

As Approved
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AKRON BMW CLUB
AKRON, OHIO

I PURPOSE

The object of this organization shall be to promote and maintain the respectable image of the BMW motorcycle and the fine type of cyclist that are attracted to them, and shall impress this on the general public at every opportunity. We shall nurture sportsmanship and good fellowship, and shall condone only courteous and respectable appearances and actions from our members. Riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs; loud mufflers, or actions and appearances, etc. that detract from our good image shall not be tolerated.

We shall sponsor club events such as competition, social functions, tours, rally, etc. as would be acceptable to a motorcycle club.

We will support or fight Legislation of interest to the cyclist, and shall support the National BMW Owners of America in their efforts to help the cyclist at the desgression of the membership.

It shall be the purpose of this club to be as Democratic, enjoyable and beneficial, as feasible to all BMW owners as wish to join.

II MEMBERSHIP

Akron BMW Club shall be limited to owners of BMW motorcycles who are in accord with said organization. Past owners may, at a request to the membership, have their membership extended 90 days while temporarily without a BMW. The dues will be \$10.00

per year, plus annual BMWGA dues, and the member will be subject to dismissal by the membership if behind more than 90 days in their dues. A member may bring a reasonable number of guests to a membership meeting or a function at the clubs discretion. A member's spouse shall not be considered a guest on a regular basis but may join Akron BMW Club Auxiliary and may vote on auxiliary affairs and for auxiliary officers only, and will act as a support group for the club proper. A reasonable fee may be charged guests at functions to help defray additional costs. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote. New members shall be decided upon and voted in by the membership. New members should be sponsored by three members in good standing who will vouch for him. The initiation fee shall be \$10.00 plus National Club dues. The club shall require reasonable participation from the members. Failure to pay dues within 90 days after the first of January shall be considered an act of resignation. Any member may be dismissed by a vote of two thirds of the members present for wild unsafe riding practices, obnoxious behavior or anything that the membership considers derogatory to the good image or reputation of the club.

III MEETINGS

The regular business meeting of Akron BMW Club will be held on Tuesday, the second complete week of the month at 7:00 p.m. No votes may be taken or business conducted unless the meeting is regularly scheduled or a special meeting has been called for

a special purpose, and each member is given a two week notice. Business meetings will be conducted along standard parliamentary lines, and in case of a dispute in procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail. Members wishing to speak should signify by raising a hand. Discussion will be limited to two minutes per member unless his request for additional time is granted by a majority vote of the membership present. Discussions must be voted closed before a motion to vote on the discussed subject can be made or accepted. The vote will be a hand count, unless a secret ballot is requested and voted from the floor. No vote or business transaction shall be made unless a quorum of at least 20% of the membership is present. Each officer shall make a monthly report of proceedings and transactions. Adjournment will be by vote of those present.

IV OFFICERS

The Officers of the Akron BMW Club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, a five member Executive Board, Activities Director and Public Relations Director. All officers will be elected by the membership. Their term of office will be one year and they shall not serve more than one year consecutively, except the Treasurer who shall not be limited for business purposes. They shall not hold more than one office at one time, except the Vice President who shall be one of the five Executive Board Members and will serve as Chairman for such. The officers shall succeed in authority in the before mentioned order.

The election of officers shall be held on the last regular business meeting of the year. Any member in good standing may be nominated and seconded from the floor. The presiding officer will then ask the member if they accept. Only members present may be nominated unless they have notified an officer that they would accept pryor to the meeting. The nominations may not be closed until the presiding officer asks if there are any more nominations, or if anyone has reason for not closing the nominations to vote, - if reason is given, then it must be settled along Parlimentary lines before closing to vote. The vote will be by secret ballots unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the membership. A majority shall elect with a run-off in case of tie when none of the officers will vote. No proxy votes accepted. The officers will be installed at a banquet in January following the election. A vacancy shall be filled by election for the remainder of the year.at the meeting at which it occurs.

V OFFICIAL DUTIES

The President shall preside at all regular meetings and special meetings. He will supervise the duties of the other officers. He shall act as coordinator for the club and shall see that all business and activities of the club are performed in a democratic and orderly manner; and at no time act in a dictatorial manner and at no time make decisions or appointments to last more than thirty days without the approval of the membership.

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence, act as chairman of the Executive Board, assist

the Activities and the Public Relation Officers, act as press Secretary, and act as coordinator and information officer between our club and other organizations.

The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of meetings of the membership and the Executive Board. He shall issue notices of dues, attendance, special meetings, etc., and shall handle correspondence for the club. The Secretary shall also keep attendance roster and records, and furnish By-Laws and membership cards to the members.

The Treasurer shall have control of all money for the club, shall receive dues, registration and initiation fees etc., shall bank, write checks and receipts on same, and shall pay out money as directed by the President and the membership. He shall also make a monthly report of money transactions and who ordered same. The Treasurer will be a member of all committees and meetings where money is involved. The Treasurer may make expenditures of up to \$20.00 without pryor approval. In case the number of active paid-up memberships should fall below the number of ten (including officers) the Treasurer shall pay all remaining obligations and turn over the balance of all money owned by Akron BMW Club to the Salvation Army, a charitable organization, and shall publish a notice of such.

The Executive Board shall act as a planning and decision making committee and shall out-rank all other committies. It shall guide the policies of Akron BMW Club, act in judicial capacity and as trustees of any property that Akron BMW Club may acquire. They

shall study and investigate problems and questions brought to them by the membership, and make recommendations for final approval. They have no authority to act on an issue unless given that authority by the membership; but with membership, approval, and a majority vote of the Executive Board, they shall out-rank any officer of Akron BMW Club. The Executive Board may not incur any expenses or obligations on the club except ordinary operating expenses unless membership approves.

The Activities Director shall be in charge of planning and arranging competitive, social and riding activities of Akron BMW Club and shall rank with the President on such matters. He shall appoint assistants for such events, make arrangements for supplies, places and equipment for that event, and make every effort to make the event a success.

The Public Relations Director shall try to maintain and improve the public image of Akron BMW Club and motor cycling as a whole. He shall advertise events, work with the Vice President on press releases, make or arrange public speaking, public training programs, organize public demonstrations, parades and shows, etc.

VI REVISION OF THE BY-LAWS

The By-Laws may be modified at any time by the following procedure:

1. Any member in good standing may present in writing a proposed By-Laws modification to the Executive Board, who shall study and discuss it at their monthly meeting and their chairman will bring it to the floor of the

next regular business meeting along with their recommendations for discussion and action.

2. The Secretary will notify all members by mail that a By-Laws change will be voted on at the next business meeting.
3. The chairman of the Executive Board shall preside on By-Laws discussion and vote and will proceed as in Article III (Meetings), except that two thirds majority is required to pass a By-Laws change.
4. The Secretary shall post and read the changed By-Laws at the meeting place for at least three consecutive meetings.