

BY-LAWS for “CROW RIVER WHEELERS”

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

- Section 1. The Name of this club shall be “CROW RIVER WHEELERS
- Section 2. “CROW RIVER WHEELERS” is a non-profit organization.
- Section 3. The purposes of this club are:
- (A) To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of ATVing
 - (B) To provide a medium for the exchange of ATVing information.
 - (C) To develop a fraternal spirit among local ATVers and other recreational enthusiasts.
 - (D) To serve the interests of ATV enthusiasts.
 - (E) To own or lease land for club use.
 - (F) To perform all desirable and lawful functions of the successful operation of the club and in the general interest to the best of our ability.
 - (G) To support the activities of ATV MN.

ARTICLE II – Membership

- Section 1. Membership dues will be determined annually by the Board of Directors. The dues amount shall be determined on or before the annual meeting. Membership in the club shall consist of the following classes:
- (A) **Regular Membership** – Shall be provided to an individual interested in ATV use.
 - (B) **Family Membership** – A family membership shall be provided to two adult family members (husband and wife) and they shall be considered as two regular members and each have one vote. Membership privileges would also extend to their children under eighteen years of age.
 - (C) **Lifetime Membership** – Lifetime membership with privileges the same as a regular membership.
 - (D) **Lifetime Family Membership** – Lifetime privileges for a family membership.
 - (E) **Manufacturing Membership** – may be granted to manufacturers of ATV’s and related accessories, that support the purposes of this club. Manufacturing memberships are members without vote, and shall not hold office.

(F) **Honorary Memberships** – May be designated by the Board of Directors to any persons who actively supports the purpose of this club.

(G) **Associate Membership** – may be granted to any business, organization, firm or corporation supporting the purposes of this club, as defined in these by-laws. Associate members are members without vote, and shall not hold office.

Section 2.

A membership is available to all ATV owners and enthusiasts without regards to sex, race, or religious beliefs.

Section 3

Applications for memberships shall be made in writing, addressed to the Secretary of the club on the appropriate form containing an agreement to abide by the by-laws of this club. All memberships are subject approval by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall approve or deny the membership application immediately following the adjournment of the regular monthly meeting at which the application was received.

Section 4

All members will also be encouraged to be a member of ATV MN.

Section 5

A member may resign from the club at any time upon written notice to the Secretary.

Section 6

Any Membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors for misconduct or disrupting the well-being of this club. Membership in the club may be terminated by either the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership present at a monthly meeting or two-thirds of the board of directors, after giving a minimum of fifteen days' notice to the affected member.

Article III – Riding Rules

Section 1.

The members of this club will observe the following rules when riding at any organized function.

They Shall-

- (A) Lean all mechanical controls and safety devices of their ATV.
- (B) Wear a helmet at all times and other protective clothing suitable of the occasion.
- (C) Ride in the company of other, NEVER ALONE>
- (D) Obey the laws when they ride and honor the rules where they ride.
- (E) Respect those areas that are posted closed.
- (F) Be courteous to other riders and persons by offering rite-of-way
- (G) Only lend their ATV to someone thy have personally instructed in its safe and appropriate use.

THEY SHALL NOT –

- (A) Use Alcohol or other drugs when they ride.
- (B) Litter the area.
- (C) Damage plant life nor harass wildlife.
- (D) Modify the ATV exhaust to create excessive noise above legal limits or eliminate the Forestry Approved Spark Arrestor.

Article IV – Dues

Section 1.

The annual dues are due at the beginning of the year or at the annual meeting of the membership (third Tuesday in January)

Article V – Fiscal Year

Section 1.

The fiscal year of this club shall commence in the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

Article VI – Management

Section 1.

The management of this club is vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors

Section 1.

The Board of directors shall consist of nine (9) directors. Directors shall be elected at the October meeting of the membership. They shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trails Coordinator, Race Director, Past President, Historian, and Newsletter Editor. Any Director may be removed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the monthly meeting at which the vote is taken, Director in question shall be given a minimum of fifteen days notice of such vote.

Section 2.

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of this club and the Board of Directors. Shall oversee and coordinate such committees as are authorized by the Board of Directors, carry on those responsibilities assigned to him/her by these by-laws and by the Board of Directors. He/She will hold office for a term of one year, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Section 3.

The **Vice-President**, during the absence of or temporary incapacity of the President shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President. He/She will hold office for a term of one year.

Section 4.

The **Secretary** shall keep all club records except financial records, including minutes, roster of members, list of committees and their members. The secretary shall also send out notice of meetings, receive applications for memberships, and discharge the usual secretarial functions of the office required by these by-laws of by the Board of Directors. He/She will hold office for a term of one year.

