# REBELLIOUS FEW RIDING CLUB, LLC ("RFRC") OFFICIAL BY-LAWS

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"When I'm riding my motorcycle, I'm glad to be alive. When I stop riding my motorcycle, I'm glad to be alive." Neal Peart, 9/12/2018

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Greek phrase for "family, household clan, or kin" is oikogéneia.

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#### WE RIDE

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We ride.

It's in our sinews, our marrows, our pulsing bloods; Our cellular codes, our breathings, our touchings. We ride over mountains and through valleys, Around parks and towns, Into and out of our dreams. We ride with music blasting Or in that magnetic mix of wind and engine rumble. We ride with windshields or without. With helmets or without, With friends or strangers or alone. We ride in sunshine and moonless nights; Through high winds, rain, snow and hail. We ride on freeways, highways and parkways; On side roads, back roads, dirt roads, on no roads at all. We ride to the familiar and to the new, To anywhere and everywhere, To hidden-, forgotten- and lost-wheres. We ride to get away, we ride to get to, We ride for no reason at all; It is our history, our future, our now. As long as freedoms exist, we will ride; As long as we ride, freedoms will exist.



"Love is the feeling you get when you like something as much as your motorcycle."

Hunter S. Thompson

#### 1. FORWARD

The author would like to give ample credit to Rebellious Few Riding Club, LLC (hereafter "RFRC") members Scott "Toretto" Hunter (National Sergeant-At-Arms; "SAA"), Andrew "Toddler" Storms (National Secretary, "Sec"), Paul "Bear" Holbrook (former member), Brian "BiRD" Dalton (former National Vice President; "VP"), David "Berk" Berkebile (Chair, National Office of Publications, "OP"), Kenneth "Merk" Merker (former member), and National Vice President/Acting National Treasurer Kirk "Captain" Nelson for contributions toward completion and revision of this Constitution.

The derivation of this project came about due to the growing structure of RFRC and the need for oversight of safe riding protocols within and without the Club. The officers listed herein observed a number of potentially serious mishaps during their rides or on other organization rides. Out of an abundance of caution the drafter and reviewers set out to formalize safety and other procedures pertinent to all members within the RFRC. This Constitution is an adjunct to the current Road Captain/Tail Gunner Training Course developed by Toretto and Roukan.

This document is divided into two sections. Part One relates to Club-wide procedures. Part Two addresses potentially chapter-specific protocols. Chapters can add to the Constitution herein, but cannot change or alter same. Although there are some punitive sections herein, this is not meant to belittle or offend any member. See Section 4.6 regarding Progressive Discipline. We just need a common creed between all members of this Club to assure safe riding and friendship moving forward.

Through organic synergy, the founders of this Club decided to focus our fundraising efforts toward animal-related charities. Therefore, we will focus our time and effort toward raising money to help non-human animals who need our love and devotion.

The RFRC Executive Board ("EB") reserves the right to supplement or change this Constitution to meet the needs of the membership. They will make every effort to be consistent and equitable to all members when and if changes are indicated. Every RFRC members is expected to read and comprehend this Constitution, along with the companion Bylaws. The RFRC or its officers do not maintain legal liability should safety or other aspects of member motorcycle riding be violated before, during, or after RFRC-sanctioned rides and events.

Ride on! Roukan, Pres, RFRC Centerville, Ohio October 12, 2022

# 2. DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

# 2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Constitution is to assure that all RFRC Club Members are "on the same page" as to:

- 1. Safety protocols;
- 2. General Expectations of each member;
- 3. Training needs for safety as well as for promotions to Road Captain ("RC"), Mid-Captain ("MC"), and Tail Gunner ("TG") duties;
- 4. Position Descriptions for all Officers and the definition of "CORE";
- 5. Promotion opportunities within RFRC, including officer and CORE positions;
- 6. Patching requirements; and
- 7. Pertinent policies for Club-wide and chapter-specific intent

It is expected that each and every member of RFRC read this Constitution and ask any of the officers any questions to assure clarity and compliance. The Pres will keep the Constitution updated and current.

# 2.2 Supremacy of the Constitution

As the Club expands and forms new chapters, it is expected to that some members might have differing opinions as to adherence to this Constitution. It must be stressed that this Constitution pertain to ALL RFRC members and ALL RFRC chapters, without exception. Chapters are allowed to *supplement* this Constitution to better fit their particular situations (e.g., participation events), but those supplements cannot replace, change, or supersede the letter or spirit of this Constitution. All differences of opinion in this area will be discussed by the EB and decided therein. Ignorance of these Constitution sections is never an excuse for their violation.

This Constitution are organized into two (2) parts. Part One, comprising the majority of the document, includes policies that pertain to the entire Club; including all chapters. Part Two pertains to chapter-specific organization and control.

#### 2.3 Office Title Nomenclature

To avoid confusion, the following nomenclature will be used for titled RFRC officers;

- 1. National Chapter Officers: President Pres; Vice President VP; Secretary Sec; Treasurer Tres; and Sergeant-At-Arms SAA
- 2. Chapter Officers: President CP (e.g., CP2); Vice President CV; Secretary CS; Treasurer CT; and Sergeant-At-Arms CA

#### 3. COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

RFRC has a deep-seated resentment of bigotry, misogyny, and racism. It is our solemn vow to recruit a diverse and open-minded group of members; now and in the future, who reflect the entirety of the biker community and the patch proudly. We do not now, nor will we ever, tolerate anyone in our Club who disrespects a fellow brother or sister and will take steps to excise anyone who does. Further, we expect that all current and future RFRC members to share that passion and to report anyone who violates this creed.

#### PART ONE: CLUB-WIDE CONSTITUTION

#### 4. INTRODUCTION

# 4.1. The Naming of the Club

Significant thought and deliberation were put into deriving the name of "Rebellious Few" for this Club. The founding members felt the weight of importance of the Club Naming process and therefore went through several exercises to reflect on what we wanted to form a new Club. Discussion included whether that club should an MC or an RC and what values we held most dear to the Club in general and to each other specifically. Those values included loyalty, integrity to each other and the patch, kinship, and the joint passion of motorcycle travel. The term "Rebellious" means a change from the old and tried. The term "Few" indicates that not everyone will fit into our brand of "safety" first and kinship. We are the RFRC!

# 4.2. The Meaning of Full Membership

When a prospective member (termed a "delegate") is nominated to or by the Pres or appropriate CP, their vote goes to the full membership of that particular chapter. Once voted in, they earn full membership into the RFRC, with all the rights and obligations that go with that privilege.... with one notable exception.

There is one exception to full membership rights as defined in this Constitution. Non-riders (usually a significant other, child, or other  $2^{nd}$  up) can only be considered for a National or chapter officer position of Pres/CP, VP/CV, or SAA/CA if s/he:

- 1. acquires their respective state motorcycle endorsement (an "M" on their driver's license in the case of Ohio) or otherwise demonstrates safe and competent riding skills;
- 2. is fully capable of riding; and
- 3. has ridden at least a full riding season and demonstrated competence and insight (a.k.a. a "seasoned" rider".

This does not mean they always have to ride on or to RFRC events and it's not meant to punish our non-riding loved ones and friends. We simply feel that this proven capacity to pilot a bike themselves is pivotal for those offices since it signifies deeper understanding of the importance of

safety, the potential for hazard, and the most effective riding techniques needed to be a member of the RFRC.<sup>2</sup>

Anyone who operates a bike knows there's a difference in operating and riding along. Decisions and thought processes for safe operation is something an operator has and a passenger often does not. To be blunt, having leaders with no operating experience, especially where they lead other operators in a riding club, undermines our safety and overall wellbeing.

# 4.3. The Shop

RFRC Mother Chapter (OH-1) has an official Shop (formally "Clubhouse"), located in Dayton, Ohio. That locale is used for meetings and other RFRC events and all RFRC members and delegates are welcome.

## 4.4. Club Structure<sup>3</sup>

The structure of the RFRC can be thought of as four (4) concentric circles; all critical and as important as the next.

- 1. Supporter membership (including children, significant others, pets, and invited friends who are not full members);
- 2. General membership from all chapters;
- 3. The Chapter Board ("CB"), comprised of the EB and CPs from all chapters; and
- 4. The National Executive Board ("EB") comprised of five officers (Pres, VP, Tres, Sec, and SAA).

The RFRC is structured with a National Office and chapters. As of now, not all officers to those chapters have been named, but that will likely change in the coming months. We envision future expansion and growth, but it needs to be controlled and gradual.<sup>4</sup>

# 4.6. Progressive Discipline

In the rare instance where discipline has to take place, it will be supervised by the Pres and/or the relevant CP. In most cases, the offending member will have violated a protocol by accident and a CORE member close to him or her can "pull them aside" and right the wrong. This is the first step; respectful discussion. In a case when that first step does not work, the Pres (or appropriate CP) will take that member aside and discuss the concern with that member. In cases where safety issues are involved, the SAA might be more appropriate. Only in the extreme will a member be removed from the Roster permanently (see Sec 5.5.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Remember that becoming an officer is an optional honor. Some might find the enhanced obligations of that title burdensome or overly time-consuming and no one will ever be forced to become an officer. There are many opportunities to contribute to the RFRC and always ride with us without that title behind a name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> It is expected that ALL RFRC members take the RC/TG safety course as soon as feasible, even though they may never officially become certified as an RC or TG.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Chapter Board has decided that once we put good chapter officers in place, we trust that they will in turn bring in good members who share the RFRC vision and respect the Patch to build that chapter.

#### 4.7. Grievance

All chapter members have the right to grieve his or her personal situation to the VP as ad hoc adjudicator if s/he was not involved in the initial decision for discipline. The VP will make her/himself available at any other time if any member has a concern.

If s/he was involved, grievance will default to the SAA. The VP shall assume that discussions with the aggrieved members shall remain privileged and confidential and should only be relayed to the EB where s/he believes the Club's best interests as a whole is affected.

