



**ERIE RAMBLERS MOTORCYCLE**  
**CLUB INC.**

Revised By-Laws

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## **Section 1**

This CLUB shall be known and designates as the ERIE RAMBLERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC. or as the E.R.M.C.

## **Section 2**

- (a) The general meetings of the CLUB shall be the organization for carrying out the CLUB activities, promoting of good public relations and furtherance of companionship among motorcyclists within the limits of the by-laws of the CLUB.
- (b) Regular meetings shall be held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

## **Section 3**

- (a) NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS
  - (i) Shall be held on the first regular meeting of the CLUB in November
  - (ii) Shall include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Captain, Referee, Assistant Referee, Starter and Assistant Starter.
- (b) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
  - (i) Shall take place on the first meeting in January.
- (c) RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS
  - (i) Any officer unable to attend a meeting shall arrange for a substitute to fulfill their duties.
  - (ii) Any officer leaving the CLUB shall submit a letter of resignation to The CLUB.

## **Section 4**

THE PRESIDENT shall preside at the meetings, attend all CLUB committee meetings and enforce order and strict observance of the "By-laws". In the absence, or disability of the President, the VICE-PRESIDENT shall preside. If either of the aforementioned officers are not present, the RECORDING SECRETARY shall either take control and responsibility of the PRESIDENT, or shall elect a chairman to conduct the meeting. Presiding officer shall sign minutes when approved.



## **Section 5**

THE SECRETARY shall keep a record of all the proceedings of all meetings in books kept for that purpose. He or she, shall be required to have with him or her, all business meetings, the proper minute book, all necessary records and correspondence relating to the business of the CLUB. He or she, shall act at all times to the will of the officers and decisions of the CLUB. The Secretary will be required to read the minutes of the previous meeting at the beginning of each regular meeting. At the end of the year the minutes will be put in proper order and filed in the CLUB filing cabinet.

## **Section 6**

THE TREASURER shall keep a just and true account of all money received and paid out by the CLUB, and all financial transactions of any and every kind whatsoever. All money paid out by the CLUB by cheque is to be signed by two members of the SIGNING EXECUTIVE. Books are to be audited and filed once yearly by auditors appointed by the CLUB, these auditors are to be appointed on ELECTION NIGHT.

## **Section 7**

THE SIGNING EXECUTIVE shall act at the will of the CLUB to sign cheques and will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President.

## **Section 8**

THE ROAD CAPTAIN shall plan and control all CLUB road runs, lay out formations, lead and set the pace of all such runs.

## **Section 9**

- (a) THE REFEREE shall plan and control club competition if so required by the organizer.
- (b) THE ASSISTANT REFEREE shall assist the Referee in any way possible and shall be in complete charge of any race meets in the event of the absence of the "Referee".



## **Section 10**

- (a) A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER and their SPONSOR who is a full member shall fill out an application form and shall be required to attend 3 consecutive meetings and a secret ballot vote will be taken at the third meeting to determine whether or not they will be allowed to enter the CLUB on a minimum twelve month probation period. Upon acceptance as a probationary member the Chairman or President shall inform the member of his or her responsibilities and duties towards the CLUB.
- (b) A PROBATIONARY MEMBER shall serve a minimum twelve month probationary period before becoming eligible for full membership. A probationary member has no voting privileges and does not receive a key to the Club Grounds but is welcome to use the Club Grounds when accompanied by a full member. Upon completion of the probationary period a secret ballot will be taken to determine if the probationary member will be admitted to the CLUB as a full-fledged member. The probationary member is responsible to find a replacement sponsor, by the end of the current year, if current sponsor leaves the CLUB.
- (c) **FULL MEMBERSHIP**
  - (i) A full member must be of the age of sixteen before he or she has voting privileges.
  - (ii) If a CLUB member has not been involved in CLUB activities, at the discretion of the executive, they will be sent a registered letter requesting them to appear at the next meeting or contact a member of the executive to show just cause why they have not been out. After 30 days, they will be dismissed if no reply is received.
  - (iii) A full member can only sponsor ONE probationary member at a time.
- (d) **LIFE MEMBERS**
  - (i) A life member is a current member that becomes a life member as decided by the membership committee. The remaining family members will pay appropriate dues.
  - (ii) Member should have 20 years of active service, except when committee decides otherwise due to circumstances.
  - (iii) Member is not counted on the roll call in the membership limits.
  - (iv) Prospective life members names are brought to the executive, who then form a committee to accept or deny these names. The committee must have at least 2 current executive members and 3 to 5 other members.
  - (v) Life members have the same privileges as a full member.



### **Section 11**

PLEDGE - When a probationary member or spouse or child of a family member is admitted to the CLUB as a full-fledged member, he or she will be required to take an oath at a regular meeting which will be administered by the President. The oath is to be MEMORIZED and spoken in front of all the CLUB members that are present.

