

BY-LAWS of the L.I. HARLEY RIDERS, INC

ARTICLE I – NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this organization shall be L.I.Harley Riders, Inc. and shall further be known as “club” in the By-Laws. The mailing address for the club is P.O. Box 2203, St. James New York 11780-0607

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE and MISSION

L.I .Harley Riders is a family oriented, non-political, not for profit social organization established and organized with the purpose and mission of riding our Harley-Davidson® motorcycles and having fun. We also promote responsible motorcycling and related activities for our members and their families. We also will devote time, money and effort to worthwhile charitable causes. We proudly adhere to the standards and operating policies of our bylaws and the AMA guidelines.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP (full member hereafter known as ‘member’)

- A. There shall be no limit to the number of members this club may have.
- B. Members of this club are required to be at least 18 years of age.
- C. Members are encouraged to be active National AMA Members.
- D. To become a member of the club, applicants must pay the yearly membership fee, and sign the club Membership Enrollment and Release Form.
- E. The yearly membership dues shall be set at the November officer meeting for the following year and shall cover the member through December 31st (no pro-rating). The only exception shall be members joining in the months of November and December. Their membership dues shall be covered through December 31st of the following year. These members will need to sign two club membership Enrollment Form and Releases to cover months November through December of the present year and another form to cover months January through December 31st of the following year.
- F. The annual renewal dues shall be due by January 1st of each year and members must sign the club membership Enrollment Form and Release. Members whose dues are not paid by the last day of January shall be automatically dropped from membership in the club.
- G. Members shall be eligible to vote on club matters and to receive an electronic copy of the club newsletter. The AMA requires only valid AMA members eligible to vote on Club business.
- H. Any member of the club who wishes to run for elected office (Primary Officer) must be an AMA member in good-standing - have been a club member for a minimum of 12-months and have held a Discretionary Officer position for a minimum of 12-months to be considered for nomination.
- I. The primary officers may suspend or terminate a person’s club membership, at any time, at their discretion, based on a majority vote.
- J. Members are welcome to invite a guest to rides. Once a guest has attended three rides they will be asked to join the club to continue participating in club activities. In order to join they must meet the criteria for either membership or associative membership.
- K. Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at rides and events. Members and guests are responsible for their own actions and safety and adherence to government laws; in addition members are accountable for their guest’s behavior.
- L. At the discretion of the Primary Officers and/or Road Captains, unruly guests and their sponsoring member may be asked to leave a ride/event in progress, and/or not attend future rides/events.
- M. All guests must sign the club Release Form in order to participate in rides. Riding under

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the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted nor tolerated.

- N. By participating in club rides/events members and guests give their permission to use their photograph (unless otherwise directed by the member/guest) in club publications and website.
- O. Members will be sent electronically a monthly newsletter. There will be no newsletter during the month of December.

ARTICLE IV – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (*associate member*)

A member may request that a family member or significant other receive Associate Membership in the club. Associate members are encouraged to be active AMA members. Associate Membership is for a non-motorcycle riding person or a person that rides as a passenger. Associate membership includes all the rights, requirements and/or restrictions of Membership from Article III above with the following exceptions:

- A. The yearly membership dues shall be set at the November Officer meeting, and shall cover the Associate Member's annual dues through December 31st (no pro-rating). The only exception shall be Associate Member joining in the months of November and December. Their membership dues shall be covered through December 31st of the following year. These associate members will need to sign two club membership Enrollment Form and Releases to cover months November thru December of the present year and another form to cover months January thru December 31st of the following year. The annual renewal dues shall be due by January 1st of each year and members must sign the club membership Enrollment Form and Release. Associate members whose dues are not paid by the last day of January shall be automatically dropped from Associate Membership in the club.
- B. Associate Membership provides the opportunity to hold a club office with the exceptions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Road Captain or Safety Officer.

ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS/ OFFICERS

- A. The four Directors of the Corporation will be known as Primary Officers. The four directors are and concurrently serve as the Primary Officers and all provisions of and for the officers apply to directors. The club shall have the following Primary officers. Primary Officers shall be elected as outlined in Article VI of the By-Laws.
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice President
 - 3. Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer

- B. The Primary Officers may appoint the following Discretionary Officer positions:
 - 1. Activities Officer(s)
 - 2. Editor
 - 3. Head Road Captain & Assistant
 - 4. Historian
 - 5. Ladies of Harley
 - 6. Membership
 - 7. Photographer
 - 8. Public Relations
 - 9. Safety
 - 10. Webmaster
 - 11. Quartermaster

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ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Nomination Procedure: Commencing October of 2013, any club member may nominate a candidate for an open position. Nominees must be a member of the club for a minimum of 12 calendar months, and held a Discretionary position for 12 months.
- B. For 2012, Officers from the Lighthouse HOG Chapter will continue or be “grandfathered” in for those positions in L.I. Harley Riders, Inc.
- C. Nominations shall be taken for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary positions every two years.
- D. Candidates may only be nominated for one Primary Officer position at a time.
- E. Election Procedure: In the event that two or more candidates are nominated for a position, a ballot election shall take place at the regular meeting held in November, and results of the election immediately announced. Term of office begins January 1.
- F. The nominee with the highest number of votes shall be elected for the position.
- G. In the event of a tie, a runoff election, by raise of hand, shall be immediately conducted.
- H. No member shall hold more than one Primary Officer position at a time.
- I. In the event that a Primary Officer position is vacated during the term of office, the remaining primary officers shall appoint an interim officer to assume the vacated position for the remainder of the term of office. If the President, steps down before the end of the term, the Vice President will become President until the end of the term. The remaining Primary Officers will appoint a new Vice President to serve out the remainder of that term.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- A. General Meetings. The club shall hold General monthly membership meetings, on the fourth Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted. There will be no monthly membership meeting in December. Items of business for these meetings shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2. Introduction of guests and new members
 - 3. Officer’s Reports
 - 4. Committee report(s)
- B. All Officers shall meet on the third Monday of each month to discuss club business and activities unless otherwise noted. There will be no officer meeting in December
- C. Road Captains will meet monthly (or as needed) at a time and place to be determined by the Head Road Captain.

ARTICLE VIII – PRIMARY OFFICER DUTIES:

- A. The primary officers shall have general supervision of the affairs of the club between its meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the club, and perform such other duties as are specified in these By-Laws.
- B. The Primary Officers have the final decision power and ability to override any decisions in a majority vote.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

ARTICLE X – CLUB ASSETS/FUNDS

- A. Only the President or the designee (Activity Officer) of the President is authorized to sign a contract on behalf of the club.
- B. The President must approve, in advance, any and all club financial expenditures. No other club officers or members are authorized to approve purchases or disbursements of funds on behalf of the club. This includes, but is not limited to, items that will be

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reimbursed from the proceeds of any club fundraising activity.

- C. Members that outlay personal funds with prior approval from the President will be reimbursed after producing a valid receipt. Note: Personal expenses without prior approval may not be reimbursed.
- D. If the club disbands at any time, club funds shall be used to pay any debt owed by the club and any remaining funds shall be donated to charity.

ARTICLE XI – ALCOHOL POLICY

- All club rides end at the final destination
- Alcohol consumption by a member or guest before or during a club riding event will not be tolerated. The club will not furnish alcohol before or during a ride
- We expect each rider's full cooperation and understanding that this is not any one officer's or member's personal moral enforcement, but a policy for the safety and protection of all riders and the club

ARTICLE XII – RIDER RESPONSIBILITY

All Members, Associate Members and guests accept the fact that motorcycling is a potentially dangerous activity that may cause injury or even death. It must further be understood that while riding with other riders from the L.I. Harley Riders, Inc. that the sole responsibility for safety is the individual rider's. In no way will the L.I. Harley Riders, Inc., its officers or its ride leaders (Road Captains) be held responsible in the event of an accident and/or injury and/or death. DOT helmets are required on all club rides, including in states that do not require them.

ARTICLE XIII– AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The By-Laws may be amended at any general meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of those members and associate members in attendance (must be a quorum of at least 25% of membership), provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous general meeting and approved by a majority vote of the primary officers and discretionary board (must be a quorum of at least 25% of advisory board members).

In the event of any conflict or differences, the By-Laws shall be the governing document.