



## **GOLDEN EAGLES MOTORCYCLE CLUB BYLAWS**

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### **BYLAWS INFORMATION AND RULES**

#### **NAME**

The name of the club is GOLDEN EAGLES MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., a Florida Corporation.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club is to promote desirable motorcycle sports and social activities for the recreation of members and invited guests to promote motorcycle safety and to further a positive image of all motorcyclists.

#### **EMBLEMS AND COLORS**

The emblem of the club is a spread winged eagle with outstretched talons. The colors are black, gold and white.

#### **CLUB HISTORY**

The club was originally founded in 1950. It has been in continuous operation since inception.

This edition of the bylaws supersedes all other editions.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The club is for members and guests only. Visitors may be offered an application for membership at the first meeting they attend.

A prospective member must be sponsored by a member in good standing who has been in the club for more than six (6) months. The prospective member must pay a non-refundable \$10.00 application fee and complete a Release Form. After meeting all membership acceptance requirements, the general membership shall vote on their acceptance into the club. Negative votes by twenty (20) percent or more of the voting members in attendance at the meeting will disqualify an applicant for membership. The sponsor will explain club rules and the conduct that is expected of the prospective member before the club members vote on them. The board will be responsible for the new member's behavior during the (6) months' probation period.

To qualify for membership he/she must attend two (2) meetings and ride three (3) club events on a motorcycle with their GEMC sponsor or other member in good standing. He/she must complete these requirements within one hundred twenty (120) days after filling out the Application for Membership. New members will be voted on at the first business meeting of the following month. All applicants must be twenty-one (21) years of age. The new member must pay pro-rated club dues within thirty (30) days. Membership in the AMA is highly recommended but not compulsory.

## **MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Upon acceptance into the club, he/she will be on a six (6) month probation period, during which time, he/she cannot vote. The Board of Directors will vote on final acceptance at the end of the probationary period. A majority of the Board Members must approve the probationary member for membership.

## **MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION**

### **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

A member in good standing is one who has been duly admitted to the club, paid dues on time, has been a member for at least six (6) months and has not lost his/her membership for any of the reasons stated in the section "**REASONS FOR LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**". A member in good standing is a stockholder in the corporation and entitled to one (1) vote at Business Meetings of the club.

### **LIFE MEMBER**

A member who has paid yearly dues for 10 consecutive years and has maintained all other club requirements will be a life member of the Golden Eagles.

Any member who passes away while in good standing will be transitioned to life member status.

## **REASONS FOR LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Not paying dues by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

In addition, a member may also be brought before the Board for consideration of termination of his/her membership for any of the following reasons:

- Not passing the six (6) month probationary period or failing to pass the Board of directors' vote at the end of such period.
- Jeopardizing the reputation of the club.
- Using excessive profane language.
- Indecent exposure.
- Disregard of the club dress code.
- Destruction of the club property.
- Any persons or members discovered using illegal drugs or controlled substances will not be allowed in the clubhouse, or on club property, or at an attended club event.
- Illegally carrying a concealed weapon on his/her person on club property.
- Inappropriate actions or conduct, as determined by the board.

Any member entrusted with club funds or properties and misappropriating or losing part or all of these funds must repay losses to the club and may be voted out of the Corporation. If a member is brought up on charges and put out of the club, he/she shall not be allowed back into the clubhouse, unless it is a public event or by reapplying for membership and being accepted.

## **DUES**

Dues will be approved annually by the Board of Directors and posted in the clubhouse.

New members voted into the club who do not pay their dues within thirty (30) days must reapply for membership. A life member is not required to pay dues.

