CENTRAL
CYCLE
CLUB
INC.



**BY-LAWS** 

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## CENTRAL CYCLE CLUB, INC.

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## BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRAL CYCLE CLUB, INC.

#### <u>ARTICLE I - NAME</u>

The name of this organization shall be the Central Cycle Club, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II - CLUB COLORS**

The colors of this Club shall be blue and white.

### **ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To organize and promote motorcycling activities and competition under controlled and supervised conditions and to ensure the maximum safety to participants and spectators.
- 2. To improve the image of motorcycling and to promote goodwill between motorcyclists and the community.
- 3. To expand public interest in and acceptance of motorcycling, and to increase active participation in motorcycling.
- 4. To provide a social and recreational place organized for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit able purposes with the common interest and goal of motorcycling in mind. Daily operations of the club are provided by the membership therefore, active participation by each member throughout their membership is essential to the function of the club.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 2. A prospective member must own or have access to a motorcycle.
- 3. A non-refundable application fee of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars is to be paid when a membership application is submitted. The appropriate yearly dues are payable upon acceptance of the membership application.
  - a. The immediate family of a member in good standing who lives in the member's home can waive the standard application fee only once.
- 4. An application for membership must be endorsed by three (3) members in good standing.
- 5. A member may endorse two (2) applicants in any calendar year.
- 6. A member must be in good standing for one (1) year prior to being eligible to sponsor a potential member.
- 7. Each potential applicant, under the points system, will be required to work two sanctioned race events, and earn one hundred and fifty (150) points during the period between January 1st and December 31st, the first year.
- 8. Each applicant will be reviewed by a membership screening committee. The committee, at the end of the period, will then make a recommendation to the Club for full membership. Upon acceptance, the applicant will be considered a member "in good standing."

- 9. The screening committee shall consist of not more than five (5) members in good standing. The committee shall be selected by the Club President.
- 10. Membership applications shall be accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present. The standard application procedure will include the following:
  - a. All potential applicants will be allowed to attend meetings and register with the screening committee.
  - b. The Club will accept a total of five (5) new regular and associate members per Wednesday
  - c. Applications will be granted after working two race events and acquiring one hundred and fifty points.
  - d. If your application is accepted, this would count as your first points year.
- 11. Membership will be revoked by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting for the following reasons:
  - a. Nonpayment of yearly dues.
  - b. Conduct unbecoming of a Club member.
  - c. Failure to obey the By-Laws of the Club.
  - \*\*\*Any member has the right to appeal a decision by written letter to the Board of Trustees.
- 12. Dues are due by the first meeting in March. A member failing to pay dues by this meeting will be suspended and twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) reinstatement fee will be charged. The list of members suspended will be posted on the bulletin board, at the first meeting in April these members will be dropped from the membership list. A member who has been dropped for being in arrears of dues and wishes to rejoin shall be required to apply through standard procedures.
- 13. A member who resigned while in good standing may apply for membership renewal without sponsorship and will not be subject to the application fee.
- 14. All members in good standing at the time of induction into the Armed Forces shall be given an honorary leave of absence until released from active duty. Such members shall have eight weeks from the time of release to reactivate their membership, at which time dues for the year must be paid.
- 15. Any member may be granted a leave of absence because of sickness, injury, financial difficulty, or any valid reason, at the discretion of the Club.
- 16. Members must have dues paid in full when requesting a leave of absence. Members must hand in card and key upon receiving a leave of absence.
- 17. All members with twenty (20) years consecutive membership in good standing shall become lifetime nondues paying members.
- 18. All members in the Club prior to September 20, 1967 are Charter Members.
- 19. As of Jan 1, 2012 any new member entering the Club shall be required to flag 2 race events for the first 3 of their 5 years of earning points. Only Committee Chairpersons of other race day committees are exempt from this by-law, as they are responsible for their own team of workers. A race day committee chairperson would be defined as the Chairperson of any committee deemed necessary for race day operations.

