

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Club Name

This club shall be known as the **SALINAS RAMBLERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.** Abbreviated as “**SRMC**”, Incorporated as a nonprofit club in the State of California.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this club shall be to promote motorcycling, public acceptance of motorcycling, motorcycling activities and Gentlemanly Comradeship.

ARTICLE III - Officers

- A. The Elected officers of the club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Referee, Road Captain, Off-Road Captain and Property Captain.
- B. The appointed officers of the club, at the discretion of the president, shall be, but are not limited to, Sanitation Engineer- whose duties and responsibilities will include but are not limited to, cleaning, repairing and servicing the clubs port-a-potties and Bathroom facilities at the club property, who for these services shall not pay dues for the year of his service, Assistant Referee, Assistant Road Captain, Parliamentarian, Historian, and the three at-large members of the Executive Committee. Additionally the President may appoint committees such as a Hospitality Committee, a Finance Committee, or an Enduro Committee as needed to further the club goals.
- C. The appointed offices of Assistant Referee, Assistant Road Captain, and or members to the Finance Committee will be appointed by the officer they are to assist. They shall have their duties assigned to them by the officer they are to assist.

ARTICLE IV - President

The Duties of the President shall be:

- A. To preside over all meetings and gatherings of the Club.
- B. To have general supervision of all the affairs of the Club.
- C. To represent the Club on formal occasions and to represent the Club in business contracts.
- D. To appoint any person to any committee not otherwise provided for by the Constitution.
- E. To assist all other officers of the Club in fulfilling their duties.
- F. To vote only when one (1) vote is necessary to break a tie.
- G. To preside over the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V - Vice President

The duties of the Vice President shall be:

- A. To perform the duties of the President in his absence.
- B. To conduct secret ballots using the ballot box.
- C. To interview Prospective Club Members and describe them to the membership.

ARTICLE VI - Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- A. To keep a record of the meetings of the Club in a minutes book.
- B. To send out notices of special meetings.
- C. To conduct all Club correspondence.
- D. To maintain an accurate list of all Club members, their Club number, their telephone number email address, address and their AMA card number and expiration date.
- E. To maintain an accurate Club points listing.
- F. To perform such other duties which generally fall to the office of secretary.
- G. To maintain a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws with all amendments properly entered.
- H. To maintain a supply of flyers for upcoming events.

ARTICLE VII - Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- A. To collect all money due to the Club.
- B. To make all payments due from the Club when so ordered by the Club.
- C. To maintain an account of all Club monies.
- D. To provide a financial statement of all Club monies at the first meeting of the month or when otherwise called on.
- E. To have the financial books reviewed by the Executive Board in March of each year and to have financial statements prepared by a CPA if approved by a majority vote of the Club.
- F. To give the Secretary a list semi-monthly of all members who are in arrears.
- G. To insure that tax filing requirements are met.

ARTICLE VIII - Referee

The duties of the Referee shall be:

- A. To have general supervision over all competition events sponsored by the Club.
- B. To settle any disagreements between members concerning Club events.
- C. To act as Club arbitrator if called upon to do so.
- D. To represent the Club at any District 36 meeting.
- E. To appoint an Assistant Referee if desired.
- F. To send all required reports to District 36 not more than seven days after a competition event.

ARTICLE IX - Road Captain

The duties of the Road Captain shall be:

- A. To have general control of and to arouse interest in all Club road rides.
- B. To schedule runs and tours for the Club to participate in.
- C. To be responsible for the Club on any Road Run.
- D. To ensure that at least six (6) organized Club Road Runs are scheduled each year.
- E. To appoint an assistant Road Captain if desired.
- F. To send reports of road riding events to Distinct 36 not more than seven days after an event.

ARTICLE X – Off-Road Captain

The duties of the Off-Road Captain shall be:

- A. To have general control of and to arouse interest in all Club off-road activities.
- B. To schedule off-road events for the Club to participate in.
- C. To be responsible for the Club at any off road event.
- D. To ensure that at least six (6) organized off road events are scheduled each year.
- E. To maintain a list of and flyers for upcoming dirt events and supply this information to the secretary and newsletter editor.