# 4.8. Participation in the Club

Unlike some RCs, we value the meaning of our patch and expect a nominal amount of participation and financial commitment. For any member to remain in good standing, they must pay their annual dues (see Sec. 4.9) and participate in at least one (1) RFRC-sanctioned event each month. These include rides, meetings, Club Nights, Bike Nights, etc. Each member should also participate in at least three (3) sanctioned-rides per calendar year.

All members are REQUIRED to participate in RFRC events in person one time per month. This includes: RFRC sanctioned rides; meetings; or events. Participation shall be tracked by chapter secretary for all full patched members. All members shall follow these guidelines:

- 1. If a member goes one month with no in person participation, member will be placed on probation for 30 days giving them the chance to meet participation requirements thus coming off probation on day 31.
- 2. If a member goes two months with no in person participation, member will be placed on probation for 60 days giving them the chance to meet participation requirements thus coming off probation on day 61.
- 3. If a member does not meet required in person participation criteria for a third month in a row, that member will be asked to turn in their back patch.

Chapter Secretaries must submit meeting minutes, monthly attendance, and rosters once a quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) to the National Secretary. These items should be submitted before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month due.

At the EB's discretion, exceptions to these guidelines may be made as to the participation expectations of family and other close associates of the RFRC due to extenuating circumstances including, but not limited to, work commitments, travel commitments, or personal/family health challenges.

#### 4.9. Dues

The dues for every member shall be \$100/calendar year. The first-year dues are due before each delegate becomes a patched member. Subsequent-year dues are due by the end of the month of the anniversary of each member (e.g., some becoming patched in mid-September must pay each subsequent year's dues no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>).

The Tres shall be in charge of logging payments and reminding tardy members of their financial obligations to the entire Club. Each member should be mindful of their anniversary date and pay their dues each year before the end of that anniversary month. Individual CVs shall keep their chapter's financial spreadsheet updated and accurate and should quarterly share same with the Tres. Starting with each member's second year dues, \$100 shall be paid to National. From that \$100, \$45 shall be kept by National, \$45 shall be returned to that CT, and the remaining \$10 shall be deposited in the National Charity fund for *K-9 for Warriors*, RFRC's National charity.

If dues are not timely paid, disciplinary action will be taken by the Pres, CTs will be in charge of timely collecting annual dues from that chapter's membership. All dues shall be used for only Club-related expenditures. The Tres is responsible for producing National budget audit summaries for the EB or third parties on request.<sup>5</sup>

# 4.10. Suggestions

We often say that we want the hierarchy of the Club to be "as flat as possible" and that any member can conceive a ride or event or provide suggestions for change and/or improvement. We welcome all members; be they CORE, EB officer, or chapter member, to voice their opinions to their CP, then up to the EB, especially in the area of allowing them greater participation in and enjoyment of the RFRC. No idea will be rejected without respectful consideration; as should always be the case in a family.

# 4.11. RFRC's National Charity

The EC has decided that RFRC's National Charity shall be *K9s for Warriors* (k9sforwarriors.org) and fundraising shall be done for that charity for 2023 and beyond.

#### 5. CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Even though the current officers of RFRC feel strongly that ANYONE can step up and assume leadership roles, including designing rides, hosting parties, etc. As the Club matures and continues to grow and deepen in members, experience, and talents, we anticipate further official or CORE positions to open.

# 5.1. Job Description of the Officers of RFRC

The following are the prescribed job duties for National officers. See Section 10 for the same relative to chapter officers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The CT should keep records of payments and costs to regularly relay to the Tres for reconciliation and, if needed, payment to the chapter from RFRC general funds.

# 5.1.1 President ("Pres"; Chair of both the EB and CB)

For better or worse, the Pres is the "face of the Club". S/he is the primary contact for Club business, be it event planning, membership and recruiting, or disciplinary matters. S/he is also the point of the sword when something goes wrong. If a member of RFRC does something that concerns others, the Pres will hear about it and be expected to act expeditiously. Therefore, the Pres is tasked with:

- 1. Being available 24/7 via phone or email to all members and third parties;
- 2. Leading the effort to maximize Club diversity in race, creed, and gender;
- 3. Spearheading the drive for a diverse and representative leadership in the Club;
- 4. Abstaining from all National and other votes to allow him or her to be the tiebreaker;
- 5. Heading the RFRC annual ride and event planning committee; meeting each December for the subsequent year;
- 6. Communicating with all new members to welcome them into the RFRC family;
- 7. Attending all Officer and Special meetings;
- 8. Staying in contact with all members as much as those members require or request;
- 9. Planning an agenda for and then hosting the quarterly or other officers' meetings;
- 10. Assisting the VP on the annual holiday party committee;
- 11. Routinely reviewing the RFRC Roster with the Sec and deciding on dropping chronically inactive members;
- 12. Maintaining and updating a current version of the Bylaws and Constitution and circulating same;
- 13. Being the backup to the Tres for check signing;
- 14. Being the final arbiter of disciplinary actions and grievances when the VP in unavailable or conflicted out;
- 15. Assisting the Ride Committee and planning of weekly and special rides; and
- 16. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

# 5.1.2 Vice President ("VP"; Vice Chair of the EB and CB)

The VP fulfills a critical role in the structure of the Club. S/he is the primary sounding board for new ideas by the Pres or any of the other officers. The VP is tasked with:

- 1. Being immediately available to take over weekly or ad hoc functions as listed in the Pres tasks should the Pres be unable to do so;
- 2. Being the primary arbiter of grievances lodged by any member;
- 3. Being the backup contact for the Pres;
- 4. Working hand-in-hand with the SAA to evaluate rider skill level and the need for any further experience or training;
- 5. Attending all Officers' meetings;
- 6. Chairing the annual holiday party committee;
- 7. Oversight of secret balloting;
- 8. Supervision of new officer and member nomination, evaluation, voting, and promotion;
- 9. Leading or assisting the Ride Committee and planning of weekly and special rides:
- 10. Coordinating of RFRC-sanctioned charity events; and
- 11. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

# 5.1.3 Treasurer ("Tres"; member of the EB and CB)

The Tres has a critical function in the financial wellbeing of the Club. His or her duties include:

- 1. Managing any and all financial bank accounts for the Club;
- 2. Providing CORE members or any third-party audit with updated bank and Profit/Loss Statements on request;
- 3. Assisting the Pres and/or VP in financial planning for the subsequent year;
- 4. Heading up charity event planning and fundraising tied to that function;
- 5. Tracking quarterly the annual due payments by all members;
- 6. Preparing an annual internal audit for EB review;
- 7. Signing any Club checks or payment requests;
- 8. Attending all Officers' meetings; and
- 9. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

# 5.1.4 Secretary ("Sec"; member of the EB and CB)

The Secretary serves a pivotal role in the smooth and consistent operation of RFRC. The Sec's tasks include:

- 1. Recording all notes and comments at all National officer's or special meetings and generating Meeting Minutes to be reviewed and approved by all National officers;
- 2. Providing to the Pres and EB National EB and other Meeting Notes via email;
- 3. Attending all National Officers'/special meetings of the National EB;
- 4. Keeping an updated file of all National Meeting Notes available to others on request;
- 5. Keeping current information on all rostered members and updating same, as needed, from compiled chapter Secretary rosters;
- 6. Overseeing and providing counsel to all Chapter Secretaries; and
- 7. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

# 5.1.5. Sergeant-At-Arms ("SAA"; member of the EC and CB)

The SAA has important roles to play in educating and maintaining a safe riding environment. The SAA's tasks include:

- 1. Maintaining situational awareness ensuring security and safety of Club members at all RFRC rides and events;
- 2. Ensuring our bylaws and Constitution is followed ensuring that members adhere to club rulings, policies, and expected models of conduct when dealing with other members or outsiders;
- 3. Ensuring all chapter SAAs are fit for duty being properly equipped to execute their officer duties;
- 4. Assisting chapter SAAs when needed with any gun and weapon safety training ensuring it's conducted properly;
- 5. Attending officer meetings and ensuring chapter decisions and orders of all officers are carried out in a timely manner;
- 6. Assisting chapter SAAs with collecting RFRC patches from departing members when needed;
- 7. Serving as backup to then VP as grievance officer

- 8. Proposing any new or improved safety protocols or training to heighten rider safety;
- 9. Providing local security and safety information to the Club to no-fly zones and areas to avoid:
- 10. Working with chapter SAAs to conduct safety training and teaching; and
- 11. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

# 5.2. Meetings

Although no one loves lots of meetings, we maintain three (3) forms of formal meetings that can take place: (1) Monthly EB Officer Meetings, held on the first Monday of each month commencing in May of 2023; (2) Quarterly CB meetings and (3) Special Meetings.<sup>6</sup>

# 5.2.1. Officers' Meetings

Each officer shall commit to attending the monthly officers' and special meetings, starting in August 2022. Other officers' meetings can be called by any of the officers but will be listed as Special Meetings.

# 5.2.2. Chapter Board ("CB") Meetings

The CB, including the EB and all CPs, shall meet no less that quarterly. Those meetings shall thereafter be in:

- 1. March (where the CB will review the riding schedule and make changes);
- 2. June (where all CPs shall give a formal report on expansion activities and concerns);
- 3. September: which shall include
  - a. review of this Constitution for potential changes and additions and also new member recruitment plans; and
  - b. nomination/voting on new CORE members with a quorum of CORE members present, as appropriate. Where appropriate, this meeting shall also be supplemented with a general meeting for voting on new officers; and
- 4. December (which shall include the annual ride and event planning committee with all Club members);

A meeting date agreeable to all officers will be scheduled by the Pres. If any officer cannot appear in person, alternate arrangements should be made. If any officer misses two consecutive meetings without valid excuse, disciplinary action will be taken. CORE or other members may be invited as needed to Officers' meeting to provide information.

The Sec or appropriate CS shall make their meeting notes available on request to any member unless the group discussed personal or inter-personal matters and those items are decided in Executive Session. All votes taken at those meetings are final when the officers leave that day and shall not be re-litigated afterwards, but can be supplement as needed and reviewed at the Sunset meeting each September.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> All National or applicable chapter officers are expected to attend all special and quarterly officers' meeting either in-person or via Zoom or telephone conference unless there is a good reason otherwise.