- 20. All members must obey track rules:
  - a. Must wear a helmet while riding on Club property. (Guest also.)
  - b. Motorcycles must be fitted with a silencer.
  - c. No riding on upper parking levels.
  - d. No riding alone on any club property.
  - e. Members are responsible for guests.
  - No riding in the Moosup River.
- 21. Points System for All Members with Less than Five (5) Years Membership.
  - 1. Regular working members with less than five (5) years membership:
  - 2. Membership dues will be ninety nine dollars plus one hundred and one dollars for track and club maintenance, for a total of one hundred and twenty five (\$200) dollars per year.
    - a. Must accumulate 100 or more points by flagging two race events membership years two and three. Membership years four and five require 100 points by working two race events.
  - Points Breakdown:
    - 100 Points for chairing a committee.
    - 30 Points for working a race (whole day).
    - Points for working race (half day). 15
    - Points for serving on the Board of Trustees. 10
    - 10 Points for serving on a committee.
    - 5 Bonus points for supplying power equipment for work party.
    - 3 Points per hour for independent work party.
  - 4. All officers, with the exception of the assistants, shall be exempt from the points system for the years that an office is held.
  - 5. All members with less than five (5) years membership who do not acquire the minimum 100 points will be subject to review by the membership present at the first meeting of the new year. If a member is reviewed, the membership shall be revoked. Membership may be reapplied for through standard application procedure, ARTICLE IV, after one full year
- 22. Members must have their membership card and key with them when riding at the club.
- 23. A full time student 18 years or older can continue to ride under a parent's or guardian's supervision until the age of 19. At such time a person shall have to apply for membership on their own as an adult.
- 24. A member requesting funds (for national race entries, Loretta Lynn's, Baja, etc.) must submit a letter of intent by June 30th and be a regular member in good standing for at least 3 years.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

- 1. Regular meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., or as specified by Club vote, at the Club House. In case of a holiday, the meeting may be cancelled.
- 2. A quorum for the purpose of transacting any business at a meeting shall consist of three (3) officers and ten (10) regular members, or two officers and one past president and ten (10) regular members.

- 3. A meeting may transact any and all business that comes before it, without prior notice of the business to be transacted, except as otherwise specifically provided for in these By-Laws.
- 4. At the written consent of not less than ten (10) members, the President must call a special meeting upon notice to all members.

#### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

The officers of this Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. No officer shall remain in one capacity for more than three successive years.

#### **ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS**

- 1. Election of Officers shall be held by secret ballot vote. Nominations shall be made at the first (1st) meeting in December and shall close at the third (3rd) meeting in December. No nominee shall be placed on the ballot unless they signify their acceptance of the nomination in person or in writing to a Club Officer. Ballots will be counted at the third (3rd) meeting in January by the Board of Trustees. There shall be no write-in-votes.
- 2. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.
- 3. No member shall be eligible for nomination for President unless they have been an active member in good standing for at least one (1) year. No member shall be eligible for the other offices unless they have been an active member in good standing for at least six (6) months.
- 4. Those nominees for the offices of Treasurer and Secretary who received the second highest number of votes shall become the Assistant Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary.
- 5. All members in good standing are eligible to vote.
- 6. All officers shall hold office until their successors are installed. Installation shall be held at the first meeting in February. All out-going Officers shall immediately turn over all books, records, property and assets belonging to the Club to newly installed Officers.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- 1. President The President shall:
  - Preside at all meetings of the Club.
  - Rule on all questions of law and order, and shall maintain discipline at such meetings.
  - Enforce the provisions of these by-laws, and any other adopted rules and regulations of the Club.
  - Cast a ballot only in case of a tie vote, except that he/she may vote in the annual election of Officers. The President may transact such business as is usual of the office of President, subject to the judgment of the Club.
- 2. Vice-President The Vice-President shall:
  - Assist the President in the performance of the duties of that office.
  - Act for the President during an absence.

In case of vacancy in the office of President due to death, resignation, or removal, the Vice-President shall fill the office for the unexpired term.

- 3. <u>Secretary</u> The Secretary shall:
  - Keep correct minutes of all meetings.
  - Conduct all correspondence.
  - Keep charge of the attendance record.
  - Maintain a record of the names and addresses of all Club members.
  - Notify all members in arrears of dues.
- 4. Treasurer The Treasurer shall:
  - Receive and disburse all monies of the Club.
  - Maintain true and accurate records of all the transactions as Treasurer.
  - Make regular reports thereon to the Club.
  - On demand by the Club, make all books, records and supporting data available for examination and audit.
- 5. Assistant Secretary The Assistant Secretary shall:
  - Assist the Secretary in the performance of the duties of that office.
  - Act for the Secretary during an absence.
- 6. Assistant Treasurer The Assistant Treasurer shall:
  - Assist the Treasurer in the performance of the duties of that office.
  - Act for the Treasurer during an absence.
- 7. In the event of vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer, the respective assistant will fill the office for the unexpired term.
- 8. In the event of vacancy in the office of Vice-President, Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer, the Club may order an election to fill the vacant office.

