999)

ARTICLE III Members in Good Standing

Section 1. Any member falling arrears in dues and failing to apply for an extension shall forfeit their membership. An extension, if approved by the membership at a regular meeting shall allow a member's dues to be suspended in the case of hardship. Although their membership is not forfeited, they will not be counted as a member in good standing during their dues suspension. Back dues shall be payable at the discretion of the membership. A forfeited membership requires resubmission of an application (Revised Aug. 16, 1994)

Section 2. Key restrictions and probation periods may be waived for former members who are re-accepted into the club

Section 3. Any member under suspension shall not be considered a member in good standing

Section 4. Any member absent without just cause, as approved by the membership, for three (3) consecutive meetings will not be counted as a member in good standing for the purpose of establishing the total number of members in good standing necessary to establish a quorum

Section 5. Members called into the Armed Forces will become inactive members and shall be reinstated upon return

Section 6. All members of Amherst Meadowlarks with ten (10) years or less of membership are required to work at least three (3) races and three (3) scheduled work parties or social events per calendar year. A total of six (6) credits for work performed will be applied according to the methods of Article 11, Section 3, Subpart B., as completion of the minimum requirements. Partial credit will not be allocated towards dues reduction when a member does not complete the minimum requirements. (Revised June 21, 2005)

Subpart A. Failure to abide by this portion of the by-laws will result in forfeiture of membership. Members subject to this penalty shall not be eligible to re-apply for membership for a period of one (1) year after which, rules for new members shall again apply.

Subpart B. A member who has a particular difficulty in complying with this section, may petition the Executive Board in writing and have this requirement waived by a three-fourths vote of the board. (Added March 19, 1996)

ARTICLE IV Club Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Section 2. During the winter months November through February, meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each of those months.

Section 3. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed and the order of business shall be:

Call to Order

Roll Call-members use sign-in sheet

Introduction of Guests

Reading of minutes of the previous meeting

Reading of Mail and Communications

Reports from Committees by Seniority

Balloting for Membership

Presentations of Membership Application~Initiations

Bills Against the Club

Unfinished Business

New Business

Treasurers Report

Delinquent Report/Payments of Dues

Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees and duties thereof:

Subpart A. Investigating Committee comprised of three (3) club members including the vice-president, who shall act as chairman. This committee shall receive all applications for membership, shall investigate character of applicants, and make reports and recommendations to the membership concerning the acceptability of applicants.

Section 2. Special committees shall be appointed by the president as required for the good and welfare of the club.

Section 3. The first named member of each committee as appointed shall call committee meetings, direct activities of the committee, and report progress to the club.

ARTICLE IX Club Corporation

Section 1. The club shall be incorporated under the laws of Ohio as a nonprofit organization.

ARTICLE X Finances

Section 1. All club funds shall be deposited in a bank account opened specifically for that purpose.

Section 2. Three (3) signatures, and two (2) of which must appear on club checks in excess of \$200.00, shall be listed as official at the bank. The signatures shall be those of President or the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Section 4. Charges of misconduct shall be presented in writing to the Executive Board who shall investigate it and report findings with recommendations of action to the membership at a regular meeting. Disciplinary action including expulsion for any reason shall require approval of two-thirds of the membership in good standing present at a regular meeting.

Section 5. Any member accused of misconduct shall have the opportunity of personally presenting their case to the club before disciplinary action is taken. (Revised August 16, 1994)

Section 6. Members not actively participating in club functions or attending meetings over an extended period of time shall have their membership revoked upon approval of two-thirds of the members in good standing present at a regular meeting. The vote shall be by secret ballot and the expelled member shall be notified in writing by the club secretary. The loss of membership will also require the return of any property that allows access to the club grounds (i.e. keys, etc.) by the former member.

Subpart A. An “extended period of time” will be defined as:

A Club member who has not attended 5 consecutive meetings or has not performed 2 consecutive club events.

(Added February 17, 2004)

ARTICLE VII Elections of Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Trustees. The seven (7) shall be the Executive Board.

Section 2. Inauguration of officers shall take place at the first meeting in January for that year of service.

Section 3. Nominations for offices shall be open October through November and shall be made from the floor ay a regular meeting. All nominations must carry a second.

Section 4. Absent members shall not be nominated for the office without written permission from that member.

Section 5. Only members in good standing shall be nominated.

Section 6. Elections shall be by secret ballot at the first regular meeting in December preceding the year of service.

Section 7. Elective offices, except trustees, are for a two year term; Trustees are for three years (Revised Dec. 21, 1991)

ARTICLE V Duties of Officers

Section 1. President

Subpart A. Preside at all Section 1 meetings

Subpart B. Represent the club at all functions

Subpart C. Appoint standing and special committees, club referee, and any other person necessary.

Subpart D. Cast deciding vote to break a tie

Section 2. Vice-President

Subpart A. Perform Presidents duties during the presidents absence

Subpart B. Act as chairman of Investigation Committee

Section 3. Secretary

Subpart A. Keep minutes of meetings

Subpart B. Keep up-to-date address lists and mails all notices and announcements to members

Subpart C. Handle all club correspondence

Subpart D. Keep membership list and call roll at all meetings

Section 4. Treasurer

Subpart A. Receive and record receipt of all money and deposit it in club bank accounts.

Subpart B. Make all disbursements as ordered by the membership.

Subpart C. Keep accurate financial records and report on it at each meeting.

Subpart D. Pay utilities, insurance, and tax bills when due, without membership approval

Section 5. Trustees (one elected each year for a 3 year term)

Subpart A. Perform all duties required by the Articles of Incorporation

Subpart B. Have charge of all club property and administer same as directed by the membership

Subpart C. Keeps record of their activities and gives it to the secretary

Section 6. Executive Board

Subpart A. Shall consist of all officers of the club, and shall be presided over by the president.

Subpart B. Shall be called into session by an officer to handle matters that are too urgent to await regular meetings or calling special meetings

Subpart C. Shall receive and investigate any claims of misconduct among the membership.

Subpart D. Shall promptly report all of their activity to the membership

Subpart E. Shall create and update as necessary, an efficient way to staff and manage all club events.

Section 7. Officers must remain in good standing during their term in office. Failure to remain in good standing will automatically remove the offender from office

Section 8. Unexpired term of a vacated office shall be filled by a special election at a regular scheduled meeting within thirty (30) days

Section 4. Section 3 may be suspended by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of at least two (2) officers and ten (10) members in good standing

Section 6. Only members in good standing shall vote.

Section 7. Special meetings may be called by the president or the Executive Board. Notices of such meetings shall be mailed to all members and posted on the bulletin board at least four (4) days in advance.

ARTICLE VI Discipline

Section 1. Members shall abide by the rules and regulations of the club and shall conduct themselves as sportsman at all times

Section 2. Conduct unbecoming of a club member shall be punishable by membership suspension or membership forfeiture.

Section 3. Any members conducting themselves in a way to bring discredit to the club in particular or motorcycling in general, shall be subject to disciplinary measures. (Revised Aug. 16, 1994)