# 5.2.3. Special Meetings

Any National or other chapter member, be s/he CORE, Executive Committee or chapter officer, or non-titled, can call an ad hoc special meeting at any time to discuss proposals, concerns, or questions. If such a meeting is called, a quorum (at least 51%, always including the Pres; or the CP as appropriate) of the applicable members must be present, either in-person, via Zoom, or via phone. The Sec or his or her representative must be present to take notes, but a decision after the meeting will be made by Pres (or appropriate CP) after consulting with his or her officers if those notes are to be kept private or published.

# 5.3 Being Promoted to Officer Status

As of the date of this writing, our National EB has five (5) named positions; to wit Pres, VP, Tres, Sec, and SAA. We do not want an excess of officers and the naming and holding of an office is an honor. We should strive for no more than a 5/1 ratio of officers/non-officers so that the title maintains its gravitas. Regular chapter officer elections shall commence in September of 2023 (see Section 5.6.).

The current founding officers have already been named, but in the future should there be openings, the promotion of new officers should be by secret nomination by the entire membership. Submitted names will then be evaluated and voted on by the chapter members using a secret ballot supervised by the VP (see Section 5.7. for voting guidelines).

# 5.4 Being Demoted from Officer Status

Before the unlikely event that the Pres believes a National or chapter officer's demotion is indicated, s/he shall consult first with that chapter's CP to attempt to remediate any concern. The only conceivable reasons for the need to remove an officer would be lack of participation in expected activities or behavior unbecoming an RFRC member. Should remediation be infeasible, the Pres shall consult with the CP (if appropriate) and other officers of that Chapter on removal of that member as officer. The Pres shall always refrain from this voting, In case of a tie, the Pres shall break the tie and then then discuss the vote with the subject officer.

# 5.5. Being Voted Out of the RFRC

In the rare case when a member of the RFRC, including National and chapter officers, has behaved in a manner unbecoming of the RFRC and has failed in progressive punishment (see Section 4.6) to correct such actions (or in extreme cases when a single action is seen as so grievous to mandate immediate consideration of removal), that prospective removal shall be forwarded by the appropriate CP to the EB for consideration and voting. If a majority of the EB (with the Pres abstaining in lieu of a tie vote) votes to remove that member, the Pres will inform the CP, who in turn will inform that member of his or her removal and also request their back patches to be returned to that Chapter's CA.

Actions that will likely result in immediate removal from the RFRC include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Demonstrated illegal drug use or excess drunkenness while wearing the RFRC or swag;
- 2. Duplicity in spying for another Club or in any way sharing Club-confidential information;
- 3. Demeaning another member in a way judged as unbecoming of an RFRC member; or
- 4. Being removed from the Club as a "good out" but refusing to time return the RFRC back patches to the SAA or appropriate CA.

#### 5.6. Elections<sup>7</sup>

After a five (5) year "settling in period", the four elected national officers (Pres, VP, Tres, and Sec) will decide if they wish to run for re-election or else vacate the seat to someone else.<sup>8</sup>. The offices of Pres/CP, VP/CV, and SAA/CA can only be held by seasoned<sup>9</sup> riders (see Section 4.2). However, CT and CS positions may be held by non-riders.

The process of election shall be as follows:

- 1. No later than August 10<sup>th</sup> of their election year, the sitting member shall state to the EB or appropriate CP his or her intentions to either run for or vacate the office (see Section 5.8. for Term Limits). This information shall then be shared within three (3) days with the entire membership;
- 2. No later than August 25<sup>th</sup>, any other eligible member shall announce to the Pres his or her intention to run for one of the elected offices;
- 3. No later than the second Saturday evening in September of the election year, should there be more than one person running for any given elected office, there shall be a special meeting called for all eligible National or relevant chapter members to meet and openly discuss the candidates running (See Section 5.7. for voting eligibility requirements);
- 4. No later than that last Saturday evening in September of the election year, the Chapter Board shall hold a public election with private ballots cast for any contested offices. All voting members shall be present in person for these votes. No such election is necessary for uncontested offices.
- 5. No later than the second Saturday evening in October of the election year, the sitting or newly elected Pres shall call a special meeting of the CP to formally install the new EC.

# 5.7. Voting

There will be opportunities for whole-membership voting; predominantly for officers every two years. To be eligible to vote in these elections, members must full their participation requirements (see Section 4.8.).  $^{10}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The same process should be followed by each chapter to maintain consistency and uniformity. National officers shall be in place until September of 2028.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Note that the offices of SAA/CA are appointed and not open to election.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 'Seasoned" is hard to define, but means at least one full riding season with demonstrated safety and proficiency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Participation and other privileges are areas where CPs and his or her staff can supplement Club rules. The CP and CS shall monitor participation in a way they see fit but shall hold all their members to the stated standard of active participation (as defined in Sec. 4.8.) and shall share those data regularly with the Sec.

An event is any ride, party, rally, meeting, or other sanctioned RFRC gathering.<sup>11</sup> The Pres shall abstain from any EB or CB first voting and, if that vote ends in a tie, s/he shall break that vote with his or her vote. See Section 5.1.1., Item 4.

#### 5.8. Term Limits

All eligible members of the RFRC shall be invited to vote in National officer elections (see Section 5.6.). After that, the following rotating elections shall take place:

- 1. VP and Tres September 2028 and every two calendar years thereafter; and
- 2. Pres and Sec–September 2029 and every two calendar years thereafter. 12

# 5.9. Acting Officers

From time to time, National or chapters may need to name an acting officer. An acting officer is a CORE or non-CORE member who steps up and accepts a temporary position; most often sergeant-at-arms, secretary, or treasurer<sup>13</sup>. When needed, the Pres or applicable CP can appoint that officer as s/he sees fit. A special election or regular September election will be held to either make that acting officer permanent or allow others to run for that office.

#### 5.10. "CORE"

The term "CORE" is a vital component to the functioning of RFRC. Within RFRC, the promotion of any member to the status of CORE is a solemn and meaningful event. A CORE member represents the best that the Club has to offer and is expected to serve as a model to other members and an example to those outside RFRC. Acceptance of the position of CORE is optional and does carry some special obligations, listed throughout the Constitution. Further, members can serve several CORE positions and serve as chair of committees needed to get RFRC work done (e.g., creative design and club expansion).

As the RFRC grows, there will be a growing bifurcation between CORE members on the EB, committee chairs, and other CORE members. Although we will hold the honor of being called "CORE" to a small number, there are opportunities for all to attain this status in the RFRC if they were or are either: (1) critical in the initial formation and growth of the Club: and (2) distinguishing themselves over time with their dedication and effort in the best interest of the RFRC. Delineation of roles and duties are summarized in Appendix 15.2 herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The same process shall be followed within each chapter as well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The SAA, is a position appointed by the Pres and not open to election.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> An acting officer does not have to be CORE and does not automatically become CORE upon accepting such a position. However, their efforts in that position can be a move toward CORE nomination.

#### 5.10.1 The RFRC Definition of "CORE"

The definition of a CORE member varies slightly between MCs and RCs. However, some commonalities exist, namely:

- 1. Relative longevity with the Club [defined as of October 1, 2022 as engaged membership of no less than one (1) year from the date of RFRC patching]<sup>14</sup>;
- 2. Consistent engagement and actions in the best interest of the Club;
- 3. Consistent demonstration of "24/7 reliability" to other members of the Club;
- 4. Both mental and physical stability and competence; and
- 5. Belief by the members of the CB that the person is instrumental to the current success and future of the Club;

# 5.10.2. Attaining CORE status

The process of promotion of new CORE members<sup>15</sup> is as follows:

- 1. A nomination is made either by any full member to or by the Pres as to someone deserving promotion to CORE at each September Quarterly Officers' or a special meeting; then
- 2. All existing CORE members then meet in a special meeting called by the Pres to discuss and vote administered by the VP either "yay" or "nay" on the proposed promotion. Should the VP not be present at this meeting, the Pres shall preside and call for the vote;<sup>16</sup> then
- 3. Should the vote be "yay" in Paragraph 2 herein, the existing CORE members (or as many as possible) will formally present the new CORE member with his or her patch.

# 5.10.3. Losing CORE status

Given the importance of CORE status with our Club, the position can be lost. Similar to attaining CORE status, CORE status can be lost commencing with reporting by any member to their CP, followed by the VP of potential concerns.

Activities that can lead to such a significant demotion include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Extended tardiness or absence from central Club functions such as meetings and rides:
- 2. Multiple actions showing disrespect for other members or actions unbecoming a CORE member;
- 3. Multiple occurrences of shirking or avoiding official duties;
- 4. Selling or using illegal drugs or other substances while patched;
- 5. Multiple occurrences of disobeying basic Club protocols; and/or
- 6. Reckless use or brandishing of weapons before Club or non-Club members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The Executive Committee always has the opportunity to modify the "one-year" mandate, e.g., to name new chapter presidents. This is necessary to assure that a new chapter has the leadership needed to market their existence in order to move forward and grow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> For the foreseeable future, all decisions as to CORE voting and membership shall be made by the Executive Committee at National.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The nomination and voting of new CORE members may take place on the same evening if deemed appropriate by the VP (or the Pres in the VP's absence).

#### 5.10.4. The Potential CORE Watchlist

At each quarterly officers' or relevant special meeting, there shall be a discussion of who is on the Potential CORE watchlist. This means members that are engaged in riding and non-riding events and coming of tenure to be nominated for CORE status. These discussions shall be held in Executive Session and the discussions therefrom held confidential.

#### 5.11. Club Elder

The Club Elder is a ceremonial position attesting that CORE member's longevity with the Club and overall contributions. It is to be voted on in a special meeting administered by the VP (or the Pres if the matter relates to the VP) by vote of the EB. No chapter member can attain "Elder" without the expressed support of the EB.

