

BMW RIDERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The BMW RIDERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, INC. (also “the association”, “the club”, “the BMW RA”, or “the RA”) is an international, not-for-profit, public corporation chartered December 20, 1976 under the laws of North Carolina.

Section 2. Purpose

The objectives of the Association are:

- (a) To afford companionship and recreation for its members
- (b) To enhance its members enjoyment of their BMW motorcycles
- (c) To support responsible efforts to protect the legal rights of motorcyclists
- (d) To improve the public image of motorcycling
- (e) To promote safe motorcycling

Section 3. Means

The Association may achieve its objectives by any lawful means determined by the Board of Trustees including, but not limited to, publications, rallies, and other events or activities.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION

Meetings shall be held at a location chosen by the Board of Trustees. For Corporate matters, the address of the Association (“RA Headquarters”) shall be that selected by the Board.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications

Membership in the Association is open to any person interested in BMW motorcycles, who subscribes to the purposes of the Association, and agrees to abide by these bylaws.

Section 2. Regular Membership (“also voting members”)

Qualified persons may apply for Active Regular Membership by submitting to the Association a completed application form accompanied by the annual dues in the amount set by the Board of Trustees. Application shall be deemed as consent by the applicant to abide by these bylaws. Membership materials, e.g., publications, decals, pins, cards may be issued at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

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Section 3. Associate Membership

An active regular member may request that a member of his or her immediate family be granted Active Associate Membership by submitting a completed application form accompanied by the annual dues set by the Board of Trustees. An active associate member will be a voting member, and eligible for all member benefits. An active associate member will not receive club publications. Application shall be deemed as consent by the applicant to abide by these bylaws.

Section 4. Other Classes of Membership

The Board of Trustees may establish special types of membership, such as multiyear, honorary, or life, but not restricted thereto.

Section 5. Resignation

Any member may resign by submitting written notice to the Association ("RA Headquarters"). Unused membership dues shall not be refundable.

ARTICLE 4. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Officers

The Association shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be elected according to the provisions of these bylaws to two year terms.

Section 2. Trustees

The Association shall have five trustees, who shall be elected according to the provisions of these bylaws to two year terms.

Section 3. Board of Trustees

- (a) The Board of Trustees ("the Board") shall include the officers and trustees set out in sections 1 and 2 above. Members serving on the Board will be limited to a maximum of three consecutive terms.
- (b) The Board shall exercise all powers of management of the Association.
- (c) The Board shall meet at least once in every calendar year at a location, date, and time set by the Board ("the annual meeting"). Other meetings may be called by the President or Board when necessary to the activities of the Club. The secretary or an appointee shall notify all members of the Board at least fifteen days before meeting time. Six members of the Board will constitute a quorum. One or more members of the Board may attend meetings via conference call or other similar method approved by the Board.

Section 4. Duties

The President shall officiate at all meetings. The Vice-President shall officiate in the absence of the President. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of all meetings, carry on all correspondence, keep all current club records and perform other duties as assigned by the Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds, making expenditures which are authorized by the Board, and is required to submit a report of the treasury at the annual meeting. NO person shall incur an obligation to, nor commit the credit of the Association, except as specifically authorized by the Board.

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Section 5.. Vacancy

If a vacancy occurs in any officer or trustee position, between elections, the vacancy will be filled by the Board.

Section 6. Removal

Any Board member may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of a Quorum of the Board present at a duly designated meeting, after thirty days advance written notice containing reasons for removal.

ARTICLE 5. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Commencement of the Election Process

The election process will begin with the publication of election procedures in the September issue of the Association newsletter/magazine "On The Level" published each election ("odd") year.

Section 2. Nomination

Any member may nominate another member, as long as they have their permission, to include in writing the following:

- (a) The full name(s) and address(es) of the member(s) being nominated
- (b) The office for which each nominee is being nominated
- (c) The full name, address, BMW RA membership number, and signature of the member offering the nomination. Self nominations are not permitted.
- (d) Nominations are to be submitted to the Association Secretary and shall be taken for thirty days after the commencement of the election process. The Secretary will confirm each nominee as a member in good standing. He will also confirm with them their nomination.

Section 3. Acceptance of Nomination/Campaign Statements

Nominees will have another thirty days, or sixty days total after the commencement of the election process to accept the nomination by written notice to the Association Secretary. Each nominee is entitled to place before the membership, before the end of this sixty day period, a short biographical/campaign statement via submission to the Editor of "On the Level".

Section 4. Balloting

Approximately 120 days after the commencement of the election process the Association newsletter/magazine (January issue) will publish containing statements by nominees and ballots. The membership must complete and return their ballots within the time specified on the ballot.

- (a) For each office the candidate will be elected by a simple majority of ballots returned.
- (b) For trustee, the five candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected
- (c) Election results will be published in "On the Level" the month following the close of the election

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ARTICLE 6. DUES

Dues and fees will be set by the Board of Trustees. Members in arrears will be sent a written notice, and their membership may be revoked if dues are not paid within one month (30 days) of such notice.

ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENTS

An amendment of these bylaws may be proposed to the membership by a 2/3 vote of the Board. The Secretary shall notify the voting membership by direct mail or by publication in any Association publication. Voting shall be by the same methods set forth in these bylaws for the election of officers. No amendments shall become effective until approved by the membership.

(These Bylaws were voted on and passed by the Board on September 22, 2001 at the Morganton, NC meeting.)