#### **ARTICLE IX – TRUSTEES**

- 1. Board of Trustee (BOT) membership shall consist of all past presidents, all present Officers, all life members, and five (7) members from the body who will be elected at the annual election. All past Presidents shall be permanent members provided they maintain their membership in good standing.
- 2. Duties:
  - a. They shall request that an annual audit of the Treasurer's books be performed by a qualified individual.
  - b. They shall supervise the annual elections and certify that it is carried out in compliance of the By-Laws. Any Trustee who has their name on the election ballot may not participate in this duty.
  - c. Should the need arise concerning a time deadline as outlined in Article X paragraph 3, they shall have the authority to waive the two (2) weeks advance notice.

#### **ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. Non-members shall not be allowed to use any property owned or rented by the Club unless at a Club event or approved by the Club. Approval must be obtained at a Wednesday night meeting in writing for non-members (to ride). Members are allowed one (1) riding guest per visit. Non-members are only allowed three (3) times (in a life time.)
- 2. Club members may request the use of the Club House for a non-Club related function only if it is to be used for a Club member or immediate family. A deposit of \$150.00 is required with \$50.00 refundable if no damage is incurred.
- 3. Before any transaction in excess of \$1,000.00 takes place, for other than a Club event, the Board of Trustees must approve the transaction and the membership must be notified by announcement at a meeting and posted on the Club bulletin board, at least two (2) weeks in advance. The posting may be waived if approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Trustees.
- 4. These By-Laws shall be amended as follows:
  - a. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing during a regular meeting.
  - b. These By-Laws may not be amended without prior notice to the membership. The proposed amendment will be posted on the bulletin board one (1) month prior and distributed two (2) weeks prior to voting.
  - c. Voting to amend the By-Laws will be held by secret ballot. Amendments shall be accepted by a vote of two-thirds members present.
- 5. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be exempt from payment of dues and event/banquet fees.
- 6. In the interest of promoting safety, the Club does not condone the use of alcohol or illegal drugs in connection with any motorcycle event. Violators may be disciplined in accordance with Article IV, paragraph 11.
- 7. The adopted rules and regulations shall be enacted or amended and posted by the following procedure:
  - a. The proposed rule or regulation must be submitted in writing during a regular meeting.
  - b. The proposed rule or regulation will be posted on the bulletin board for a minimum of thirty 30 days prior to voting.
  - c. The proposed rule or regulation shall be accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting.
  - d. The President shall ensure that all rules and regulations are posted on the bulletin board.
- 8. Any member or their guest that disturbs the peace or violates any law on Club property that causes the police to be summoned shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action. This shall be a minimum of some type of probation or forfeiture of the membership in accordance to Article IV paragraph 11 depending on the incident. Furthermore a 10:00 p.m. curfew will be observed by all members and their guests banning any loud disturbance that could annoy our neighbors.
- 9. Members are responsible for their guests.

- 10. To participate in the Senior Summer Series you must be a club member in good standing and/or a student that is 18 or more riding under a parent or guardian.
- 11. Organizations or persons wishing to rent the Club property for races or events shall pay a security deposit in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Central Cycle Club, Inc. one week in advance of the event. A bank check or money order must be received along with proof of insurance covering the Central Cycle Club, Inc. or the event will automatically be cancelled. The security deposit will be returned 90 days after the event, if all the bills for that event have been paid.

#### ARTICLE XI - ASSOCIATE MEMBER RULES OF THE CENTRAL CYCLE CLUB, INC.

- 1. The Central Cycle Club, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1967. It has continued to survive and prosper due to member participation, dedication and voluntary work. In 1992 it was decided to open the club to nonworking members who could use the motocross track for increased dues. You are considered an ASSOCIATE MEMBER for riding privileges only and not a regular member.
- 2. You must obey all club rules and by-laws.
- 3. Associate members are not allowed to have any riding guests. Riding privileges are only for the associate member and immediate family only. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action. Members will, and are encouraged to, turn in members for breaking this rule.
- 4. You cannot participate in any club function. This includes the banquet, picnic, spaghetti dinner and Men's Day. You must pay the standard admission fee at all races unless you work the entire day and do not race in that event.
- 5. You can, and are encouraged to, attend the Wednesday meeting but you cannot vote.
- 6. You must have your membership card with you when riding at the club. Your key and membership card are for you only. Letting someone else use them will result in disciplinary action.
- 7. Riding privilege fees are \$750.00 a year. Fees are not refundable. A new Associate member shall pay the fees upon joining the club and their membership shall last to the end of the year.
- 8. Associate membership shall not exceed fifty (50) members.
- 9. Prospective Associate Members must apply for membership through the following procedure:
  - a. Fill out insurance waiver at first meeting.
  - b. You must attend three (3) Wednesday meetings and be introduced at all three (3) meetings.
  - Fill out the application.
  - d. You must be interviewed by at least one (1) member of the screening committee.
  - e. You must be sponsored and recommended by one member in good standing.
  - Applicant must stand before the membership present and be voted on.
  - g. If accepted the applicant must correctly answer questions from the Associate Membership Rules or Central Cycle Club by-laws. Incorrect answers will postpone membership until the next meeting. Three (3) chances will be given.