#### 5.12. Committees

As an organization, we are trying to keep formality to a minimum. Having said that, we will maintain the following three (3) committees:

# 5.12.1. Standing Ride Committee

The Ride Committee is open to any member of the Club. All that is needed is a commitment of time to plan and, if eligible, RC or TG weekly weekend rides and other rides as the Club coordinates. The Pres or appropriate CP shall be the de facto chair of this committee; with the SAA or appropriate CA being Vice Chair. At the start of each riding season, the Pres will solicit designers for each open weekend.

#### 5.12.2. Standing Annual Planning Committee

The CORE members and officers, chaired by the Pres, will meet at the December Quarterly Officer's Meeting to decide on the ride calendar for the upcoming year. Once generated, the Pres will publish same on the Club website and will populate the Club-wide Calendar on the Club website (<a href="www.rebelliousfew.com">www.rebelliousfew.com</a>).

# 5.12.3. Ad Hoc Annual Holiday Party Committee

National will host a holiday party each year at the OH-1 Shop. The VP will be in charge of organizing this committee and all officers shall serve and assist the VP.

# 5.13. Financial Management

The Tres shall be the final arbiter of payments for patches and other Club necessities. Although all treasury funds are earmarked for Club-specific expenses, the Tres is the chair of the Finances Committee and, along with input from the other EB members, has some discretion as to National expenditures. After the initial patch-buying period ends on December 31, 2022, at no time will the Club expend funds not already accounted for in the Club bank account/s, The Tres is

responsible for monitoring each chapter's financials and providing a Finance Committee report at each quarterly Officer's Meeting or at any time when requested to do so by any club member.

National maintains a checking account for Club expenditures, along with a savings account for fundraising funds. There should be no overdraft protection on the checking since fundraising funds should never be intermingled with Club operating funds. The Tres has oversight of both accounts, with the Pres as co-signor on the checking account. The same should be the case for each Chapter.

#### 6. RECRUITMENT

Some clubs name designated recruitment officers. However, the officers have decided that it is every National and chapter member's obligation to recruit new members into RFRC. Although we have no interest in just padding our Roster, we are always open to new members as long as they:

- 1. Are of good will and intention;
- 2. Have a valid Ohio State motorcycle endorsement (or demonstrated safe and competent riding skills) and are not riding under suspension; and
- 3. Have valid rider insurance with their state; or
- 4. Are non-riders (e.g., 2<sup>nd</sup> ups) who frequently join their significant other/s, family member/s, or friend/s on RFRC rides and to RFRC events<sup>17</sup>; and
- 5. Do not have a history of reckless driving, disorderly conduct, DUI, or accidents;<sup>18</sup>
- 6. Are not currently patched into another (RC or MC) Club (See Section 8.3.2. on Double Patching); and
- 7. Are prepared to be engaged; attend rides and events and not join just to "wear the Patch."

Any member is welcome to propose a new member to the Pres (or CP as appropriate) for acceptance upon review (see Section 10.3). No delegate should join RFRC until that applicant is reviewed and approved by the Pres or appropriate CP, then voted in by quorum majority vote of all current members of the EB or that Chapter.

#### 7. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Office of Publications ("OP") shall oversee and supervise all forms of social media for the Club. It is important that the social media for RFRC remains updated and reflects our current activities. It is acceptable to leave older content there to chronicle the history and evolution of the Club, at the discretion of the EB. The EB can designate one or more other RFRC members to assist in adding to or maintaining the following platforms. No publication shall be made to RFRC platforms without informal approval of the EB to the following:

- 1. RFRC Facebook private site; (the platform of record for the Club);
- 2. RFRC Facebook public site (used for ride information and other public features);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Note that significant others or family members of current RFRC members ARE NOT automatically given RFRC membership. Like all delegates, they have to go through the same vetting process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The SAA is responsible for assuring the safe history of new members, with the aid of the Pres as needed.

- 3. RFRC website (www.rebelliousfew.com)<sup>19</sup>
- 4. RFRC Facebook Forum Link/s;
- 5. RFRC YouTube Channel; and/or
- 6. Any other media platform.

#### 7.1. Maintenance of the RFRC Facebook Sites

The OP shall curate and update content on all RFRC media platforms as needed. A public Facebook site will also be maintained by the OP to list rides and other events for the convenience of members and non-members alike, but will not include meeting notes or other internal Club business.

#### 7.2. The RFRC website

In December of 2022, the RFRC published their formal website at <a href="www.rebelliousfew.com">www.rebelliousfew.com</a>, with a landing site located at <a href="www.rfrc.us">www.rfrc.us</a>. This is the "platform of record" for the RFRC. Informational posts are routinely made by the OP or Pres to this site, including background on the RFRC, member blog posts, a listing of upcoming larger events, and club photos. All members are encouraged to write blogs, send pictures, or suggest changes or supplements to that site and submit those changes to the Pres for consideration.

# 7.3. The RFRC Chat Links

The RFRC Facebook Chats are open to all RFRC members and other invited people. The EB shall curate that discussion and remove anyone who s/he feels is abusing the privileges of access and use. Additionally, each EB officer shall have a chat link for chapter officers in that same position.

#### 7.4 The RFRC YouTube Channel

The OP shall curate and post to the RFRC YouTube Channel. It is important that we maintain consistency and relevance on that site and also disallow outside parties to post irrelevant, let alone derogatory videos on this platform.

# 7.5 Posting non-RFRC Events

Anyone is allowed to post non-RFRC charity events on the RFRC public page. However, those events must first be cleared by the EB. Proposed posts should be vetted by the OP by sending the proposed post to rfrcpres@gmail.com Posts made without prior permission will be removed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The Pres shall serve as backup to the OP as webmaster of the website.

#### 8.0. CLUB VESTS AND PATCHES<sup>20</sup>

# 8.1. General Philosophy; Wearing the Vest

It is mandated that every member buy a vest ("cut") of their choosing and wear the RFRC patch at all Club events, especially rides. It is a sign of respect and pride that we all like to convey and there is safety in numbers when we ride through MC 1% 'er areas together.<sup>21</sup>

#### 8.2 Patches and Stickers

Members are asked to always wear their cut with RFRC patches to any RFRC-sanctioned event. It is RFRC policy that only sanctioned patches will be worn on our cuts, along with any and all RFRC swag, including hats, t-shirts, etc. We anticipate producing event and ride patches and/or stickers that are allowed on the cut and other RFRC-specific items, but we specifically ask members to wear only the following on their RFRC cut:<sup>22</sup>

# 8.2.1 RFRC-specific patches

The following RFRC-specific patches should be prominently shown on member vests when awarded:

#### 8.2.1.1. The Name Patch

All members shall wear a patch with their riding name on the right upper half of their cut (see Figure 1 below).

#### 8.2.1.2. The Officer Patch

If an officer within RFRC, that member shall wear that patch on the upper left half of his or her vest immediately below the name patch of Section 8.2.1.1. See Figure 1.

#### 8.2.1.3. The CORE Patch

Given the significance the Club attaches to the term "CORE" when earned the CORE Patch should be worn by the member as soon as feasible and in the upper left half of his or her vest, immediately below any officer patch. See Figure 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Patches are designed and approved by the CB and are not to be customized at the chapter level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> As the meeting notes at the formation of the RFRC indicate, the initial draft of this Constitution included a list of prohibited patches (e.g., confederate flag and racist, political, or hate speech), but we realized that the list could not be exhaustive, so we decided to standardize our patches consistent with Club colors of green, orange, and black.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> We anticipate that there may be some consternation about folks not being able to wear their own patches. However, after significant debate between the founding members, we decided that instead of "policing" individual cuts, we would set this policy for all members.

#### 8.2.1.4. The Founder Patch

All founding members shall wear the Founder Patch, a re-designed patch with opposing play cards and the term "Founder" displayed. This patch should be displayed above any Officer patch. See Figure 1.

#### 8.2.1.5. First Member Patch

Members who are not Founders but were paid members on or before December 31, 2022, shall get special "First Member" patches to be worn where the others wear their Founders Patch.

# 8.2.1.6. The Mileage Patches

An excited attribute of the Club is the Mileage Patch. This idea was developed by the SAA and the Sec to award riders who are actively engaged on a regular basis on sanctioned rides (see Section 13.2. for that definition). The CS shall be the keeper of the logged miles for each chapter and members are asked to report their earned miles to the Sec immediately when accrued. We operate on self-reporting and honesty for this. This patch should be displayed on the right upper half of the member vest. See Figure 1. The following mileage patches are available when earned: 1,000, 2,500, 5,000, 10,000, 25,000, 50,000, and 100,000 sanctioned miles.

#### 8.2.1.7. The RFRC Side Rocker Patch

All members are encouraged to wear a large side rocker on the left side of the cut saying *oikogéneia*, "family" in Greek. We are avoiding any territorial designation on rockers, including state, county, or city, but our Club's family loyalty designation is a point of pride.

#### 8.3. Patching In Significant Others or Associates

Although patching into the RFRC is an important event, we accept that there may be others who want to be a part of the Club, but may be significant others or close associates who do not yet ride or plan no to do so. The CB shall decide on the proper patching in these cases.

#### 8.3.1. Supporter Patching

The CORE members have decided to allow smaller back patches for those not able to fully patch in, such as minors or those not able to ride. They can wear a regular name patch and a "Supporter" Patch beneath their name patch. Those folks may decide not to patch at all and it is at the discretion of the Pres as to what is sufficient representation of the Club for those folks on RFRC rides and other events.

# 8.3.2. Double Patching

No RFRC member shall "double patch", meaning that they cannot be in another Club if they want to be in the RFRC. Members are free to leave RFRC for another club with no "blood in, blood out", but once in RFRC, we request that they fully engage in this Club.

# 8.4. Anti-Poaching Policy

RFRC respects all other RCs and also MCs; be they 1%er, soft 1%er, or other. It is unacceptable to purposefully poach members from other clubs. If those members approach us and ask about the RFRC, that is one thing. But we should never "go after" other members, even if we think they would be a good fit for the RFRC. All members discussing potential RFRC delegacy with another club's member/s should document all conversations they have so if there is ever a question, they can document non-poaching.



