



# Valley Cruisers Motorcycle Club Bylaws

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## **ARTICLE 1. NAME AND ORGANIZATION**

This organization shall be known as the "Valley Cruisers Motorcycle Club of Fresno, CA." A Non-Profit organization.

## **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Valley Cruisers Motorcycle Club is to enjoy the motorcycle riding experience.

## **ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 3.1* Criteria: Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in motorcycles and or motorcycling, and pays dues.

*Section 3.2* Membership Selection: Membership is open to those who:

- (a) Meet the membership criteria.
  - (b) Agree with the club purpose.
  - (c) Successfully complete a continuous one hundred, twenty (120) day probationary period.
  - (d) Participate in Club rides, meetings, and events.
  - (e) Receive a simple majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled business meeting.
- If personal or job-related issues keep the prospect from successfully completing items 3.2c and 3.2d, then the membership may vote a one-time extension of the probationary period.
- (f) Remain in good standing in terms of conduct.
  - (g) Pay dues and agree to abide by club bylaws.

*Section 3.3* Rights: Each member shall have voting rights and full privileges.

*Section 3.4* Any member may be removed for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present at a business meeting following a discussion of the cause. The vote must be announced to the membership prior to the meeting and must include the date, time and location of both the cause and meeting. Removed members are not entitled to a dues refund.

## **ARTICLE 4. DUES**

*Section 4.1* Cost: Annual dues are \$25.00 per person.

*Section 4.2* Club Patches: Club patches are available for at the cost of \$25.00 each to any member in good standing.

*Section 4.3* Membership dues shall neither be prorated nor refunded unless approved by unanimous vote the Executive Board.

*Section 4.4* Term length: Membership is from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year.

*Section 4.5* In the event of dissolution of the club, all funds in the treasury shall be donated as selected by a majority vote of the membership.

## **ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS**

*Section 5.1* A minimum of 11 business meetings shall be held each year. Additional business meetings may be called by the President or by a majority request of the Executive Board to accommodate specific club circumstances.

*Section 5.2* Rides and other events will be periodically organized for the purpose of promoting club interest.

*Section 5.3* The exact dates, times and meeting places shall be announced on the club web site.

*Section 5.4* Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called at the discretion of the President. All club officers shall be given timely notice of such meetings.

*Section 5.5* Any three members of the Board can require the President to specify a quorum for decisions.

## **ARTICLE 6. CLUB OFFICERS**

*Section 6.1* The club shall be administered by the following officers who shall collectively function as the Executive Board: President, Vice-President and Treasurer. All officers must be members as described in Article 3 of these Bylaws.

*Section 6.2* Officers shall be eligible for reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred during the administration of club business by submitting a request with receipts at a business meeting.

## **ARTICLE 7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

*Section 7.1* Duties of the President:

- (a) Preside over club meetings, functions and activities as applicable.
- (b) See to the enforcement of the objectives and purpose of this organization.
- (c) Coordinate, direct, and manage the business functions and activities of the club as required to ensure continuity and success of the club and the club's objectives.
- (d) The President shall inform the Vice-President when the President is unable to preside over any club meeting, function or activity.

*Section 7.2* Duties of the Vice-President:

- (a) To perform the duties of the President in case of absence or inability or participate on the part of the President.
- (b) Serve as the Activities Coordinator in scheduling, planning, and ensuring proper arrangements are made for all club-sponsored activities and events.
- (c) As necessary performs other duties which may be assigned by the President.

*Section 7.3* Duties of the Treasurer:

- (a) Receive, record, and report all monies or property donated to, paid to, or owned by the club.
- (b) Keep an account of all receipts and disbursements so that a statement of the financial condition of the club is available upon request by the officers or general membership.
- (c) Coordinate reimbursement expenditures through the Executive Board.
- (d) Maintain an up-to-date membership list available upon request by any member of the Executive Board.
- (e) Provide club Applications for Membership when requested.
- (f) Provide club patches when requested.
- (g) Prepare an end-of-year financial report for the Board of Directors to be shared at the first meeting of the following year.

## **ARTICLE 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

*Section 8.1* Nominations and applications for Executive Officers shall be made at the October business meeting of each calendar year.

*Section 8.2* All officers must be members in good standing.

*Section 8.3* Candidates for Executive Officer positions must be current active members in good standing.

**Section 8.4 Election will be held at the November meeting.** Those receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for the coming calendar year and hold office until the election of a replacement. Terms will run from January through December of each year.

*Section 8.5* Vacancies in any office shall be filled by a club member in good standing appointed by a consensus of the Executive Board, and shall serve until the next regular election of officers.

*Section 8.6* Any officer may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present at a business meeting following a discussion of the cause. The vote must be announced to the membership prior to the meeting and must include the date, time and location of both the cause and meeting.

## **ARTICLE 9. APPOINTMENTS AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

*Section 9.1* Appointments and Sub-Committees are positions in the club that are of a voluntary nature.

*Section 9.2* The Executive Board shall appoint a Webmaster responsible for the following duties:

- (a) Maintain club web site in accordance with the desires of the club membership.
- (b) Keep club web site current.

*Section 9.3* The Executive Board shall appoint a Safety Chairperson or Chairpersons responsible for the following duties:

- (a) Provide educational information to the general membership at monthly business meetings.
- (b) Organize safety skills events throughout the year.

## **ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENTS**

*Section 10.1* Notification of proposed changes to the Bylaws of the club will be made via e-mail and web site

posting at least two weeks prior to a meeting at which changes in the Bylaws shall be considered.

*Section 10.2* Bylaws may be changed by a simple majority vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled club business meeting.

*Section 10.3* Bylaw changes will take affect upon determination of the final result of the vote.

*Section 10.4* Amendments or changes to the Bylaws shall note the date of change after the respective bylaw, e.g. "[1 Jul 05]".

## **ARTICLE 11. GUESTS**

*Section 11.1* Non-members (guests) are welcome at general club business meetings.

*Section 11.2* Closed Events: Participation by non-members on rides and events of the club posted as closed must be through invitation by a member in good standing.

*Section 11.3* Open Events: Participation by non-members on rides and events of the club posted as open does not require invitation, i.e., the public may participate.

*Section 11.4* Guests must agree to abide by all provisions of ARTICLE 12 of these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 12. COMPLIANCES & LIABILITIES**

*Section 12.1* Members, prospects, and guests (participants) shall operate their motorcycle in a safe and sane manner at all times, and shall not engage in any activity that may affect the safety of other club members, prospects, and guests.

*Section 12.2* Participants acknowledge sole responsibility for compliance with all state laws and provisions.

*Section 12.3* Participants shall hold harmless as an entity or individually the Valley Cruisers Motorcycle Club and any of its officers, members, prospects, and guests against any and all claims and causes of action of any kind arising from the activity of operating a motorcycle.

*Section 12.4* Participants retain rights to pursue claims and causes of action against an individual club member, prospect, or guest who has violated

*Section 12.5* Valley Cruisers Motorcycle Club Bylaws first approved on February 20, 2007 .