- h. If applicant fails to answer the questions posed after three (3) attempts, the person will be considered unworthy of Associate Membership and must wait a full six (6) months from the date of the last failure before reapplying.
- 10. Associate members earning points toward a regular membership: points and qualifying races will expire on December 31st. They cannot be carried over to the following year. Once points and races are earned to convert membership from Associate to Regular membership, you must once again appear before the club to be voted on as a Regular member. Associate to Regular membership DOES NOT automatically transfer.

# **APPENDIX A - PAST PRESIDENTS**

CENTRAL CYCLE CLUB, INC.

YEAR	PRESIDENT
1967	Ron Gluck
1968-69	Bob Utz
1970	Don Osterlund
1971	Dave Hopkins
1972	Mike Mercier
1973	Tracy Brown
1974	Mike Hutchinson
1975-76	Steve Frechette
1977	Tracy Brown
1978	Ron Gluck
1979 (1/2)	John DeBartolo / Sandy Dodge
1980	Jim Kendal
1981	Jim Raymond
1982-84	Mickey Soriero
1985-89	Tim Borkiewicz
1990	Mike Erb
1991	Jack Majewski
1992-94	Don Wiech
1995	Tim Borkiewicz
1996	Mark Charron
1997-99	John Jakan
2000	Dennis Jolley
2001-02	John Jakan
2003	Bill Pemberton
2004-06	John Jakan
2007-08	Rick Wielock
2009-10	John Jakan
2011-12	Rob Howard
2013(1/2)	Rob Howard / Matt St. Laurent
2014-16	Matt St. Laurent
2017	Ken Boucher

# ROB HOWARD MEMORIAL FUND

This fund is used for the benefit of the Central Cycle Club, INC. members in good standing. This is not medical insurance. You should already have medical insurance. Nor, is it the Fund an insurance company of any type. The fund is just simply salary assistance for the time you are out of work. If you do not need the money, do not apply. If you do need the fund, ask for it. Remember, if you are not honest with the fund, you are only cheating those who need it. Any member abusing the fund will be suspended from Central Cycle Club, INC. To be eligible for the fund, you must meet the following requirements.

- 1. You must hold a current Central Cycle Club, INC regular member card or be a life member.
- 2. You must have been hurt at Central Cycle Club, INC. while riding, but not during a sanctioned NESC event.
- 3. You must notify the Board of Trustees (BOT) of your disability within seven days of your injury.
- 4. You must be out of work without salary.
- 5. You cannot ride at Central Cycle Club, or any other riding or competition, while collecting from the fund.
- 6. You must follow the procedure for collecting from the fund as follows:
  - (a) You must notify the Board of Trustees in writing.
  - (b) You will notify the BOT with a doctor's letter with estimated work-lost time.
  - (c) Each week you must notify BOT that you are still out of work.
  - (d) If you fail to notify the BOT/Fund Chairman each week, your check will
  - (e) All applications are subject to approval by the BOT or Fund Chairman.
  - (f) All applicants will remain anonymous if they so choose.

### THE BENEFITS

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Single, no dependents	\$150.00 per week
Married, no dependents	\$170.00 per week
Married, one dependent	\$200.00 per week
Single, one dependent	\$200.00 per week
Married, two dependents	\$220.00 per week
Single, two dependents	\$220.00 per week
Married, three dependents	\$240.00 per week
Single, three dependents	\$240.00 per week
Married, four or more dependents	\$260.00 per week
Single, four or more dependents	\$260.00 per week

The initial benefit period will be up to three months, with weekly reviews of the recipients by the BOT and/or Fund Committee Chairman. All disbursements are at the discretion of the Board and as funds are available