

## **ARTICLE I**

Name

The name of the corporation shall be:

**Spartan Motorcycle Club of Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C.,  
Incorporated.**

*(hereinafter referred to as the "corporation")*

## **ARTICLE II**

Aims and Objectives

1. To provide for comradeship and a spirit of unity among the members.
2. To provide for riding activities.
3. To share information on all aspects of motorcycling.

## **ARTICLE III**

Membership

1. Initial membership in this corporation is open to males 21 years old and over who own motorcycles of 500cc or greater and which can maintain the maximum legal speed limit.
2. A proposed member must attend 3 general membership meetings and the membership chairman must have at least 5 reports from members in good standing as to the proposed member's riding ability. The membership chairman shall then report to the membership.
3. Proposed members must be sponsored by a member in good standing and receive a secret vote by three-fourths or 75% of the membership present or proxies to be elected into membership. Abstentions are not counted as voting.
4. A member, to remain in good standing, must:
  - a. Not be over 3 months behind in his dues.
  - b. Maintain ownership of designated motorcycle (Article III Sec. 1).
  - c. Attend a minimum of 4 general membership meetings each calendar year.
  - d. Carry minimum liability insurance on his motorcycle as required by his place of residence.
  - e. Participate in a minimum of 2 Club-sanctioned events each calendar year.
5. Only members in good standing may vote or hold office.

6. A member may be terminated from membership by a three-fourths majority vote of all members present or proxies. Upon termination or resignation he surrenders all rights to the corporation.
7. A member may be considered not in good standing from any cause (Article III Sec. 4) for no more than one year. If, at the end of this period, the member has not brought himself back into good standing, he will be brought before the membership for the following action:
  - a. Termination of membership.
  - b. Alumni membership.
8. A corporation member may not be an active member of any other motorcycle club.
9. A proposed membership vote must be announced at one general membership meeting and taken at the next.
10. Future leaves of absence will not be granted but will be handled in accordance with Article III, Section 6 and Article IV in its entirety.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### Alumni Membership

1. Requirements: must be a past member of the corporation and approved by three-fourths of all members present or proxies.
2. Alumni members cannot vote or hold office.
3. Dues will be set by the year and are subject to revision by the membership, to be paid by April first of each year.
4. An alumni member may be terminated from membership by a three-fourths majority secret vote of all members present or proxies. Upon termination or resignation he surrenders all rights to the corporation.
5. Alumni members may wear the club colors.
6. Alumni members can be automatically reinstated to full membership when all requirements are met in accordance with Article III.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### Officers and Board of Directors

1. The officers of this corporation shall constitute the Board of Directors of the corporation.
2. The officers (directors) shall be the president, the vice-president, the treasurer, the secretary, and the road captain.
3. Each October, the president will appoint a three-man nomination committee. The committee will present a list of candidates for each office at the November meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted at the December

and January meetings. Officers will be elected in a secret vote by 50% of the membership present or proxies at the January meeting. Abstentions are not counted as voting. The officers (directors) will assume office immediately upon election.

4. An officer (director) may be impeached by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership.
5. A vacancy in the Board of Directors will be filled as it occurs by an election at the next general membership meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Duties of the Officers

1. The President
  - a. Conducts the meetings and handles the corporation affairs as directed by the membership.
  - b. Votes only when one vote is needed to break a tie or at the election of officers (directors) and on membership votes.
  - c. Counter-signs checks.
2. The Vice-President
  - a. Performs the president's duties in his absence.
3. The Road Captain
  - a. Plans runs and sporting events.
  - b. Conducts runs by informing the membership of the route and rules of an event.
  - c. Keeps the group together and cares for the welfare of the participants.
  - d. Has full authority during club runs.
4. The Secretary
  - a. Keeps minutes of general membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings.
  - b. Records attendance and notifies the membership in accordance with Article III Section 4c.
  - c. Handles all club correspondence.
5. The Treasurer
  - a. Collects dues and all receipts.
  - b. Keeps records of dues, receipts, and disbursements.
  - c. Keeps funds in a checking account as decided by the membership.
  - d. Makes disbursements as directed by the membership. All checks are to be signed by 2 officers (treasurer, president or vice-president).
  - e. Makes a detailed financial report of debits and credits at each general membership meeting of the corporation.
  - f. Reports to the membership any member who is not in good standing in accordance with Article III Section 4a.
6. The above order of officers shall be considered the order of precedence in which officers shall be elected at the annual election meeting and for the purposes of

selecting an officer to preside over a general membership meeting in the absence of the president.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Committees

1. The president shall appoint a chairman for the following standing committees:
  - a. A social committee.
  - b. An audit committee to audit the treasurer's books semi-annually.
  - c. A ways and means committee.
  - d. A membership committee.
2. The president may appoint ad-hoc committees as he deems necessary.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### General Membership Meetings

1. General membership meetings will be held monthly as directed by the membership.
2. Additional meetings may be held as directed by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
3. A quorum shall be 25% of the members in good standing.
4. The order of business will be the minutes, including the Board of Directors' meeting (if any), the officers' and the committees' reports, the old and the new business.
5. The general membership meetings will be held in Baltimore and Washington in proportion to the membership from each city.
6. Members may bring guests to the general membership meetings. However, no guest shall be allowed to attend more than 3 meetings in 12 consecutive months.
7. A member has the right to request a vote be taken by secret ballot on any issue he deems appropriate.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Board of Directors Meetings

1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year at the call of the president of the corporation.
2. A quorum shall be 3 members of the Board of Directors.