ARTICLE XI - Property Captain

The duties of the Property Captain shall be:

- A. To appoint a property committee with a minimum of two other members in good standing to oversee improvements and repairs to the Club Property.
- B. To develop and maintain a master plan for the use of the Club property.
- C. To review requests from members for upgrades and/or improvements to Club Property and to forward such requests to the Club body for consideration with a recommendation for approval or denial.
- D. To bring forward to the Executive Board for conduct unbecoming of a Salinas Rambler any member who does not abide by the Property rules established by the Club
- E. To hold at least six mandatory workdays per year at the property for improvements and maintenance.
- F. To be in charge of all SRMC Equipment/all projects.

ARTICLE XII – Social Media Coordinator

The duties of the Social Media Coordinator shall be:

- A. To maintain the SRMC website (calendar, advertisements, etc.)
- B. To promote all events on social media
- C. To Communicate to all members on current activities
- D. Who for these services not pay dues for the year

ARTICLE XIII - Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Captain, Off-Road Captain, Property Captain and three other members who are in good standing and are appointed by the president.

ARTICLE XIV - Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by additions, deletions or substitutions. Amendments must be submitted in writing and be read to the membership at three (3) consecutive meetings. It shall require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting to pass an amendment. Amendments shall be attached to the master copy of this constitution within thirty (30) days and made available to the members at the following meetings.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - Proceedings

otherwise provided for in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II - Order of Business

The Order of Business shall be:

- Call to order.
- Appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms.
- Roll Call.
- Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Bills and Communications.
- Old or Unfinished Business.
- New Business.
- Good of the Club.
- Flower Fund. A fund for injured riders.
- Bone Award. An award for stupidity.
- Coffee Run

ARTICLE III - Types of Members

All members of the Club shall be of one of the following types:

- A. **Active Member:** Any person who has been voted into the club by a quorum of members, has dues paid to date, possesses and operates a motorcycle or an OHV recreational vehicle, and is a member of the AMA. There are no more than sixty (60) active members.
- B. **Associate Member:** Any person who has an Life/Active member as a sponsor and is a member of the AMA.
- C. **Honorary Member:** Any person who is so designated by a majority vote of the membership.
- D. **Life Member:** Any active member with twenty-five (25) years of continuous membership in the Club automatically becomes a Life Member.

Article IV- Joining the SRMC

Becoming a Club Member:

- A. There will only be Ten (10) Prospective Members and Five (5) applicants at any one time. Any person eighteen years of age or older may apply at any time an application is available. New applicants must have two members in good standing as sponsors. The applicant must have a current AMA card or proof of application for the AMA membership. Applications will only be available for pick up at the second regular club meeting of each month. At the time an applicant receives an application he or she will receive a copy of the current Constitution and By-Laws upon which they are required to agree to read and understand before the application will be considered. All applications will be notarized and must be return within Thirty (30) days. After completion of these requirements the applicant along with his (or her) sponsors shall bring the completed application to a regular club meeting and the applicant will then be interviewed and introduced to the club. After introduction is complete the Club will then vote by secret ballot to accept or decline

ARTICLE IV – Joining the SRMC, Becoming a Club Member (Cont):

the application. If the applicant is accepted the applicant must then attend four (4) Club meetings and two (2) Club functions within 90 days to complete the requirements to become a prospective member. If more than one applicant completes these requirements on the same day, the applicant to become the next prospective member will be decided by drawing the lowest chip. In the event there are no openings for a prospective member, the application(s) will be held in the order of the date the requirements were completed until an opening becomes available.

B. Prospective members will earn points, the same as a regular member, for participating in club workdays, events, socials and by attending meetings. When a membership opening becomes available, the Prospective Member that fulfills their requirements first, as outlined in Paragraph A of this Article (IV), will be the first one considered for membership. Together with their sponsors, they will be required to attend the regular meeting one meeting before voting is to take place so the club may interview them. Voting will be done by secret ballot. If one third of the members present cast blackballs then the applicant is denied membership into the Club at this time. A rejected applicant may reapply for membership if an opening is available after one-year waiting period. Membership voting night shall be the first meeting of each month at which no prospective members shall be present.