Figure 1

#### 9. OTHER RFRC EVENTS<sup>23</sup>

# 9.1. Non-Riding Club Events

Any member is invited to propose and/or plan and/or host a non-riding Club event. As for all things RFRC, these are always voluntary and we understand that timing might now allow attendance, but all members are encouraged to attend these regularly to bond with others and also meet their monthly participation goal. These events include but are not limited to the following:

# 9.1.1. Foodies (a.k.a. Meet & Greets)

The Pres or CP (as appropriate) will organize a Foodie (or Meet & Greet) as often as feasible. The goal here is to keep the Club membership together 12 months a year and also allow a relaxed, family-inclusive gathering at a member's house or local establishment. These events will be publicized a least two weeks in advance to allow for planning.

#### 9.1.2. Lunch Rides

Members of the Club often meet for lunch and, time and weather permitted, a short ride. The detail of these events will be publicized and all members are always welcome.

# 9.1.3. Holiday Parties

The VP (or CV as appropriate) is the chair of the Holiday Party Committee which schedules, plans, and coordinates an annual Holiday Party. Members are expected to RSVP and are welcome to bring their family and prospective new members. The date and time of this event, along with any requests for food or gifts will be publicized well in advance for better planning. A common theme of these parties is a Motorcycle White Elephant Party where all attendants bring some inexpensive motorcycle-related, wrapped gag gift.

# 9.1.4. Club and Bike Nights

Chapters are strongly encouraged to hold Club Nights at least monthly; year-round. For example, C1 has designated alternating Mondays as Club Night either at The Shop or Star City Brewery in Miamisburg, Ohio. Thursdays during the riding season are designated as Bike Night at the "1572" Ren Fare in Waynesville, Ohio, Star City Brewery in Miamisburg, Ohio, or Rip Rap Roadhouse in North Dayton, Ohio. As in all RFRC events, these events are voluntary, but attendance is encouraged. Other chapters are encouraged to plan similar bonding events.

# 9.2. RFRC-sanctioned Charity Events

The primary fundraising theme of the Club is Fighting Animal Cruelty. However, from time to time, Club members and other RFRC supporters need help and we will assist when and where we can. We have chosen *K9s for Warriors* as our National Charity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Chapters may modify the following event suggestions but should still plan events, encourage and track participation, and report same quarterly to the Sec.

#### PART TWO: CHAPTER-SPECIFIC CONSTITUTION

#### 10. FUTURE CHAPTERS COMPRISING THE NATIONAL RFRC

From its initial formation in October of 2022, the CORE members of RFRC envisioned *controlled* growth. The initial Chapter formed in Southwestern Ohio, but the CORE members knew that once word got out, others would want to join. As of this revision, that is beginning to happen. We decided to name the first Chapter 1 (the Mother Chapter). We expect growth to be slow and deliberate; at least at first, and we are in no hurry to grow exponentially as do some motorcycle groups. At some point we anticipate decision making being disseminated and not all concentrated within National, but for the foreseeable future, such a system would allow control of who becomes officers within the RFRC. Once a CP is named for a new chapter s/he has control over whom s/he brings in as officers and patched members.

#### 10.1 NEW SECTION: CHAPTER OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The following are chapter-specific officer duties (See Section 5.1 for National equivalents).

# 10.1.1 The Chapter President (CP)

- 1. Being available 24/7 via phone or email to all chapter members and third parties;
- 2. Leading the effort to maximize Chapter diversity in race, creed, and gender;
- 3. Spearheading the drive for a diverse and representative leadership in the Chapter;
- 4. Abstaining from all Chapter-specific and other votes to allow him or her to be the tiebreaker;
- 5. Heading the chapter's annual ride and event planning committee; meeting each December for the subsequent year;
- 6. Communicating with all new members to welcome them into that RFRC's chapter;
- 7. Attending all chapter officer and special meetings;
- 8. Staying in contact with all chapter members as much as those members require or request;
- 9. Assisting the VP on the annual holiday party committee;
- 10. Routinely reviewing that chapter's roster with the CS and deciding on putting to a Chapter vote the dropping of chronically inactive members;
- 11. Being the final arbiter of disciplinary actions and grievances when the VP in unavailable or conflicted out;
- 12. Assisting the Ride Committee and planning of weekly and special rides; and
- 13. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers;
- 14. Completing all tasks requested of him or her by the Pres.

# 10.1.2. The Chapter Vice President (CV)

- 1. Being immediately available to take over weekly or ad hoc functions as listed in the CP tasks should the Pres be unable to do so;
- 2. Being the primary arbiter of grievances lodged by any chapter member;
- 3. Being the backup contact for the CP;
- 4. Heading up charity event planning and fundraising tied to that function;

- 5. Working hand-in-hand with the CA to evaluate rider skill level and the need for any further experience or training;
- 6. Attending all Officers' meetings;
- 7. Chairing the annual holiday party committee;
- 8. Oversight of secret balloting;
- 9. Supervision of new chapter officer and member nomination, evaluation, voting, and promotion;
- 10. Leading or assisting the Ride Committee and planning of weekly and special rides:
- 11. Coordinating of RFRC-sanctioned Chapter charity events; and
- 12. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

# 10.1.3. The Chapter Treasurer (CT)

- 1. Managing any and all financial bank accounts for that Chapter;
- 2. Providing chapter members and any National officer or any third-party audit with updated bank and Profit/Loss Statements on request;
- 3. Assisting the CP and/or CV in financial planning for the subsequent year;
- 4. Tracking quarterly the annual due payments by all members and reporting same at least quarterly to the Tres;
- 5. Preparing an annual internal audit for the EB;
- 6. Signing any Chapter checks or payment requests;
- 7. Attending all Officers' meetings; and
- 8. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

#### 10.1.4. The Chapter Secretary (CS)

- 1.Recording all notes and comments at quarterly officer's or special meetings and generating Meeting Minutes to be reviewed and approved by all officers;
- 2. Providing to the CP and Sec with all Officers' and other Meeting Notes via email;
- 3. Attending all Officers' meetings;
- 4. Keeping an updated file of all Meeting Notes available to others on request;
- 5. Keeping current information on all Rostered chapter members and updating same as needed:
- 6. Co-Chairing with the CA the Standing Ride Committee;
- 7. Tracking of new member records;
- 8. Tracking and logging Officer and CORE member info;
- 9. Logging all Mileage Patch miles for members and awarding appropriate patches;
- 10. Logging member participation activity;
- 11. Completing any other duties requested by the other officers.

#### 10.1.5. The Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms (CA)

- 1. Maintaining situational awareness ensuring security and safety of club members at all RFRC rides and events;
- 2. Ensuring our bylaws and Constitution is followed ensuring that members adhere to club rulings, policies, and expected models of conduct when dealing with other members or outsiders:
- 3. Attending officer meetings and ensuring chapter decisions and orders of all officers are carried out in a timely manner;

- 4. Heading up any gun and weapon safety training for the chapter;
- 5. Working with the CV to evaluate rider skill level and the need for any further experience or training;
- 6. Maintaining order in chapter meetings, ensuring that no unauthorized individuals enter the meeting place;
- 7. Collecting RFRC patches from departing chapter members;
- 8. Proposing any new or improved chapter safety protocols or training to heighten rider safety;
- 9. Providing local security and safety information to the National SAA and chapter as to no-fly zones and areas to avoid;
- 10. Leading or assisting the Ride Committee and planning of weekly and special rides;
- 11. Heading up all chapter safety training and teaching; and
- 12. Any unclassified tasks requested of him or her by the other officers.

# 10.2. Adding a Chapter

In order to add a new RFRC chapter, the new CP must be a full member in good standing and be well known to National for his or her dedication to RFRC, character, and overall riding safety. It is critical that we have the right combination of loyalty to the RFRC creed and rabid motorcycle passion for one to become a chapter officer.

Once the EB votes to approve a new CP, s/he would then be appointed as a member of the Chapter Board.<sup>24</sup> S/he would then be tasked with building a chapter within his or her area of their state (see Section 3 for diversity standards). That new chapter would be monitored by the Pres and the CP would be expected to reported regularly to the EB on progress or concerns.

The EB has the discretion to stand up new chapters as it sees fit. A period of at least 15 days should pass from proposal of a new chapter to the formal announcement of the CP and chapter formation. This time will be used for completion of a background search on the CP and other delegate members.

It is only reasonable that members in or close to any specific chapter will be able to engage than those more distant (see Sec. 10.9.-the 50-Mile Rule). Therefore, we recommend that the latter membership make a point to interact as often as feasible on rides and at monthly meet & greet dinners, along with on our social media sites and chats and to email the EB with comments and questions. Refer to Section 4.8. (Participation in the Club).

# 10.3. Adding Members to any New Chapter

Until a CP is named for the specific chapter, all membership decision will remain within the EB. Once a new CV is in place (if in place; CP if not), s/he will oversee the vote internally on the nomination of that member since they are in the best position to know that person and his or her attributes to contribute to the RFRC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Chapter CORE and officers are asked to participate in special meetings where Club-wide business is discussed, but not those relating to any particular chapter. The Pres shall make the decision when chapter folks are needed but the general rule is inclusion, not exclusion.

An acting CP cannot remove a sitting SAA and appoint a new SAA. A duly elected CP has the authority to appoint a qualified SAA of his or her choice. Once an SAA has been appointed, the chapter officers need to approve that selected candidate by a majority vote with the CP abstaining unless there is a tie vote.

# 10.4. Retiring a Chapter

When the EC feels that a specific chapter is not flourishing or else its CP resigns, it has the ability to retire that chapter permanently. If a new chapter forms in that region, it will gain a new Chapter Number so as not to "jump ahead" of the others in numerical order.

When the CP resigns from the Club (see Sec 5.5.), that officer's resignation is considered final and will not be rescinded. That CP may apply for reentry as membership, but as a Rover or member within that former chapter, not as that chapter or another chapter's officer. The EB will be the final arbiter if that former CP will be allowed back into the RFRC; then or in the future.