Upon request by the member, and approval by the board, a member may be granted a hardship exemption.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members. Board Members are required to be active members in the AMA. An elapsed AMA membership will result in removal from the Board. No member of the Board of Directors shall hold the office of President for more than three (3) consecutive years. The Board shall have control and general management of the affairs and business of the Corporation. All Board decisions will be brought before the General Membership and voted upon. If the decisions are not approved by a majority of the members, they shall be brought back before the board and discussed again. Such Directors shall, in all cases, act as a Board regularly convened by a majority, adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the Corporation as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these bylaws and the laws of the State of Florida (Article 11, Section 4). It shall have the authorization to transact emergency business between regular stockholder meetings. Directors shall also have the authorization to spend up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in support of club business. The Board shall interpret all bylaws and be responsible for the enforcement of the bylaws and the club rules. The Board shall have the power to remove an officer of the Corporation who is not performing to the benefit of the Corporation (i.e.) any Board Member with two (2) unexcused absences from Board Meetings shall be considered for removal. This shall also hold true for any Board Member not acting

in accordance with club rules. Any four (4) Board Members may request of the President, in writing, an emergency Board Meeting. All matters of concern of the members may be presented to a Board Member, in writing, to be brought forward at Board Meetings. Major Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the general membership. President, Vice President and the Treasurer must be elected from the Board of Directors, and these offices can only be held by individuals. All vacancies, in any office, shall be filled by the Board of Directors without undue delay at its regular meeting or at a meeting called for that purpose (Article III, Section 5).

### **ELECTED OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

**PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings and shall make certain all bylaws are enforced. The President shall vote at Board Meetings only to break a tie vote, but does have a regular vote at stockholders elections. The President will also hold the position known as “Chairman of the Board of Directors”. A candidate must have been a member for two (2) years prior to the election, and serve on the Board of Directors for one (1) year to be eligible to hold the office of President in the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club, Inc.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall assist the President as necessary and perform the duties of President when that individual is absent. The Vice President shall coordinate activities with the chairpersons of all committees and report to the President. The Vice President is the only club member that may designate and schedule a Work Party.

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall record the minutes of the Board of Directors and Business Meetings. Informal minutes will be taken at general membership meetings if so directed by the President. Under the direction of the President, the Secretary shall maintain an accurate list of members, write all correspondence, maintain all records of the corporation members and shall maintain corporate books. The Secretary does not have to be a member of the Board of Directors.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall receive all bills, monies and receipts collected. The Treasurer shall make proper receipts of all monies received. The Treasurer shall keep suitable records of all finances of the Corporation and shall render a monthly itemized account of such to the President and the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall notify the Secretary of any monies and bills given to him/her. The Treasurer shall make a report at the monthly Board of Directors Meeting and at the Business Meeting. The treasurer will also hold the position known as “Resident Agent of the Corporation for the State of Florida”.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR:** The Financial Advisor will manage the investments of the Corporation and give a monthly report to the Board of Directors.

### **CHAIN OF COMMAND**

The Chain of Command is as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Most Senior Board Member to Least Senior Board Members, Secretary.

**REFEREE:** The Referee's duties shall be to act as a club spokesperson that will officiate at club sponsored and AMA events as required by the AMA. The Referee is responsible for the report to AMA on all AMA sanctioned events.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order at meetings and club functions and keep undesirable persons out of the designated place of meetings, namely, the Golden Eagles Clubhouse.

**ROAD CAPTAIN:** The Road Captain shall have charge and control over all club motorcycle rides and club sponsored public road runs, enforcing all Safety Road Riding rules to and during events. He is also responsible for keeping the mileage record for the annual high mileage award.

**ASST. ROAD CAPTAIN(S):** The Asst. Road Captains shall take over the duties of club motorcycle rides and club sponsored public road runs in the absence of the Road Captain.

**CONCESSIONAIRE:** The Concessionaire shall be responsible for the beverage supplies for all club activities.

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER:** This is an office required by the AMA while holding an AMA event. In case of an accident, the Insurance Commissioner will have to go to the scene of the accident and then fill out a report to be sent to the AMA.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** The Judge Advocate will make rulings on the bylaws of the club.