C. Should a tie occur when an opening becomes available, the Prospective Member who completed their requirements for membership the earliest will be the Prospective voted on. If a tie still exists because the prospective members completed their requirements on the same date, then the tie will be broken by the flip of a coin at the meeting which is one meeting before voting will occur.

D. Approved applicants will be placed on a one-year probationary period. The sponsors of the new member will be responsible for him/her during the probation period. In the event the new member does not remain active, the Club may reconsider the persons continued membership.

E. The President at a regular meeting may designate Club functions, which will qualify applicants for membership.

F. No applicants name will be placed on the roll call until the Treasurer notifies the Secretary that the required fees have been paid.

G. The Secretary shall notify applicants by mail or Email of his/her acceptance or rejection.

H. All members and applicants upon submitting their application shall sign a written release to the Club, releasing it from any damages to person or property, or liabilities, which might arise from membership. Any applicant under the legal age shall have his/her application signed by his/her legal guardians and/or both parents and notarized.

I. All active members will purchase the official Club approved letterman style jacket within ninety days

J. A prospective member shall not have trailers, recreational vehicle or any other personal property on the club grounds without being present, nor will a prospective member plug into Club power until becoming a full member of the Club.

K. A prospective member shall not claim a camping spot/area. At the time a prospective member is voted into full membership, that member may petition for a temporary camping area. A majority vote of the Club is required.

ARTICLE IV – Joining the SRMC, Becoming a Club Member (Cont):

L. A prospective member may ask for a key to the property during any regular meeting. A motion and a second to the motion must be made prior to a vote. A majority vote in the affirmative is required for a prospective member to receive a key to the property. This key must be returned at the next regular Club meeting. The prospective member may again request a key to the property at that time.

M. A prospective member shall not have guests on the Club property nor have guests attend Club functions with the exception of their significant other or their children.

N. Upon completing the requirements for an applicant, currently attending four (4) Club meetings and two (2) designated Club functions within ninety (90) days of submitting application and proof of AMA membership (or submitting funds for AMA membership), the prospective member will be issued an identification card. This identification card will have the Salinas Ramblers' logo, the word "Prospective" in bold print at the top, a place for the date that the requirements were completed, a place for the prospective member's name, and a place for the President to sign.

O. Requirements of a prospective member:

1. To attend one meeting per calendar quarter
2. To attend two (2) Club activities where money is raised for the Club or a charity.
3. To be aware of Club activities and verify that their participation is recorded by the Secretary. Failure to submit a letter to the Club prior to violating any of the above requirements will result in the prospective being dropped from the Club

ARTICLE V - Membership Requirements

Requirements of Active Members are:

A. To attend one meeting per calendar quarter. If a member is not able to meet this requirement, that member shall request permission from the Club, by written request, to be excused from this requirement, at least one meeting prior to the end of the quarter of which the member is not able to fulfill this attendance requirement. Failure to request permission from the Club by written request, to be excused from this requirement shall cause the member to be dropped from the Roster with no vote required. Catastrophic circumstances may be appealed to the Executive Board.

B. To attend two (2) Club activities where money is raised for the Club or a charity.

C. To attend one club social event per year.

D. To be aware of Club activities and verify that their participation is recorded by the Secretary.

E. To submit a written excuse if any of the above requirements are not met, with the exception of Section A, before the end of the next quarter so that the Club may vote on continued membership by secret ballot. If no excuse is received, the member shall be automatically dropped.

F. No new member shall sponsor a perspective in their first year as a member.

ARTICLE VI - Dues

Assessments, Dues and Delinquencies.

A. Membership dues are \$450 per year beginning in 2024 with a 2% increase annually. Dues may be paid in full in January or 50% in January and 50% in July. Proof of current AMA membership must be shown to the treasurer when dues are paid. Members who are lifetime members of the AMA, that have previously recorded with the treasurer, are exempt from showing current status of their AMA membership annually. Any member who fails to pay their dues by January 31st or July 31st will be dropped from the Club. Life members pay no dues. Only Active members may be assessed.