Section 5.

The **Treasurer** shall keep all financial record of the club and have charge of its funds. He/She shall keep all the funds in a ben approved by the Board of Directors and in the name of the club. He/She shall also disburse such funds of this club under the direction of the Board of Directors. Withdrawals shall only be made by checks signed in such a manner as may be approved from time to time by the Board of Directors. A Treasurer's report shall be prepared for each Board Meeting and an annual audit shall be prepared and submitted at the Annual Meeting. He/She will hold office for a term of one year.

Section 6.

The **Trails Coordinator** shall work to establish and maintain Grant-In-Aid and riding areas in designated counties. He/She shall be responsible for completing all said trails and riding areas. He/She will hold office for a term of one year.

Section 7.

The **Race Director** shall be responsible for the annual motocross races. He/She shall be responsible for the preparation for the races throughout the summer, as well as be in charge the day of the event. The Race Director will be the head of the Race Committee. He/She will hold office for a term of one year.

Section 8.

The **Officer at Large** shall fill in any vacancy of officers at regular meetings and be a voting member of the Board of Directors. This position shall be filled by the past president. In the event that the president gets reelected, the existing past president will remain as the Officer at Large.

Section 9.

The **Historian** shall be responsible for public relations and accumulation of any or all club history and shall assist the Secretary in said duties. This is a two-year term.

Section 10.

The **News Letter Editor** shall be responsible for producing the monthly club Newsletter. He/She will also send out any other club notification or communication for the club. This is a two-year term.

Section 11.

If vacancies on the Board of Directors should occur by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining Directors shall elect, by majority vote, a successor for each unexpired term.

Section 12.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, or by call of the President. Upon written request of a quorum of Board members, the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 13.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of club business. Any formal action taken at any meeting of the Directors shall require a majority vote of those Directors present. Each Director shall be entitled one vote.

Section 14.

The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, by the affirmative vote of the Whole Board of Directors, appoint an Executive Committee of the Board to act in stead in emergencies. The Board of Directors may appoint club committees. The Board may, by resolution, delegate such authority to the President. The Board of Directors shall have the power to abolish any committee.

Section 15.

The Board of Directors may employ whatever personnel they deem necessary, and for which funds are available, to aid in the management and programs of this club, and may authorize the expenditure of the club funds in any other manner, provided such actions are in the proper furtherance of the purposes if the club. The club will not provide reimbursements/payments to individual club members for club organized rides.

ARTICLE VIII – General Membership Meetings

Section 1.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the club shall be held between the first (1) of January and the thirty-first (31) of January of each year at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Regular meetings of the members of this club shall be held monthly at the time and place fixed by the resolution at the previous meeting or as designated by the President, or by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.

Special meetings of this club may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, or by and for a group of thirty-four (34) percent of the active members by giving at least seven (7) days written notice of the time, place, and purpose of such special meetings.

Section 4.

Written notice of the time and place of the Annual and all other meetings of the membership shall be prepared and distributed to the membership by the Secretary.

Section 5.

The members present at any duly called meeting of the membership shall require a majority vote of those active members present. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote per individual member and two (2) per family membership, provided both spouses are in attendance.

ARTICLE IX – Election Procedures

Section 1.

A nominating committee of at least three (3) persons shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, at least sixty (60) days before any election.

Section 2.

In the event of an election, members may nominate him/herself or nominate another eligible member to be added to the official ballot, which shall allow space for write-in candidates, together with the specific term of years for which each candidate is nominated. Subsequently, notice the Nomination Committee's selection shall be available at the general membership meeting prior to the October meeting. Official ballots will be distributed at the October Meeting to those members. A Tally Committee of three (3) members shall be appointed to count the ballots and announce the names of those elected to the Board of Directors for the various terms. All ties will be decided by a written run-off ballot.

Section 3.

To be nominated to hold office of President, Secretary, or Treasurer an individual must have attended at least six (6) of the last twelve (12) meetings.

Section 4.

The Board of Directors may by unanimous decision choose to hold any and/or all nominations for the officers at the annual meeting thereby overriding Article IX, Section 2

ARTICLE X – Amendments

Section 1.

These by-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five (75) percent of members at any given meeting, provided a thirty (30) day notice of the intent to amend the proposed changes are clearly given.

ARTICLE XI – Dissolution

Section 1.

Upon an affirmative vote of dissolution of the Corporation under Minnesota Statutes, all assets of the Corporation after payments of expenses shall be paid to ATV MN, and if ATV MN is no longer in operation, then to another charitable non-profit corporation as determined by the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

These by-laws were approved by majority vote in accordance to ARTICLE X, Section 1.

President

Secretary

DATE 6-13-2023