

Mt. Baker Motorcycle Club

By-Laws

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Preamble to the constitution

This club shall be known as The Mount Baker Motorcycle Club, Inc. Its motto "From Seashore to Snowline"; its colors, blue and gold. This club shall be affiliated with the A.M.A.

Article I- Membership

1. Any person who is a motorcycle enthusiast may be elected to membership in this corporation. Application for membership shall be signed by at least one active member in good standing. Applications for membership may be voted upon at any regular or special meeting of the members of the corporation. Applicant shall receive a unanimous vote of members present to become a member. A dissenting vote may be sustained or rejected by a vote of the majority of the members present. Any applicant under the age of 18 must have written consent of a parent or guardian, whom must also be a member. All applications shall be subject to seven days waiting period after the first reading, and applicant must attend at least one reading.
 - a) Sponsor of proposed member shall use discretion in selection of new members.
 - b) New applicant does not receive club privileges, but must be accompanied by a club member for grounds privileges for one year.
2. **Members in good standing** - shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the corporation. To be classed as a member, the person must have attended one meeting during the preceding twelve months, and must be current on dues. He/She is entitled to all club privileges.

Active member - A member who has earned 100 work points, and has attended 1 meeting per month in a calendar year will be called an active member. (See Article XII – Annual Awards/Membership Awards for method of awarding work points.)

3. **Honorary membership** - An honorary membership in this corporation may be given to any person upon the unanimous vote of those present at any regular or special meeting of the members of the corporation. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote.
4. **Dues-** The dues year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 at \$30.00 per year. Dues become payable in advance of Nov. 1, and are due by Dec. 31. Dues notices will be sent to members by Nov. 15 via newsletter. Delinquent members will be dropped from membership on Feb. 15. Delinquent members seeking reinstatement shall pay a \$5.00 reinstatement fee plus current year dues. Each person elected to new membership shall pay an initiation fee of \$5.00. When applying in Oct., or Nov., or Dec. the next years dues will be payable at time of application. The treasurer will set aside all dues and initiation fees collected from Nov.1 to Jan 31. These funds will not be available to the general fund until June 1 of the following dues year.
5. Any member may be removed from membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or special meeting of the members of the corporation called for that purpose. Any conduct deemed prejudicial to this corporation, provided that such member shall have first been served with written notice of the accusation against them, and shall have been given an opportunity to produce their witnesses, if any, and to be heard at the meeting at which such a vote is taken.

6. Membership in this corporation shall not be assignable.
7. No remuneration shall be made to any member upon the termination of their membership, whether it is by reason of death, expulsion, voluntary withdrawal or for any other reason whatsoever.
8. **Life membership** - A life membership shall be given to any member with 25 years of good standing.
9. Purchase of life membership:
 - a) A life membership may be purchased after 1 year in good standing. The amount will be current annual dues X 25, less the number of years the member has paid dues.
 - b) All monies from life memberships shall be put in an interest bearing account. Yearly, 75% of the interest may be transferred to the club treasury. The club may borrow the principal, when the members have been notified. It must be voted on by 2/3 of the members present at 2 consecutive meetings.
 - c) ½ credit for the years that a person was an honorary member before the age of 16 will be given at the time of the purchase of a life membership. A part year will be allowed as a full year.
 - d) Members 65 years or older may purchase a life membership at a reduced rate. They will pay only ½ the amount needed if they were under 65. Proof of age is required.
 - e) A member may receive a life membership free at the age of 70 if they have been a dues paying member for the previous 5 years.
10. Members of the armed forces, while on active duty, shall be given automatic leave, and be reinstated for \$1.00 including the current month's dues.

Amendment To Membership

1. April 17, 1978; a member's son or daughter under the age of 16 may apply for a non-voting membership in the M.B.M.C. Inc.
2. If at the age of 16 years, they wish to retain a membership in the M.B.M.C. they must start paying dues at that time. No initial fee will be required.

Article II- Officers

1. The officers of this corporation shall be named, President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Trustees. Only members in good standing shall be eligible for election as an officer. Each officer shall serve a term of 1 year, or until a successor is qualified and elected.
2. All officers shall take office as of the first Wednesday in January.
3. Vacancies which may occur among the officers shall be filled;
 - a) The office of the president by succession of the vice president
 - b) Other officers appointed by the board of trustees.
 - c) The officers so chosen by either method shall serve until the elected successors take office at the next annual election.
4. The officers of this corporation shall serve without compensation.

Article III- President

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the members and the board of trustees. The president shall sign as president, all contracts and instruments in writing when authorized thereto by the board of trustees. The president shall preside at all club trials, as judge; and perform other duties as the board of trustees may determine.

Article IV- Vice-President

1. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall have the power to perform all the duties of the president. The vice-president shall have other powers and perform other duties that the board of trustees might determine. The vice-president shall also maintain an inventory of all properties.