## **SOCIAL OFFICERS**

**CHAPLAIN:** The Chaplain is to lead the members in prayer at the meetings and events.

**KITCHEN MANAGER:** The Kitchen Manager will manage the kitchen for Club Runs and events.

**ASST. KITCHEN MANAGER:** The Asst. Kitchen Manager will help in assisting the Manager.

**MEMBERSHIP CONTACT:** Will be in charge of recruiting new members into the club and explaining the rules on becoming a member of the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club.

**PARTY CHAIRMAN:** The Party Chairman will be in charge of the party events of the club.

## **MEETINGS**

The Board Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month starting at 6:30pm followed by the Club Business Meeting starting at 8:00pm.

Emergency and special meetings of the Board of Directors can be called by a chairperson or by a written request of four (4) members of the Board of Directors.

## RULES FOR STOCKHOLDER ELECTIONS

Elections shall be held annually in December of each year. Nominations for elected offices shall be held during the November meeting. After nominations have been made, the nominees shall be posted. The election balloting shall be held at the Business Meeting in December. Officers of the Corporation are elected from the Board of Directors by the general membership following the election of the Board. The Secretary does not have to be elected from the Board. All members in good standing may vote in the annual stockholders election.

## CLUBHOUSE RULES

- No smoking is permitted in the clubhouse.
- Illegal drugs are not permitted on club property.
- Only club members behind the bar.

## NEW RULES AND RULE CHANGES

New bylaws changes may be presented to the Board of Directors for their interpretation. After interpretation the Board will vote on the changes. A simple majority rules. If passed, the Board, through the President will present these changes for a vote, at three (3) consecutive general membership meetings. If approved the changes will become effective immediately.

## UNIFORMS

Only members and their immediate family may wear items with the “Club” (refers to the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club) emblem.

Uniforms for any events under the AMA and club events, other than regularly scheduled meetings, should observe the following guidelines:

- Color for shirts, jackets or sweatshirts must be black, gold (yellow) or white with emblem or logo in reverse color.
- Text above the logo should read **GOLDEN EAGLES**, the letters M and C should be at the left and right sides of the logo, respectively, and the text under the logo should read **TAMPA, FL**.

**GOLDEN EAGLES**  
**M            (LOGO)            C**  
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- Additional smaller logos on left front or on sleeves are permitted. The text **GOLDEN EAGLES** or **GEMC** on long sleeves of shirts, sweatshirts or jackets is also permitted.
- Black shirt, jacket or sweatshirt must have gold (yellow) logo and text. Gold shirt must have black logo and text. White shirt and sweatshirt must have black or gold logo and text.
- Use common sense for appropriate riding gear.
- Additional items with club logos are permitted including caps, bandanas, vests, etc.

## **HIGH MILEAGE AWARD**

An award will be presented at the end of the year to the members that rode the highest number of miles during that year. All odometer readings must be turned in to the Road Captain by October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **DEFINITION OF A CLUB RUN/EVENT**

A Club Run/Event is any AMA sponsored occurrence voted as a Club Run/Event by the majority of club members at a club meeting. The AMA or voted upon Run/Event must be attended by at least one (1) club member in uniform.

## **DISBANDMENT**

In the event of the disbandment of the **GOLDEN EAGLES MOTORCYCLE CLUB**, all assets of the club will be given to a charitable cause or causes to be determined by a majority vote of the membership.

## **CLUB FUNDS**

Checks drawn on the checking account of the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club are required to have one signature of a predetermined member, as approved by the board or Treasurer (active signature card on file at the bank). At the option of the Treasurer, reoccurring bills may be paid electronically. The Treasurer is required to prepare a monthly report outlining all bills, monies and receipts collected. Said report will be presented at the monthly Board of Directors meeting with paper copies submitted to the Board President and Secretary. The monthly Reconciliation Statement must be reviewed and signed by the President ensuring that all checks issued constituted legitimate club expenses. Each Reconciliation Statement must contain images of checks issued.

## **AMA CHARTER REQUIREMENTS**

The Club Secretary will ensure appropriate record keeping and correspondence is maintained to ensure the continued longevity of the Club's AMA Charter. Ten of the Club's membership, inclusive of all the Board of Directors, are required to be AMA members.