

AKRON BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB #21

BYLAWS

I. PURPOSE

This organization promotes and maintains a respectable image of the BMW motorcycle and the cyclist attracted to it, and conveys this image to the general public at every opportunity.

We nurture sportsmanship and good fellowship, and condone only courteous and respectable appearances and actions from our members. Riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs, loud mufflers, or actions or appearances, etc. that detract from our good image will not be tolerated.

We sponsor Club events such as competitions, social functions, tours, rallies, etc., acceptable to our membership.

We support or fight legislation of interest to the cyclist, at the discretion of our membership.

We organize this Club to be as democratic, enjoyable, and beneficial as feasible to all BMW owners who wish membership.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Akron BMW Motorcycle Club membership is limited to owners of BMW motorcycles and their spouses / significant others, who are in accord with this organization.

Dues will be \$10.00 per year per member, with an initiation fee of \$5.00 per owner, or owner/spouse combination, payable upon joining. The owner must have an active membership in BMWMOA. All dues shall be paid in full by January 31 of each year.

A member in good standing who has been an active participant, and gives up ownership of his/her BMW motorcycle will be eligible to remain a member of the Club. All other membership requirements will remain in effect.

The Club requires reasonable participation from its members. Any member may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Executive Board for wild, unsafe riding practices, obnoxious behavior, or anything the membership considers derogatory to the good image or reputation of the Club.

Prospective Members

Prospective members must attend a minimum of three Club functions before requesting sponsorship.

Each prospective member will be considered by the membership. A majority vote is required for membership. If the prospective member requests sponsorship, and cannot attend one of the monthly meetings for whatever reason, he/she must request consideration. The sponsor will convey the written request to the

membership during the next Club business meeting. If all requirements are met, the vote may be taken, and the prospective member installed in absentia.

Associate Membership

An unmarried member in good standing may sponsor one significant other for associate membership. Only one significant other is eligible for membership, per sponsor, at one time.

Associate membership will continue through December 31st of the year of sponsorship. Continuation of associate membership shall require renewed sponsorship. Associate members share all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of full regular membership.

Associate members must meet the same requirements as any prospective member, with the exception of BMW ownership. The dues for the associate member are \$10.00 per year, plus a \$5.00 initiation fee.

Lifetime Membership

Any member with 25 years continuous membership in the Akron BMW Motorcycle Club shall automatically become a "Lifetime Member." Lifetime membership includes all of the rights and responsibilities of regular membership, with dues ceasing on January 1 of the year following an individual's 25th anniversary.

III. MEETINGS

The regular business meeting of the Club will be held once each month. The day, time, and place of the regular business meeting will be selected by vote of the membership.

No vote 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 given notice. Business meetings will be conducted along standard parliamentary lines. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.

Members wishing to speak will signify so by raising a hand. Discussion should be limited to two minutes per member unless a request for additional time is granted. Discussions must be voted closed before a motion to vote on the motion can be made or accepted. The vote will be by hand count unless a secret ballot is requested and voted from the floor. No vote or business will take place unless at least two (2) officers and three (3) additional Club members are present. Adjournment will be by vote of those present.

IV. OFFICERS

The officers of the Akron BMW Motorcycle Club will be elected by its members and consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a five-member Executive Board.

Term of Office

Each term of office shall be one year, excepting the Treasurer, who for business purposes will not be limited. An officer may serve a second consecutive term of office if nominated and elected by the membership. No member may hold more than one office at a time, except Vice President, who is one of the five Executive Board members, serving as Chair. Each officer will succeed in authority in the order listed above.

Nomination and Election

Election of officers will take place at the annual banquet.

A three-person Nominating Committee, appointed by the President and consisting of one Executive Board member as head and two appointed members, will list at least two members for each position. Each member nominated must give permission prior to the election to have his/her name placed on the ballot. In addition, any member in good standing may be nominated and seconded from the floor, with the presiding officer asking the member if he/she accepts. Members must be present to be nominated from the floor, or written notification of acceptance must be given to a Club officer prior to the meeting.