Article V- Recording Secretary

1. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to keep the records and minutes from all meetings of the board of trustees and members. They shall keep record of all correspondence in the club file, with answer if any. The recording secretary shall attach a copy of all amendments, and/or revisions of the club constitution that are passed to said document. They shall call roll and record all present prior to adjournment of each meeting. They shall also perform other duties as determined by the board of trustees from time to time.

Article VI- Financial Secretary

1. It shall be the duty of the financial secretary to keep record of all dues, and notify members of pending delinquencies. They shall collect all dues, keep records thereof, turn over the account to the treasurer for all monies collected there from; post and maintain roster board, maintain records of point standings and disbursement of point awards. They shall perform other duties from time to time as determined by the board of trustees. In the absence of the recording secretary, shall call roll and record all present at any meeting prior to adjournment.

Article VII- Treasurer

1. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep safely, all monies and securities of the corporation and disperse or deliver the same under the direction of the board of trustees. They shall submit a statement of all accounts, with vouchers, when called for by the president or the board of trustees. They shall perform other duties from time to time as determined by the board of trustees.

Article VIII- Board of Trustees

1. The corporate powers, business and properties of the corporation shall be exercised, conducted, and controlled by a Board of Trustees. The board shall consist of fifteen (15) members. Each member shall be an active member in good standing with this corporation. The president shall be the chairman of the board.
 - a) Duties of the board of trustees.
 1. Form a committee to audit all financial records and assets of this corporation to insure an open accountability of the corporation finances. The audits shall occur yearly at the March Trustees meeting.
 - b) Capital expense in excess of \$200.00 shall be decided upon by the board of trustees, and ordered by the treasurer, after approval by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

- c) Any motion for the sale of any Mt. Baker Motorcycle Club real property must first be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of all trustees.
2. At the annual meeting of the members, 2 new trustees will be elected. Their term of office will be 2 years. A 3rd trustee will be elected for a 2 year term if the ex-president does not take the position. The new elected president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, the; 5 event chairmen shall automatically on election become trustees of the corporation. The three hold over trustees will make up the remainder of the board for a total of 15 members. The term of trustee will be from the 1st of January after their election until their successor is elected and has taken office.
3. The concession stand manager will be considered an event chairman and therefore occupy a position as a trustee.
4. Regular meetings of the board of trustees shall be held at least once per month at a time determined by the board.
5. Special meetings of the board may be held at such time and place as the calling officer may determine.
6. Any trustee who is present at, and participated in a meeting of the trustees shall be deemed to have consented to the call and holding of the meeting.
7. Vacancies on the board of trustees, for any reason, shall be filled by the remaining trustees at a special meeting called for that purpose. The trustee so selected shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the membership and until a successor is elected and qualified.
8. Trustees of this corporation shall serve without compensation
9. Any trustee or officer of this corporation may, without cause, be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the members at any club meeting called for that purpose. Members at said meeting shall fill the vacancy or vacancies.
10. The outgoing president, unless elected to another office, shall become a trustee for 1 year.
11. An elected member of the board of trustees must have been a member in good standing for at least one year.

Article IX- Event Chairman

1. The event chairman shall preside at all club competitive events, keep a record of all results, and convey all results to the AMA. The chairman shall have fire and first aid kits available and in working order at all competitive events. They shall be familiar with M.B.M.C. Inc., and if applicable AMA rules. They shall perform other duties from time to time as determined by the board of trustees. Each chairman may appoint a referee to enforce applicable rules, handle protests, or other duties deemed necessary by the individual chairman.

Article X- Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the members of this corporation shall be held at the principal office and place of business of the corporation at least twice per month. The meeting night and time is to be set by the board of trustees.

2. The members of this corporation, for the purpose of electing officers, shall open nominations on the last regular meeting in November. Nominations and elections will be held on the first regular meeting in December. The officers and trustees elected at said meeting shall hold office from January 1 to December 31 of the next calendar year.
3. The annual meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held during the first meeting in December.
4. The board of trustees may call special meetings, by the request of the President, secretary, or by written request by 2 members of the corporation.
5. At all meetings of the members, which have been properly called, 10 members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
6. All meetings of the membership, the board of trustees, and committees shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise specified by the by-laws

Article XI- Rules and Regulations

1. Members in good standing shall be entitled to enjoy the use of corporation property and facilities under such rules and regulations as shall be adopted from time to time by the M.B.M.C Inc., and changes thereof shall be given to each member.
2. No discussion of non-club business during club meetings shall be permitted.
3. Keys to club property shall be made available only to active members in good standing upon approval of the majority of the members at a club meeting. Exceptions will be made on the approval of the members and/or the board of trustees.
4. All rules for club competition shall be posted in the clubhouse.
5. There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages during club meetings. If a member is found consuming alcoholic beverages during a meeting an appropriate penalty shall be imposed by the president or acting president.
6. Only members in good standing shall be allowed to vote, and a roll call shall be mandatory on matters pertaining to finances.
7. Members of this corporation may be hired by the corporation to do work designated by the board of trustees. All such work shall be hired on a complete contract basis if possible. Members shall be given preference in doing work for the corporation. The board of trustees must approve all completed work and hours before payment, or release from contract.
8. All non-hired work will be done without compensation.
9. Any motion for the sale of real property must be submitted by the board of trustees and must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of all the membership in good standing for 2 consecutive meetings to be passed; with the proceeds of said sale to be used for the promotion of new, or development of existing property.
10. Club competition points will be awarded only to members, associate members, and honorary members competing on motorcycles.