# 10.5. New Chapter Hierarchy

Each chapter shall be organized similarly to National; with a CP, CV, CT, CS, and CA. This will take time and there is no need for all officers to be in place before a given chapter forms. However, if more than a calendar year passes between the designation of a CP and filling of those positions, the chapter may, at the discretion of National, be assisted or even retired for lack of growth activity.

Once a CP is named, it is his or her task to recruit reliable members to build that chapter. S/he will also be asked to name a CV, followed then in time by his or her CS, CT, and CA. There is no timetable for these latter four (4) positions to be filled and it is better to take time and get good people than to rush. However, all positions are expected to be filled within one (1) calendar year of that CP being appointed. It is important to note that, for appearance sake and to avoid any conflict of interest, the CP cannot initially name his or her significant other or direct relative as his or her CV or CT. However, when the next scheduled election comes around, that significant other or direct relative can run for one of those offices.

New chapter members and officers will have the same expectations and obligations as those of National, just at that chapter's level. Regardless of their distance from Southwestern Ohio, those members are expected to uphold the standards of all other RFRC and new chapter officers would be expected to attend all quarterly, special, and other meetings either in-person or via Zoom, without exceptions other than for significant health or family reasons. The respective CP will make all decisions on new chapter officers and no member should expect to receive officer, let alone CORE, positions simply through membership.

# 10.6. New Chapter Finance

When new chapters form, with or without officers, all dues, patch orders, and other financial dealings will go through the CT and then to the Tres. The CTs are expected to give updates on their finances to the Tres on request but at least at quarterly officers' meetings.

# 10.7. Participation Tracking in the New Chapters

We understand that non-OH-1 chapters may want to supplement this Constitution to best fit their particular situation. One of these areas would be participation. Internal tracking is critical and each chapter is expected to keep updated records. Since engagement in the RFRC is important and separates the RFRC from some other riding clubs, every chapter is expected to track participation in their own RFRC events and submit those data quarterly to the Sec.

# 10.8. New Chapters in 1%erland

From time-to-time new chapters will form in areas where 1%er MCs are active, if not dominant. It is important to remember that we have no interest in "swimming in that pool" and therefore the best approach is to not unilaterally approach the 1%er leadership if we can avoid it. Experience has taught us that we should NOT ask permission from that 1%er club to form a chapter. Firstly, they may say "no"; then what? Secondly even if they are ambivalent or even supportive of our formation, the very asking might connote a belief to them that we are equal in status or territory.

However, if the CP feels a need to reach out or is approached by them, the conversation should be respectful but factual, for example:

"Hey there, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I wanted to reach out and let ya know we are forming a local chapter of the Rebellious Few Riding Club. We are a growing RC, but claim no territory at all and are strictly a charity and riding organization. Our National Charity of K9s for Warriors. You can read more about us at www.rebelliousfew.com.

Again, out of respect, I wanted to introduce myself and let you know we are not an MC and are not claiming any business or territory. Roukan, our National President, can be reached at <a href="mailto:refrcpres@gmail.com">refrcpres@gmail.com</a> if you have any other questions."

#### 10.9. The 50-Mile Rule

When National considers standing up a new chapter, it will only do so if there are no existing RFRC chapters within 50 miles of that proposed location. The rationale for this is two-fold:

- 1. It is unreasonable to think that members from more than 50 miles would routinely travel that distance to take part in chapter functions; and
- 2. It might chill additions of new members if they do not have a nearby chapter or Shop to call their own.

# 10.10. Chapter Events

Each individual chapter should hold their own RFRC events. All Club members should be informed in advance and invited to same, but as chapters grow, they should feel free to plan and hold their own RFRC-themed events.

#### 11. NEW MEMBER PROGRAM

RFRC loves to welcome new members to our biker family. A new member may or may not also be a new rider.<sup>25</sup> The following program is in no way meant to belittle or embarrass new members in our Club, be they new riders or lifelong riders, but instead is intended to make them comfortable and safe as they ride in groups with us now and in the future.

# 11.1. Voting in a New Member

The nomination and voting in of delegate members at the chapter level should look very similar to that at National. The CV will oversee this process, but it must be transparent and supervised by the CP. A delegate should be advanced to the group of chapter officers for discussion and then voting by a simple majority of those chapter's members. The CV should then relay the decision to the CP, who will inform the delegate of success or failure.

#### 11.2. New Member Orientation

If a delegate is offered membership after a chapter vote, that CP, within 24 hours but usually within a few hours, should email the new member or meet him or her in person to welcome him or her and request that they friend all of the officers on Facebook, along with joining the RFRC public Facebook page. <sup>26</sup> This welcoming should be done by the other chapter as well.

New members can expect separate emails from each chapter officer discussing their particular duties and how they can assist new members. These will follow the Pres's email in time. Also, officers might pull new members aside to talk to them individually to make sure they feel welcome and to answer any questions.<sup>27</sup>

At the first meeting with the new member, at least two of the chapter officers should review the Bylaws and the highlights of the Constitution to make sure that the new member is on-board with what makes RFRC different and expectations of all RFRC members. <u>Ignorance of the Constitution is never an excuse for their violation.</u> After the new member is voted in, a special chapter meeting will be called to formally present the new member with his or her patch/es. We encourage other chapter officers to follow this process.

As National President of RFRC, I welcome you to the Club will send you a list of upcoming events ASAP. Please friend me as "Roukan Goldwing" and also the other National and your Chapter officers on the RFRC Facebook Page for update Join us as much as you can! We need your road name if you have one. Ride on!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Broadly, a "new rider" is defined as any rider who has been riding by him or herself for less than one calendar year or has been riding a bike new to him or her for less than one calendar year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> A standard welcoming email looks like this:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> As many folks know, the current Pres travels quite a bit on longer motorcycle trips so some of the initial welcoming duties might fall to the VP or the other National officers.

#### 11.3. Initial New Member Period

RFRC defines a "new member" as someone in the Club for less than a calendar year. During the New Member period, that member will be asked to take at least one or two rides with at least two senior members who will evaluate the new member's riding skill level; their speed, riding angles, curve anticipation, lean angles, group positioning, etc. Again, this is not meant to judge or belittle but to evaluate safety factors on rides. Those members should timely report their findings back to the SAA (or CA if one is in place at that time).

In rare cases the new member (especially if they are also a new rider), might be asked to ride more with the senior members or take a safety course; but that is going to be the exception and not the rule as our experience has shown that the vast majority of RFRC delegates demonstrate competence and maturity on the road and fit in quickly. It is not uncommon for experienced riders to be inexperienced in riding in large groups or in close proximity to other riders and we can all benefit from guidance and hours together on the road.

# 11.4. Riding with the RFRC

We are a riding club; first and foremost. All competent and safe riders of good will are welcome to join us. We will publicize rides on our public Facebook site and RFRC website and allow non-members to join as they are able, However, there may be occasional events such as camping trips that are for RFRC membership only. The reason for this is that the members need time to bond and discuss Club business and non-members should not be privy to those discussions.

Participation by non-members will also allow them to see if they are comfortable with us as an RC and allow an *informal* "hang around period"<sup>28</sup> for them and us to evaluate whether they are a good fit for the RFRC. Although there is no defined hang around period, no delegate can be voted into RFRC less than 30 calendar days from the date of submission of their formal application to their respective CP. All non-members are invited on rides and other events with some exceptions. However, they may be: asked to:

- 1. Demonstrate basic motorcycle competence, if we do not know them personally; and
- 2. Demonstrate that they:
  - a. Are at least 18 years of age;
  - b. Have a current motorcycle endorsement (or suitable riding experience in the view of the RC for that ride's rating (See Sec. 12.6); and
  - c. Have current riding insurance.

#### 11.5. RFRC Members Riding with Others

In the name of kinship and marketing, RFRC members are always encouraged to ride outside the Club, show off the patch, and promote RFRC membership benefits. Of course, those rides would not be considered RFRC-sanctioned rides, but no matter. Get out there and ride!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> The informal hang around period should not longer than one riding season. After that time, that person would either be voted on for full membership or asked not to attend further RFRC events. This is not to be confused with the 1%er "prospect status" as there will no hazing or disrespect shown to that RFRC delegate.

# 11.6. Leaving (or Returning to) the RFRC

Any member is entitled to leave the RFRC for whatever reason. We are not a "blood in, blood out" organization. We only ask for that member to speak to the Pres or appropriate CP before taking such action so that the Club can learn from potential mistakes it made and grow stronger. Once that member has been announced by the Pres or that CP to others in the EB as having left the Club, that exit is final.

Should the member who left the Club decide to apply to rejoin the Club, s/he will be considered a delegate and should NOT assume that reinstatement into the RFRC is pro forma. The delegate's application for reinstatement would be reviewed by the EB as this is a National matter; considerate of the delegate's history with the Club and the appropriateness for reinstatement. If the first out was a "good out", reinstatement will likely be granted. However, if it is a "bad out" (e.g., there are extenuating circumstance such as being asked to leave for continued inappropriate behavior), that member will be allowed back into the RFRC (see Section 4.6. on Progressive Discipline). If the member leaves more than once, then asks for reinstatement, the latter may not be granted as such drama would be a hinderance to the best interests of the RFRC.

In the rare case that a member is terminated from the Club for cause, including but not limited to actions unbecoming, they will no longer be welcome to join in RFRC-sanctioned rides or any other RFRC events. This is called a "bad out". Should they appear at one of our rides, they will be asked to leave by the SAA and/or the RC. The existing members should support this action, lest they tempt disciplinary action themselves (see section 4.6.).

#### 12. SAFETY TOPICS

It is trite to say, but RFRC's first mission is to keep all of its members safe before, during, and after each ride. <sup>29</sup> We take this stuff very seriously and ANY National or chapter member who violates safety standards as discussed in the RFRC RC/TG training course, be it accidental or on purpose, is subject to exclusion from that particular ride, future rides, or RFRC membership. With input from the SAA and CA (if in place), the Pres is the final arbiter of this policy. All planned riders are free to discuss ahead of the ride date with the RC any special needs to be addressed on the ride and the RC should try to the best of his or her ability to accommodate same.