3. The secretary shall give each director notice of all Board of Directors meetings at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

### **ARTICLE X**

#### Dues

1. Dues will be set by the year and are subject to revision by the membership, to be paid by April first of each year.
2. The initiation fee will be ten dollars (\$10.00) which will entitle the new member to one set of club colors.

### **ARTICLE XI**

#### Seal

[Reserved]

### **ARTICLE XII**

#### Access to Corporation Records and Dissemination of Information

1. Information regarding the policies, activities, and membership of this corporation shall be considered privileged.
  - a. The dissemination and discussion of corporation information shall be limited to members in good standing only.
  - b. Members in good standing may have access to all records of the corporation including minutes, reports, correspondence, and financial statements.
2. Exceptions to the release or dissemination of corporation information including the following:
  - a. Dates, times, and locations of runs and social events to which guests are invited.
  - b. Business transactions to which the corporation is a party.
  - c. Items of information approved for release by the membership by a majority vote at a general membership meeting.
  - d. Prospective members will be allowed to read the By-Laws and the Road Rules.
3. Disregard or violation of the provisions of this Article shall be considered cause for termination of membership under Article III Section 5.
4. Any member who allows his colors to be worn by a non-member will be fined five dollars (\$5.00).

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### Road Rules

A general summary is included below:

1. It is suggested that each member, guest operator, and all buddy riders wear adequate protective clothing which is defined as a safety helmet (even in abate states), a leather jacket (except when hot weather makes that unfeasible), long pants, leather boots at least beyond the ankles. In addition, each operator must wear protective eye covering or have a windshield on his vehicle and must comply with any state regulation regarding such.
2. Prior to each ride or run and prior to each segment of any ride or run, all operators will check their motorcycles for safe operation and have their gas tanks full.
3. On all club rides and runs all operators shall follow the instructions of the road captain and will stay in his assigned position in the formation as directed by the road captain.
4. The road captain shall maintain speeds consistent with legal limits, traffic, road, and weather conditions.
5. Two motorcycles may not travel beside each other in the same lane nor may one motorcycle pass another or any vehicle in the same lane.
6. Under no circumstances shall the road captain lead the formation between adjacent traffic lanes (even where state law permits) or expose those following him to injury, arrest, or both.
7. Only those motorcycles having sufficient power to maintain the maximum legal speed on a level highway as well as uphill when carrying an operator and/or luggage and/or a buddy rider will be permitted on any club ride or run. Operators are not to lag behind in their assigned position in any formation.
8. If any formation gets too large in the opinion of the road captain so as to present a hazard to passing vehicles or the safe conduct of the formation or state law, the road captain may divide the formation and appoint a lieutenant to head each division. Each lieutenant shall be regarded by those following him as having the power of the road captain.
9. The president shall be the last operator in the formation led by the road captain.
10. Any motorcycle having a 400cc or less engine will not be permitted to carry a buddy rider on any club ride or run.

### **ARTICLE XIV**

#### Amendments

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the total members in good standing.

2. The proposed amendment must be presented at a general membership meeting and voted at the next general membership meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

##### Emeritus Membership

1. The intent of emeritus membership status is to denote perpetual membership status of a founder of Spartan Motorcycle Club or individuals who have moved the SMC to new heights as a former member of the Executive Board. A member emeritus has earned his discharge from all club responsibilities, such as paying dues, attending meetings, or participating in rides, because of his exceptional service to the club. He is welcome to all events, meetings open and closed, and may vote if he chooses.
2. In recognition of substantial service to the club over a period of a minimum of 15 years, the E-Board may recommend to the general membership that a member be designated a member emeritus, in lieu of alumni membership status.
3. Members proposed for emeritus status must be sponsored by the executive board, who themselves must be members in good standing. The motion to confer emeritus status must pass by three-fourths or 75% of the membership present or their proxies, in a secret ballot. Abstentions are not counted as voting.
4. A member emeritus retains the status of active membership for life, or until he resigns, or until the membership decides, by a three-fourths majority secret ballot of all members present or their proxies, to rescind that status. Upon his resignation or termination, a member emeritus surrenders all rights to the corporation.