Article XII- Annual Awards

1. The following awards shall be perpetual trophies given out at the annual awards meeting.
 - a) Member of the year
 - b) Most active new member
 - c) Most active member under 16 years of age
 - d) Most active member over 16 years of age
 - e) Non-speed competition award- under 16 years of age
 - f) Non-speed competition award- over 16 years of age
 - g) Speed competition award- under 16 years of age
 - h) Speed competition award- over 16 years of age
 - i) Most active female member
 - j) Most competitive female member/associate member

Membership Awards

Awards will be based on activity points, except when 2/3 of the trustees deem this person unfit to receive the award. Points shall be earned by working on all scheduled events, MX or flat track. Also by working at, or on club grounds an any, or all activities.

1. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a) One point per hour of working
 - b) One point for attending M.B.M.C. meetings or other meetings pertaining to the interest of the M.B.M.C.
 - c) One point for riding a motorcycle to M.B.M.C. meetings
2. Points for chairmanships will be as follows:
 - a) Flat track: 5 points plus 1 point per hour worked
 - b) Moto-cross: 5 points plus 1 point per hour worked
 - c) All other events: 5 points plus 1 point per hour worked
 - d) Assistant chairman: 3 points plus 1 point per hour worked
 - e) Chairman shall receive the full amount of points
3. The chairman of the event shall determine who the workers are. Workers shall identify themselves to the chairman to get their 1 point per hour worked.
4. No points will be awarded for work for which a person receives compensation, except for the reimbursement for use of personal equipment.

Most Valuable New Member

1. This award shall be based on points
2. It shall incorporate the feelings of the trustees of the club that it is the person showing the greatest amount of interest in the future of the club and motorcycling.
3. Members joining after May 31st will be eligible for 18 months

Member of the Year

1. Shall, in the trustees' opinion, be the person in the club who does the most to promote the club and the future of motorcycling.

Competition Awards

1. Awards will be based on competition points except when 2/3 of the trustees deem this person unfit for this award.

2. Points will be given to all M.B.M.C. events. Points are awarded to the place of actual finish. When classes are awarded separately, points will be awarded by class. If awards are based on overall position, points will be given as such. All non-finishers and persons not riding the final event of their class will receive 1 point. Each club member to sign up will receive 1 point.
3. Points for positions 1-10 shall be as follows
 - a) 20 points for first place
 - b) 18 points for second place
 - c) 16 points for third place
 - d) 14 points for fourth place
 - e) 12 points for fifth place
 - f) 10 points for sixth place
 - g) 8 points for seventh place
 - h) 6 points for eighth place
 - i) 4 points for ninth place
 - j) 2 points for tenth place
4. In a 24-hour marathon, both 1st places get 20 points, both 2nd places get 18 points etc.

Article XIII- Amendments

1. A 2/3 majority vote in 2 consecutive meetings, or a majority vote of all members may amend the constitution or by-laws in 2 successive weeks. Such amendments must be submitted in writing.

Article XIV- Dissolution

1. In the event that this corporation is dissolved, all assets shall be devoted to payment of current obligations, loans, and other indebtedness of any kind and nature. After payment of such indebtedness, contributions that have been made by members shall be returned in full or on a pro-rata basis. Any assets remaining after repayment of members contributions shall be distributed in a manner agreed upon by 2/3 majority vote, of members in good standing, during a special meeting called for such purpose. The time and place of such meeting to be mailed to all members in goods standing not later than 30 days prior to such meeting. It is intended that no member shall profit from the dissolution of this corporation.

April 18, 1984

Mt. Baker Motorcycle Club,

With many new members coming into the club each week, we thought it would be helpful to write down some of the more commonly asked questions about attending our paid events, and what privileges your membership allows you.

As a club member you may attend one of our Thursday, Friday or Saturday night events free of charge. Your immediate family may join you as long as you sign in at the workers gate. You must provide the gate worker with your membership number and sign your name to the sign in sheet. You must then report to the track manager and sign in as being available to work. If the track manager does not need you to work, you may sit in the stands with your family and enjoy the event. If additional help is needed, you must make yourself available to work. Family members are not required to work, but may accompany you to a flagging position if it does not interfere with racing operations.

If you being a guest along, the guest may also sign in and get in free, providing they work along with you. The guest will receive workers tickets, but cannot receive the workers points designated for members only.

Some members have asked if they can get into the gate free if they are an event participant. The answer is "NO". A participant must pay the gate fee. However, in the past the track manager may have allowed a participant to race their class and flag another, thus getting into the gate free. Usually the track discourages the use of racers as helpers, but has left it to the discretion of the track managers.