Nominations may not be closed until the presiding officer asks if there are more nominations, or if anyone has reasons against closing the nominations. If reason is given, the challenge must be settled along parliamentary lines before closing nominations. A majority vote will elect with a run-off in case of tie. No proxy vote will be accepted. The officers will be installed in January following the election. Any vacancy will be filled by appointment of the President for the remainder of the term.

V. OFFICIAL DUTIES

President

The President presides at all regular and special meetings. He/she supervises duties of the officers, acts as a coordinator for the Club, and sees that all business of the Club is done in a democratic and orderly manner.

Vice President

The Vice President assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence, acts as Chairperson of the Executive Board, and assists the Activities Director.

Secretary

The Secretary maintains the minutes of meetings of the membership and the Executive Board. He/she issues notices of dues, attendance, special meetings, etc., and handles correspondence for the Club. The Secretary also keeps other Club records. The Secretary will provide a copy of the Club by-laws upon request.

Treasurer

The Treasurer has control of all monies for the Club, receives dues, registration and initiation fees, etc., will bank, write checks and receipts on same, and pay out monies as directed by the President and the membership. In any case, only Club officers or members in good standing will collect or handle any Club monies until turned over to the Treasurer. The Treasurer issues and signs Club membership cards for all members and maintains the Club Roster. He/she makes a monthly report of Club financial transactions and who ordered same.

The Treasurer is a member of all committees and meetings where money is involved.

All checks must be signed by two Akron BMW Motorcycle Club officers. The Treasurer's books remain prepared and ready for audit. An annual audit is conducted by the President, Vice President, and Secretary, between the December and January meetings each year.

Executive Board

The Executive Board acts as a planning and decision-making committee and outranks all other committees.

The board guides the policies of the Club, acts in judicial capacity and as trustee of any property that the Club may acquire. An annual inventory of Club property is kept on file by the Club Secretary and verified by the Executive board. The Board studies and investigates problems and questions brought to it by the membership and makes recommendations for final approval.

The Executive Board may not incur any expenses or obligations on the Club exceeding \$100.00, without membership approval.

Other

Other positions within the Club will be appointed by the President from the pool of volunteers. These positions include, but are not limited to: Activities Director, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and various committee Chairs.

VI REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

This organization has an inherent right to remove or suspend an officer or director from office for valid cause. Officers, directors, or committee members can be removed by the same authority that selected them. The power to select carries with it the power to remove. An elected officer or director can be removed by vote of the members. An appointed officer or committee member can be removed by the authority that appointed him/her.

Examples of the causes for removal from office are:

1. Continued, gross, or willful neglect of the duties of the office.
2. Failure or refusal to disclose necessary information on matters of organization business.

3. Unauthorized expenditures, signing or checks, or misuse of organization funds.
4. Misrepresentation of the organization and its officers to outside persons.
5. Conviction of a felony
6. Membership in subversive organizations.

Examples of conduct that ARE NOT valid grounds for removal from office are:

1. Poor performance as an officer due to lack of ability.
2. Negligence that is not gross or willful.
3. A tendency to create friction and disagreement.
4. Mere unsuitability to hold office.

The procedure for suspending or removing officers will provide adequate notice to the accused officer, a fair hearing, and a reasonable opportunity to defend himself/herself.

VII. REVISION OF BY-LAWS

The Bylaws may be modified at any time by the following procedure:

1. Any member in good standing may present in writing a proposed Bylaw modification to the Executive Board.
2. The Board will study and discuss the requested modification at the regular monthly board meeting.
3. The Chair will bring the request to the floor at the next regular business meeting, along with the Board's recommendation for discussion and action.
4. If the Board recommends membership vote, the modification will be published, read aloud at two consecutive business meetings, and immediately voted upon. A two-thirds majority of those in attendance is necessary for passage.

VIII. DISSOLUTION

In case the number of active paid-up members should fall below the number of ten (including officers) the Treasurer will be directed by the membership to pay all remaining obligations. The Treasurer will transfer any remaining balance to the Salvation Army, a charitable organization, and will publish a notice of this action.