B. Any member who has not paid an assessment levied by the Club, except dues, in thirty days will be considered delinquent and will be notified in writing by the Secretary. Delinquent members have no vote and will be dropped from the Club if not paid up within sixty days of the date the assessment is levied.

C. All elected officers of the Club shall have their dues paid by the Club during their term of office. They shall also be reimbursed for any mileage incurred while on Club business.

ARTICLE VII - Membership Numbers

Assignment of Club Numbers:

A. All Life/Active members will be assigned a Club number. The lowest number is assigned to the most senior member. Rider Number One shall remain permanently assigned to Mr. Larry Ketzel, the founder of the Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club.

B. All Associate members will have the same numbers as their Life/Active sponsor, followed by the letter "A".

C. New numbers will be assigned to each member-in-good-standing at the first meeting in March of each year. In the event of the loss of a member, his number is retired from the active member list and placed in the Memorial Rider Roster. All numbers made available by this action will be assigned with the lowest number given to the member with the highest seniority. All others advance to lower numbers as their seniority in the Club qualifies.

D. A Memorial Roster will be maintained with the names of those who have been on Memorial rider status. This Roster will begin with the oldest date of departure heading the list and continuing with later dates following in order. The Memorial Rider Roster shall be read at the first Club meeting in March of every year.

E. Upon loss by death of an Life/Active member of the Club, his or her rider number shall remain on the Club Roster for one year subsequent to departure. After this period, the members name shall transfer to the Memorial Rider Roster.

ARTICLE VIII - Finances

Payment of Bills and Disbursements:

A. All checks are to be signed by the President, Treasurer or Vice President. Each check requires two (2) signatures. A check may not be signed by two officers from the same family.

B. All bills shall be presented to the club for payment and must be itemized, read to the membership and voted on in order to be paid. The vote must be in favor by a majority, with the exception of expenditures in excess of \$1000.00 which is addressed in Sec. C of this Article (VIII).

ARTICLE VIII - Finances (Cont):

- C. Expenditures of greater than \$1000.00 must be approved by the Club by secret ballot at a regularly scheduled meeting, after the Club has been notified of the expenditure. The Secretary shall notify the Membership at least one week in advance of the meeting at which the vote will be taken for the proposed expenditure. Notification shall be by Email, U.S. Mail, Personal Contact or Telephone Contact, unless a member makes a standing request of the Secretary to be notified by United States Postal Service mail.
- A two-thirds majority is required to approve the expenditure. Property taxes, property insurance, racing event expenditures and monetary transfers between investment institutions shall be exempt from the above requirement.
- D. An accurate record of the Flower Fund will be kept by the Secretary and will be subject to audit.
- E. There will be no petty cash funds. All cash transactions will be by/with accompanying cash receipt.
- F. In the event that two (2) officers are elected from the same family, for the convenience of signing checks, an alternative Club member may be designated for one (1) year by a majority vote of the Club members.
- G. The Treasurer shall be bonded by the Club for \$5000.00.

ARTICLE IX – Resignation, Expulsion and Infractions

- A. Any Club officer wishing to resign the office may do so by submitting a request in writing to the Club. If for any reason an officer finds it impossible to remain active, he/she may request a Leave of Absence for up to four (4) consecutive meetings. Failing to request this leave will necessitate his/her replacement.
- B. No member or guest shall create a disturbance at any Club function.
- C. Any member may be expelled from membership in the Club for conduct-unbecoming-of a member. The member accusing another member will bring the allegation before the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board will notify the accused by registered mail to be at a designated regular meeting at which time the allegations will be read discussed and voted upon. It will require a two-thirds majority vote of the members present before the member is expelled from the Club.
- D. Any infractions to the SRMC Bylaws, (excluding Article IV-Joining the SRMC, Section O and Article V-Membership Requirements, Section E), will be enforced by the Executive Board as follows:
1. First infraction- \$100.00 fine payable 30 days from the date the determination was brought to the Club
 2. Second Infraction- Designate the member not in good standings. Member must turn Club key to the Property into the President and will not be permitted to enter Club property for one month. Penalty month will be from November 1 to May 31.
 3. Third infraction- Will be brought to the Club under the terms of ARTICLE IX Section C. Conduct unbecoming of a member.
- E. Infractions will be rendered inactive after three (3) years. Any infraction following a previous infraction within three (3) consecutive years will be subject to the next stage of infraction penalty.