#### **THE PLEDGE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**I \_\_\_\_\_, promise to maintain the regulations and constitution enforced by the Erie Ramblers Motorcycle Club. Furthermore, I will endeavour to promote and encourage the sport of motorcycling with due respect of life, limb and property of my fellow man. All this I will pursue to the best of my avail.**

### **Section 12**

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- (a) Student membership fees are \$100 yearly (16 or over and still in school).
- (b) Family membership fees are \$300 yearly (parents or legal guardian of children still in school, up to age 18).
- (c) Single membership fees are \$250 yearly (16 or over and not in school).
- (d) Membership fees will be due April of the given calendar year. If membership fees have not been received by the first meeting in April the delinquent membership will be contacted by the executive and questioned on their intentions. If after being contacted by the executive, no fees are paid within 30 days of contact, the member will be stricken from the roll call.
- (e) Any probationary member accepted after the date of the payment of the yearly dues is past will be given ONE MONTH to pay his or her dues.
- (f) Any person joining the CLUB after June 30<sup>th</sup> of any year shall pay half of the yearly membership fees as stated above.

### **Section 13**

If any member or members, willfully damage property of the CLUB, those involved shall be assessed the amount of such damage and the amount thereof assessed shall be paid to the CLUB.

The CLUB, at a regular meeting, may suspend any member or members failing to pay such damages within a period of thirty (30) days after the same has been assessed, by a majority of secret ballot vote of the CLUB.

### **Section 14**

All members must obtain a CLUB T-shirt or nylon jacket with crest on the back after joining the E.R.M.C. The key to the CLUB grounds belongs to the CLUB and must be returned if the full member is suspended or quits. If a full member is suspended or quits they must re-enter as a probationary member.



## **Section 15**

ATTENDENCE will be taken at all meetings. The President or Chairman of the meeting will call roll call at the start of each meeting.

## **Section 16**

### **CLUB COLOURS**

- (a) Club colours are blue and gold. The colours were changed from black and gold in 1968.
- (b) Club shirts are blue with gold trim.
- (c) Club crests are gold with blue lettering.
- (d) Club competition shirts are blue with gold trim.
- (e) Club flag designed in 1956 was black with gold.
- (f) The new club flag designed in 1968 is blue with gold trim
- (g) The club flag was redesigned in 2004 to blue with gold lettering.
- (h) Club T-shirts are blue with gold trim.

## **Section 17**

No non-member shall be allowed to participate with the CLUB in an organized event without joining the CLUB after participating in three (3) CLUB events except non-residents of our district.

## **Section 18**

### **COMPETITION EQUIPMENT**

- (a) CRASH HELMET, Canada Standards Approved is to be worn while riding on club property.
- (b) SHORTTRACK AND MOTOCROSS – hightop heavy leather boots covering the ankle, leather or heavy-duty material for pants, long-sleeve jersey.

## **Section 19**

### **GOOF SHIRT**

This shirt is made up of many colours. The purpose of it is to promote safety among our members. In the event of an accident, carelessness or by violation of CLUB rules, it is to be worn by the unfortunate member for a period of one week. After this time, he or she will have the shirt cleaned and returned to the CLUB at the following meeting. The shirt must be worn at all times of motorcycle riding, except to and from work (the place of your employment).

To assure the seriousness of the incident, a group of three or more CLUB members will be appointed to determine whether the shirt is to be worn. It is necessary to have two CLUB members witness an event before the goof shirt can be issued.

A \$5.00 fine will also be imposed if the member has the shirt bestowed upon them.



## **Section 20**

- (a) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
- (b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP dissolved May 2001.

## **Section 21**

Membership is limited to 80 full members and 40 probationary members.

### **RULES OF THE ROAD**

1. Riders must check gas, oil and tires before starting on runs.
2. The Road Captain will ride in front and assist on all dress parades. When a parade is planned, the Road Captain, will lay out the route to be taken and also appoint a person who plans to be present on the run, to act as Road Captain in case he is unavoidably absent.
3. No PASSING is allowed in CLUB formation.
4. When a rider has trouble the following riders shall stop. The preceding riders will continue until stopped by the Road Captain.
5. When formation stops all bikes will be parked off the highway.
6. At nighttime, all bikes shall ride with dimmed lights except the Road Captain.
7. The Road Captain may divide the group up into sections if he or she thinks it is necessary, for safety reasons. Each section will have its own Road Lieutenant.
8. All TRAFFIC RULES are to be observed.
9. Road Signals are as follows:
  - (a) A circling motion of the hand held upright above the head indicates a U-turn.
  - (b) Regulation signals for right and left turns as well as slowing down or stopping will be used.



These BY-LAWS shall not be altered or amended except upon a motion that gets such amendment or alterations and shall be signed by the member presenting the same. Fifty percent of the CLUB members have to be present and entitled to vote at any meeting to make such an alteration or amendment effective. Any proposal must have the majority present in favour to be accepted.

These BY-LAWS shall become effective upon approval thereof by the CLUB when signed.

THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE BY-LAWS AND RULES OF THE ERIE RAMBLERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

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Club President

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Club Secretary

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