# 12.1. Personal Pre-Ride Preparation

At its base, it is every rider's personal responsibility to come to the ride commencement site fully prepared. Things do come up, but we all should endeavor to arrive at the site:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> This concept was borne not only out of common sense and care for all members, but an incident that took place on an OH-1, July 4, 2022, SCRC-sanctioned ride before the protocols chronicled herein were memorialized. It was no one's fault and happily the riding member was not seriously harmed, has since fully recovered, as is back riding again. However, that event pointed out deficiencies in safety and training protocols that needed serious address.

- 1. On time, i.e., at least 15 minutes prior to the Kick Stands Up ("KSU") time posted<sup>30</sup>;
- 2. With their bike in safe working condition;
- 3. With their bike fully gassed up, tire air and engine oils checked;
- 4. With enough time cleared to enjoy the planned ride and no time limitations that will inconvenience others on the ride<sup>31</sup>;
- 5. With a basic understanding of that ride's rating, destination, and timing; and
- 6. With their bellies full and their bladders empty (unless plans call for chow prior to KSU).

# 12.2. RC/TG Training

Any RFRC member who wants to be a RC or TG must:

- 1. Complete the Club RC/TG Training Course which lasts roughly two (2) hours. This course is offered on demand as long as the SAA and/or Pres are available for same;
- 2. Complete an informal "apprenticeship" riding 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> for a full season under the supervision of any named RC;<sup>32</sup> and
- 3. Formal appointment by the SAA to that member of "certified RC" <sup>33</sup>.

# 12.3. RC or Designer Advertisement of a Ride

The RC and/or the Ride Designer is obligated to post the proposed ride no less than three (3) days prior to KSU of the action ride.<sup>34</sup> This should be done through the RFRC public Facebook Site. The OP is the arbiter of what goes on that page and s/he should be emailed or otherwise told either before or shortly after the posting of a ride event (See Section 13.2.: What Constitutes a Sanctioned Ride) for more details.<sup>35</sup>

# 12.4. Adherence to the RC Rules of the Ride

On a ride the RC is the boss and his or her decision/s that day supersede any CORE or officer present, without exception. The officers will support RCs in every possible way. It is his or her responsibility to assure to the best of their ability the safety, cohesiveness, and fun of their ride. No one is perfect and we have all made mistakes as RCs. Learning from those makes us all better!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> The RC has the prerogative to allow a little extra time for folks to arrive or to leave on the KSU sharp. At no time should any rider expect this courtesy and should not feel aggrieved should they arrive after KSU and are left behind. KSU means leaving, nor arriving, time for any member.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Having said that, it is always acceptable to talk to the RC about "cutting out early" at a juncture point.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Please note that just completing the RC/TG Training Course DOES NOT qualify anyone to be an RC or TG. That is like say completing a motorcycle riding safety course prepares you for all riding conditions. Supervised experience is critical as well. This is not meant to be condescending or punitive; just safe. Other club members have suffered serious injuries due to poor RC'ing so this not a trivial matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> The SAA or applicable CA has the right to waive these requirements, based on their judgment of the RC or TG's competence and proven experience at that position.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> The only exception to this is the Pop-Up Ride which can be quickly planned but must be attended by no less than two (2) RFRC members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Although not prohibited, it is strongly discouraged for an RFRC ride to be designed and carried out without the presence of at least one certified RC. Not only would that ride not be formally sanctioned by the Club, but that lack of experience and training might lead to safety concerns.

At no time should any ride member purposely disobey the dictates of the RC. Doing such would likely be unsafe, not only for the offender, but for others on the ride, and therefore such actions would be grounds for being immediately dropped off a ride by the RC, followed by disciplinary action by the Pres.

Where feasible, the RC, any MC on larger rides, and the TG should be in communication through either CB or wireless device. Where not possible, the RC should be clear as to the hand signals between those members for maximum safety. All riders are asked to pass signals back and forward for best communication.

It is every ride member's responsibility to provide the RC with mid-ride intelligence on how the ride is going, including but not limited to: speed; road condition; rider comfort; and any rider concerns such as unsafe riding style or actions. In the rare case of a safety emergency, one or more of the affected parties should immediately pull over with the TG. The TG would then signal up to the RC as soon as feasible that there is an immediate safety concern. It is the RC's responsibility to monitor the flow of the ride to the best of his or her ability and stop as soon as s/he identifies a problem.<sup>36</sup>

# 12.5. Courtesy While Riding

We are not a 1%'er MC and our riding habits should reflect that. On the road we should exhibit not only our Patch pride but respect for cagers and other bikers. Therefore, the RC and TG should model and the rest of the ride crew should reflect that respect by avoiding whenever possible burnouts, cutting off traffic, "sitting" in the fast lane, or other aggressive or inconsiderate actions.

# 12.6. Ride Classification System ("RCS")

One specialized feature of all RFRC rides is the Ride Classification System ("RCS"). The RC or the one designing the ride<sup>37</sup> will assign a number between 3 and 10 to the planned ride; with "3" meaning a very easy and beginner ride with no technical sections and a "10" meaning a ride only for advanced riders with extensive ride experience on technical or otherwise difficult roads. Rides will rarely be classified as "3" or "10" but difficulty should be judged by the ride designer based on the level of technicality, existence of poor road conditions, significant changes in road elevation, expected poor weather, or other factors. Clearly the ride designer might under- or overestimate this rating, but generally we will be within 20% of accuracy and will inform all prospective riders of what to expect and why.<sup>38</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> This is easier said than done on larger rides, so passing signals up AND back is critical if audio communication either is unavailable or else breaks down.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Note that the designer of the ride might not be its RC. We encourage everyone to step up and propose rides, even though they might not be its RC, MC, or TG. There are plenty of others who can fulfil that duty as needed. <sup>38</sup> The RC or designer is obligated to list the Ride Classification in their publication of the ride event for a sanctioned ride and be available to answer any questions or concerns about that rating. See Section 13.3. (Mandated Publication of Rides) for more details.

The Ride Classification should be determined by the follow equation:

- 1. Expected Weather Rating: 1-3; +
- 2. Expected Road Difficult and Quality Rating: 1-4; +
- 3. Expected Length:  $1-3 = 3-10^{39}$

The RC will judge whether attendant riders are ready for the specified ride for rides rated as 6 or greater and take remedial action as indicated. The RC's decision is final. But it is the attendant rider's ultimate responsibility to choose rides suitable for his or her skills and experience.

# 12.7. Weapons at an RFRC Event

Some states have relaxed its laws as to personal open or concealed gun carrying. RFRC has not. It is prohibited to openly carry a gun at any RFRC event. Members are allowed to conceal carry at their discretion, but there is an expectation that they have been trained in that gun's handling and safety. The SAA offers informal one-on-one and group courses on gun safety and anyone who decides to conceal carry a gun at any RFRC event is asked to take that training. The improper or unsafe brandishing of a firearm at an RFRC event (riding or non-riding) comprises grounds for immediate removal from that event and disciplinary action therefrom; possibly up to and including removal from the Roster. For guns and other weapons such as knives, we only ask for discretion and safety in handling such weapons.

#### 12.8. Removal from a Ride

There may be a rare situation when a rider must be removed from a ride. This is not to be taken personally. The reason for removal would usually be tied to safety of the rider or the ride in general. Removal may be due to lack of rider skill level (see for example Section 12.6.: Rider Classification). The RC, after consultation with the TG (should one exist) and MC (should one exist), is the final arbiter of whether a rider should be removed and his or her decision is final.

#### 13. THE RIDES THEMSELVES

Above and beyond all the structure and all the other details chronicled in this Constitution, we are bikers! We are drawn together in the love of being around motorcycles, riding motorcycles as often and as far as possible and being around motorcycle brothers and sisters. All Club members are equal in the ability and encouragement to design and arrange rides. Ride designer do not have to be that ride's RC since there are plenty of RCs and TGs in the Club to handle that. Once the riding season schedule is published every December or January, any member can add a ride or other event to the RFRC Interactive Calendar, including what are called "pop up" rides; loosely defined as a ride not on the schedule but open to all RFRC members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> For example: a short ride to a Bike Night in good weather might be a "3" while an all-day ride to and on the Triple Nickel with a dubious weather forecast or a multi-day trip might be a "8", "9", or "10".

# 13.1 Ride Safety

As stated, the RC is the primary contact for ride safety for any given ride or trip (refer to Section 12.4). Many things are out of his or her control, but one of the responsibilities of the RC is making sure that all riders that show up for a ride, be they patched-members, delegates, or other guests, *within reason* have a valid driver's license with the "M' endorsement for motorcycles (or proven riding competence), along with valid vehicle insurance. This might seem awkward, but is a mandatory safety check before a ride commences, regardless of the ride rating (3-10). The RC has the unfettered right to remove any rider from any ride should s/he not possess these items.

#### 13.2 What Constitutes a "Sanctioned Ride"

Any ride is a good ride if done safely, but to be counted as a RFRC "sanctioned ride" and worthy of counting miles toward the Mileage Patches (see Section 8.2.1.6.), the ride must be either: (1) a short-notice Pop-up where at least two (2) members show up for the ride; or (2) one publicized on the RFRC website no less than three (3) days prior to the proposed ride; with information including to the best of the planner's knowledge:

- 1. The date, with meeting and KSU times;
- 2. The proposed miles and estimated destination;
- 3. The proposed RC, MC (if available), and TG (if available)<sup>40</sup>; and
- 4. The Ride Rating (3-10; see Section 12.6. for details).

If a ride is fully publicized, yet no one but the designer shows up, those miles still count toward mileage patches. If there is a question, the Sec is the first contact for any questions.

#### 13.3 Publication of Rides

Whenever possible, popup and scheduled rides should be publicized on the RFRC Interactive Calendar, Facebook page, and in chats. This may not always possible, but the planner/RC should make reasonable attempts to notice the entire Club of rides to solicit maximum attendance.