ARTICLE IX – Resignation, Expulsion and Infractions (Cont)

F. Executive Board will investigate the severity of the infraction and may impose the terms of ARTICLE IX Section C. Conduct unbecoming of a member.

ARTICLE X - Voting and Elections

Requirements for Officers and Voting:

- A. Nine members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any Club business. No Vote shall be made without a quorum.
- B. All elected officers must be Life/Active members except the Secretary who may be an associate member.
- C. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Referee, Road Captain, Dirt Captain and Property Captain will hold office for one year. The term of office runs from January 1st. through December 31st.
- D. Nominations for office are made beginning with the first meeting in November and elections are held at the first meeting in December.
- E. Only members in good standing are entitled to vote.
- F. The Secretary and Treasurer will verify the members in good standing.
- G. Officers shall hold office for the full term or until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE XI - Meetings

Time and Place of Meetings:

- A. Regular meetings of the Club will be the first, second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00PM. To call a Special Meeting, all members of the Club shall be notified by written notice at least four days in advance by the Secretary.
- B. The consumption of alcohol at any regularly scheduled meeting is prohibited. Any person possessing an alcoholic beverage must remove it from the meeting room before the meeting comes to order. Any person arriving at a meeting with an alcoholic beverage is denied entry to the meeting. No Alcohol may be consumed in the meeting room during the Flower-Fund break.
- C. Personal and family problems will not be brought into the Club proceedings or gatherings.

ARTICLE XII - Club Assets and Liquidation

Dissolution of SRMC and Asset Distribution:

- A. The Salinas Ramblers Motorcycle Club, Inc. is a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of California and the officers and members thereof have no right to, or claim upon any of the property, assets or profits of the Corporation by way of dividends or liquidation of assets in the event of a dissolution.
- B. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the total assets of the Club at the time shall be liquidated and disbursed as follows
 - 1. One third to the Salinas United Fund
 - 2. One-third to the American Motorcycle Association's major Medical Charity.
 - 3. One-third to the Salinas Lodge #614 B. P. O. E. Elks, for application to their major charity.

ARTICLE XIII - Points

Club points for Participation and Competition:

- A. Club "Dress Uniform" consists of the official Club approved letterman style jacket. The secondary uniform is any apparel with the Club logo attached.
- B. Points for participation are awarded as follows:
 1. One point attendance at a meeting.
 2. One point additional attendance on a motorcycle
 3. One point additional attendance in club jacket
 4. Five points participation at designated Club workday, race day, road event or social activity.
- C. Competition points shall be as follows (only if trophies are awarded at an AMA sanctioned event).
 1. Five points First place.
 2. Four points Second place
 3. Three points Third place
 4. Two points Fourth place
 5. One point Fifth place
 6. Plus one point Wearing Club Colors
 7. Championship events reward with double points
- D. Every individual shall turn in his/her own points.
- E. The four Club members who earn the highest number of points in a calendar year and are active members will receive a discount off the following years dues. In the event of a tie, the members who are tied will receive the same discount. Should an award winner be elected an officer for the following year, the next highest point member will be awarded the discount. The discount schedule shall be: Highest point total 100% Second highest 75% Third highest 50% Fourth highest 25%
- F. The High point associate member will receive an award at the end of the year
- G. The member with the most competition points shall receive an award at the end of the year.
- H. For the purpose of accumulating points, only events designated as "Club Events" will pay points.
- I. In the case of a dispute over the reward of points the president shall put the question to a vote of the membership.

