

Granite State Chapter By-Laws

Introduction: These by-laws exist for the creation and continuation of a Local Chapter of the Victory Motorcycle Club known as the:

“Granite State Chapter of the VMC”.

The by-laws stated here were agreed to by Charter Members of the **“Granite State Chapter of the VMC”** on **February 3 of 2008.**

I. Article 1: Purpose and Mission

- A.** To share motorcycle riding with fellow victory riders.
- B.** To promote motorcycle awareness and safety.
- C.** To help support a local Make A Wish family through donation of time and funds obtained through local chapter events and funds.

II. Article 2: Membership

- A.** Club membership is open to riders and enthusiasts of victory motorcycles. Membership in this organization shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard of age, sex, race, religion, or national origin. Membership is on an individual basis, counting as one member for dues, if applicable. Each membership is allowed one vote.
- B.** All members shall have an equal stake in the club and its activities.
- C.** Membership shall be ongoing, but subject to termination with good cause, which could include the following:
 - 1.** Non-Payment of dues for Granite State Chapter or VMC membership.
 - 2.** Criminal behavior during club events.
 - 3.** Lack of attendance at Chapter function(s).
 - 4.** Agreement by majority of the members in the Granite State Chapter.

D. All Chapter members must be members in good standing of the Victory Motorcycle Club (VMC).

E. VMC Local Chapter membership is limited to 1 (one) VMC local chapter.

F. All chapter members must have signed VMC Local Chapter Membership Application and Liability Release Form (VMC Form #123) on file with the club Secretary.

III. Article 3: Structure

A. From the membership at-large there will be as elected: President, Secretary, and if needed and approved by the general membership, a Treasurer and or a Ride Coordinator/Safety Officer. There shall be no two members on the board at the same time who are related by blood, marriage, partnership, boyfriend/girlfriend etc.

B. The President shall have a primary responsibility for the legal and financial affairs of the chapter. The President will preside at all meetings and appoint “ad-hoc” committees as deemed necessary. The President shall have the power to take actions and make determinations in the best interests of the chapter when needed, but will be required to adhere to the National VMC and Chapter approved by-laws. The President will also be required to post a quarterly Presidents Report to inform the membership of recent events and recognitions. This will state a brief over view of how the club is doing in general.

C. The Secretary shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and to assist as needed by the President. In the event of the president leaving office the Secretary shall become President for the remainder of that term.

D. The Secretary shall keep all records of meetings, and legal matters as generated by the club. All records shall be available for inspection by any club member with reasonable notice. The Secretary shall maintain all VMC Local Chapter membership and Liability Release Forms (VMC Form #123) on file. The Secretary shall maintain all financial records and information as generated by the club. All dues or other intake of funds, if applicable, shall be accounted for and disbursements made as directed by the president.

E. The Treasurer, when this position is filled by election of the general membership, shall keep all financial records and information as generated by the club. All dues or other intake of funds, if applicable, shall be accounted for and disbursements made as directed by the president. In the absence of an elected treasurer, the responsibilities of this position will be assumed by the chapter secretary.

F. The Events Committee consists of the membership and they report directly to the Special Events Coordinator.

G. President, Secretary, Treasurer, and or Ride Coordinator/Safety Officer, will serve for two years per term, alternating each year for election between the President and

Secretary. Additional positions will be allowed as needed by the Chapter, and will serve similar terms.

H. Financial obligations will be paid from Chapter Funds. In the event that there is insufficient funds, the members shall be responsible for this deficiency. This will be on a pro-rata basis. These obligations will specifically NOT BE THE OBLIGATION OF THE VMC.

IV. Article 4: Meetings

A. General meetings of the club shall be at intervals not to exceed 6 weeks, with any meeting date not agreed to at the previous meeting requiring a one week “good faith” notification. A central phone number or contact person shall be designated for all meeting information, and/or such information shall be posted on the internet.

B. Any other meetings or activities of any kind relating to chapter business, held by club members or committees, shall have at least one Officer present, and will be held as needed.

C. Aside from overturning an action by an Officer, a simple majority of members present at meeting with quorum shall decide matters of the club.

V. Article 5: Charitable Contributions

A. The Granite State Chapter recognizes the Make A Wish Foundation as their charity. Proceeds from special events will split 60/40; 60% will go to Make A Wish and 40% will go towards chapter operating costs.

VI. Article 6: Group Rides, Rider Safety

A. VMC Chapters may choose to ride as a group. Non VMC or Chapter Members are welcome.

B. WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORMS (VMC Form #124)

A waiver should be signed for each ride participant (rider and passenger) prior to departure and maintained by the Chapter Secretary or designate.

C. RIDE COORDINATOR/SAFETY OFFICER

Granite State Chapter will have a Ride Coordinator/Safety Officer. That person, or their designee, should discuss in a pre departure meeting:

- 3 The destination and possible route(s) should be communicated verbally and/or in distributed printed material. He also should indicate the estimated time of arrival at the established destination.

- 4 Discussions of rider differences in group ride experience and that all riders should stay in their riding comfort zone.
- 5 Communicate that local Motor Vehicle Laws **always** apply.
- 6 Discussion of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's "Rules for Group Riding" should be addressed by this person as well. Distribution of printed materials if available is suggested by this committee.

- 7 A final reminder that local Motor Vehicle Laws always apply when riding (regardless of group size) should be reinforced, before departure of the Ride Coordinator.

D. The Chapter will procure, distribute, and review MSF Videos and Literature on Rider Safety on a regular basis. These activities are to be documented by the Secretary in the meeting minutes.

PRIVACY POLICY:

PP01/09. All members are required to complete a privacy police form.

Personal information of GSC club members shall not be released to other persons, either members or non members, by members of the GSC board, or committee members, without signed permission being granted and placed on file.

The privacy form will be added to the membership packets. They are to be completed and returned to the GSC with membership applications.

The privacy form will give members the opportunity to request that no personal information be released.

Only current sitting board and membership committee members will be allowed access to membership information. Membership information is to be used for official GSC business only.

VII. Article 7: By-Law Amendment

A. Changes to the By-Laws will be made with approval by the majority of the voting members present during an official club meeting or by the vote of the general membership through the polling section of the GSC forum.

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