# 13.4 RSVP'ing for a Ride

To avoid members showing up to a ride that has been changed or in some way modified, each member expecting to join an event, including rides, rallies, and dinners, is expected to send an RSVP to the RC and/or designer. The RC and/or designer should try to send out a message when such a change occurs, but with all the RC and/or designing has to do to plan and lead a safe ride, it is incumbent on the joining member to keep track of such changes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> To be RFRC-sanctioned, there must be a certified RC on the ride; for safety and consistency with the Club protocols.

#### 13.5 Ride Order

RFRC-sanctioned rides will assume the following ride order (as much as feasible):

- 1. The RC will always ride first;
- 2. Any apprentice RCs or designated blockers will ride 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.;<sup>41</sup>
- 3. If there is an MC, s/he will ride as close to the center of the pack as possible, but always close enough to the RC for signal communication;
- 4. Any un-patched guests or those sporting other patches will ride at the back, but always in front of the TG;
- 5. Any Cam-Ams and/or trikes follow, directly in front of the TG; and then
- 6. The TG will always be the final bike in the order.

# 13.6 Blocking

In general, blocking is discouraged due to conflict with local laws. However, in some circumstances, RFRC rider safety supersedes and the RC shall discuss in all ride meetings the need for blockers. Those blockers should not have a 2<sup>nd</sup>-up with him or her and be experienced in blocking mechanics and safety. Where blockers are needed, they will start rides in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> positions in ride order and other rides should give blockers room to their left to pass back and forth during the ride.

# 13.7 Ride or Trip Expenses

Considerate of everyone's budget, most of the RFRC events are free or of minimal costs, such as payment for a meal on the way. However, when expenses need to be covered in advance of a ride or trip, the ride designer and/or RC should make those expenses known on the RFRC website at least a week in advance.

In cases where lodging is being arranged (cabins, hotels, camp sites, etc.) by the event designer, interested parties are expected to pay in full no later than one (1) month in advance of that event. Those estimated expenses should be posted on www.rebelliousfew.com/events. If a member pays for an event on or by the deadline and cannot for any reason make that event, s/he forfeits those costs unless s/he can find a replacement, in which case the latter shall compensate the former. This is necessary to avoid forcing the other paid members to cover the absent member/s' costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Unlike in many MCs, RFRC does not mandate that senior officers ride at or even near the front.

#### 14.0 ROVER STATUS

#### 14.1 Definition of a Rover

There are times when a delegate proves him or herself as deserving of patched RFRC membership, but is far more than 50 miles from an existing chapter. Respectful of the difficulty that a member might have in riding to the nearest chapter, let along actively participating, s/he can be designated as a "Rover". That Rover has all the rights of a chaptered member and will be patched into Chapter "00". This is NOT a demoted status and there is no deadline by which s/he much join an existing chapter or stand up a new one. However, Rovers will be held to this same Constitution and standards as in Part I of this Constitution and are NOT "nomads" in the 1%er sense; free to act and do as they wish.

# 14.2 Becoming a Rover

When that delegate is asked to become a fully patched member, but yet is distant from an existing chapter, s/he has the following choices:

- 1. Choose to become a member of the nearest existing chapter; or
- 2. Become a Rover for an indeterminate amount of time; and/or
- 3. Wait to become a member until s/he finds at least 1-2 other chapter-worthy riders to join him or her in standing up a new chapter.

Rovers are expected to actively pursue adding other members in that area to form a new chapter, but s/he should not feel pressured to "just find anyone" in order to stand up a chapter. As always, we value quality over quantity.

#### 15.0 APPENDICES

#### 15.1. RFRC Current Club-Wide Officer Mini Bios

#### NATIONAL OFFICERS...



# National President Mark "Roukan" Bamberger

Dr. Mark Bamberger is native to Ohio. He only started riding when he turned 40 and is making up for lost time by riding roughly 20K miles a year on his beloved 2020 Honda Goldwing SE1800. Mark is a geologist and now semi-retired attorney. When not riding his beloved Honda Goldwing, he is doting on his three grown daughters, four grandchildren, and his girlfriend, OH-1 secretary "Grits". He can be reached at <a href="mailto:rfcpres@gmail.com">rfcpres@gmail.com</a> or at 937.469.0634. Ride on!



# National Vice President Kirk "Captain" Nelson

Kirk "Captain" Nelson moved to Ohio 5 years ago and struggled to find a motorcycle family until he met the Rebellious Few. He has ridden bikes his whole life but after an accident "not on the bike" he didn't think he would ride again until his wonderful wife helped push him back onto a bike. For him, the only thing that beats riding in the wind is the family he has found with the RFRC. When not spending time with RFRC, he is with his 4 girls and his wife Chelsea, who you will see around whenever they are able to join in the fun. He

looks forward to growing our RFRC family and logging plenty of miles in the process. Kirk can be reached at 269.815.2070 or Captainrfrc@gmial.com



# National Sergeant-At-Arms Scott "Toretto" Hunter Scott "Toretto" Hunter. Scott is native to the Dayton area. He has been riding for 18 years and loves to share his enthusiasm for motorcycles. When he's not working his full-time job, he has a passion to teach others self-defense and firearms instruction. Scott has certifications in handgun, carbine, and shotgun. A student of Kyuki-Do, he also enjoys teaching hand to hand self-defense tactics. You'll see Monika, his wife on rides as she loves to ride with Scott as often as she can. A family man first, when he is not riding, he loves spending time with his wife and two children. Scott can be reached at <a href="mailto:rfctoretto@gmail.com">rfctoretto@gmail.com</a> or at 937.751.4898.



# National Secretary Andrew "Toddler" Storms

Andrew "Toddler" Storms has been a lifelong resident of the Dayton area. He has been riding motorcycles for almost 20 years. When not riding, Toddler enjoys spending time with his family. Toddler also enjoys playing music, watching football, and working on motorcycles.



# National Treasurer, Jason "Ruffrider" Hoskins

Jason "Ruffrider" Hoskins has been with the Club a shorter time than the other officer, but has risen through the ranks quickly, becoming its National Treasurer due to his financial and accounting background and willingness to serve. He loves to ride with his beautiful wife Bridget ("B.Ridge"), weight train, and dote on his two doggos.

# 15.2. RFRC Executive Board and Chapter Board Roles and Duties

# Executive Board – 5 Officers (Pres, VP, SAA, Tres, and Sec)

- Roles and responsibilities
  - o Leadership and governance over all club activities, business, and development
  - o Seeking to grow, protect and preserve the integrity of the club now and tomorrow
- Voting issues things that have bearing on and effect the club direction and its membership
  - Constitution
  - o Requirements participation, safety protocols etc.
  - o Membership nominations CORE and general
  - Funding decisions
  - Charity nominations
  - o Committee operations (with help from CORE Members)
- Non-Voting issues (general/informal agreements)
  - Standing up committees
  - Non-CORE members requesting participation in CORE committees (with help from CORE Members)
  - Any safety issues SAA has first input here in forming a consensus

# Chapter Board - Executive Board, plus Chairs, CORE members, and all CPs

- Roles and responsibilities
  - Engaged in club activities according to RFRC CORE definition in Constitution.
  - o Chair committees when nominated.
  - o Chairs oversee the committee they chair and those who are on the committee.
  - CORE works closely with the Executive Board and maybe invited to Executive Board meetings when needed.
  - o All committees fall under CORE.
- Voting issues
  - Voting in and out CORE members
  - o Committee decisions having direct impact on club
- Non-Voting issues (general/informal agreements)
  - Standing up committees
  - Non-CORE members requesting participation in committees (with help from Executive Board if needed)

# **Current Committees** (Remember, any member can sit on one or multiple committees):

- 1. Chair, Creative Development: Berk
- 2. Chair, Club Expansion: Roukan
- 3. Chair, Ride Planning: vacant
- 4. Chair, Events and Planning: Bird

# **Committee Roles and Guidelines**

Committees will set the tone and execute the business of each committee.

- Non-CORE members can serve on any committee. This will be a great way to evaluate members potential nomination for CORE.
- Committees will have autonomy to conduct their business as needed but should work closely with the Executive Committee making sure all business aligns with the good will and intent of the RFRC.
- The proposal of any committee will need approval from the Executive Board, then discussed with current Chairs to avoid duplicating efforts.
- Non-CORE members are encouraged to join and serve on committees.

# 15.3 The Horse and the Spartan

#### Who We Are:

The Rebellious Few is a riding club formed with strong ties of family, kinship, and loyalty for the love of riding motorcycles. Rebellious Few is not an MC and does not claim any territory. Our back patch is a testament of who we are, where we came from and where we're going. Rebellious Few exists to ride and enjoy life from the seat of a motorcycle. The mission of Rebellious Few is to share the love of riding with others in the community while enjoying the relationships built within the environment of group riding.

#### Our Name:

The name Rebellious Few came to be through a difficult decision that would affect what the future of our riding family would look like. To carry on our beliefs and ideas, a few of us set out breaking away from what we all knew to form a new riding club. Others followed from there and the Rebellious Few was born.

# Our Back Patch: The Horse and Spartan Helmet:

The horse is strong and reliable. It once was the pinnacle of transportation for society. Today, instead of riding the horse we ride the motorcycle, the modern-day iron steed depicted by the pistons and flames. The fiery eyes show the strength and determination that brought the Rebellious Few RC to existence. The Spartan helmet was a distinguished and uniform Greek sign of strength and dedication. It inspired pride and courage for those who wore it. The symbol of the Spartan means loyalty, courage, strength, and honor. These same traits are what founded the Rebellious Few RC. Each member models positive behavior and kindness. The Rebellious Few advocates strength as a group founded in the love of riding motorcycles.

# Interested in joining?

If you love to ride and are looking for a legit riding club, check us out. Leave a message and one of the Rebellious Few Officers or CORE member will get in touch with you.

Toretto, SAA, RFRC Springboro, Ohio, October 21, 2022