ARTICLE XIV – Miscellaneous

- A. A copy of the Constitution and by-laws shall be provided to each member of the Club upon request.
- B. Any members who do not work at a Club event shall pay to attend the event.
- C. The Executive Board will review membership points at the beginning of each year and recommend to the Club appropriate action for the non-participating members.
- D. No other motorcycle club may be given permission to use the SRMC property for any competition event.

ARTICLE XV - Mileage

- A. Each individual may turn in mileage at the first meeting of the month.
- B. Mileage accumulated on street motorcycles, dirt motorcycles, and ATV's shall be counted equally.
- C. High mileage and second highest mileage members will receive an award at the end of the year.

ARTICLE XVI - Trailers

Semi-permanent Parking at the Property:

- A. When a semi-permanent trailer (or IP in place) space becomes available, the space reverts to an overnight space (TP). No replacement trailers are permitted.
- B. When a member or members who occupy a semi-permanent space leave the Club, they shall remove their trailer from the property within thirty (30) days.
- C. All semi-permanent trailer owners must register a letter of ownership listing all trailer owners with the Club within forty-five days of 9-22-94.

ARTICLE XVII - Club Property

Rules governing the use of the Club property:

- A. No new structures/improvements may be made to the Club property until plans for the improvements are brought before the Club and approved by majority vote.
- B. No new approved structures/improvements may be made to the property until required permits have been received from the appropriate governmental agency. No member shall independently seek any type of permit, which would impact the Club property. All permit requests affecting the Club property must be made by the Club President or his designated representative.
- C. No member shall make any claim to any portion of the Club property. All permanent improvements made to the Club property shall become the property of the Club and no member shall seek reimbursement from the Club for improvements made willingly at their own expense.

ARTICLE XVIII - Club Equipment

- A.** All members **MUST** be determined to be qualified by the Executive Board before operating any Club equipment or vehicles
- B.** No non-members will be allowed to operate Club equipment
- C.** Any planned usage of Club equipment must be brought to the Property Captain
- D.** All Club equipment and vehicles must be operated a safe manner
- E.** Before operating any Club equipment or vehicle, it must be inspected to make sure it is in safe working order and all fluids are at proper operating levels. If any defects or unsafe conditions are found on the equipment/vehicle, it must not be operated until corrected and must be reported to the Property Captain.

ARTICLE XIX - Campground Rules

- A. Guests of members invited to the property may not invite other guests.
- B. A member of the club may invite as many guests as he wishes.
- C. The member inviting guests must be at the property when his guests are at the property. The member is accountable for his/her guests behaviors.
- D. Restrictions may be placed on member's guest privileges for certain times or events. The restrictions will be set prior to the event.
- E. Only members in good standing may invite guests to the club property.
- F. All guests must fill out a waiver before entering the property every visit. Waivers must be filled out by members and their immediate family annually. Waivers are available on the website, at the gate to the property and at club meetings.
- G. No LIVE wood is to be cut for any reason. No dead wood is to be removed from the property.
- H. All persons are responsible for cleaning the camp area they used. This includes trash removal.
- I. Riding on the club property is limited to established routes and trails. Any area of the club property may be designated as a closed area.
- J. The camp area is not a riding area. Riders may transit through the camp at a slow speed to access the riding areas.
- K. Children must wear helmets and be under direct parental supervision when riding near the camp area.
- L. No firearms may be discharged in the immediate camp area. A parent or adult must supervise all use of firearms by children. No firearms are to be used after dark.
- M. A member may use the campground for a private party if permission from the club is made in advance.
- N. Only established creek crossings may be used by motorized vehicles.
- O. Motorized vehicles may not be used within 15 feet of the banks of Picacho Creek or the San Benito River except at established river crossings.
- P. Washing vehicles within 100 feet of Picacho creek or San Benito River is prohibited.
- Q. On Saturday and Sunday of the Enduro, play riding in the camp area is forbidden. No children may ride mini-bikes anywhere on the property.
- R. No person under the age of 21 may drink or consume alcoholic beverages on club property or at club functions.
- S. Front gate must be locked immediately after entering or exiting the property.

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