

- VMC Membership Committee -

Proposed Amendments to the VMC's Bylaws; November 30, 2024.

Preamble:

- These proposed Bylaw amendments have been discussed around the table at Executive Meetings over the prior few years. The reason for proceeding now is simply to include these when filing the other approved changes adding Family and Youth level which were approved in November.
- These changes were tabled and discussed at November's regular monthly meeting.
- A motion was made and approved to publish these recommendations as required and put to a vote as an Extraordinary Resolution at next month's meeting.
- The suggested changes are highlighted in **Red** below.

B. "Extraordinary Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the members entitled to vote as are present at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given.

C. Notice of Extraordinary Resolution shall be deemed to have been given to all members, if posted on the website at least two weeks prior to the meeting. All members to be alerted to this posting through a broadcast e-mail. Notice that an Extraordinary Resolution will be presented, must also be given at the regular VMC meeting prior to the meeting at which it will be voted upon.

This Extraordinary Resolution is being circulated by email and posted under Latest News on VMC's website for consideration and vote at the next regular monthly meeting on December 17, 2024.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP

NEW

A – QUALIFICATIONS:

Section 1. **Memberships** are on an Individual and Family basis. There shall be six classes of individual membership in the club namely: Active, Senior, Junior, Youth and Life and Honorary.

There will be one Group class referred to as *Family* which can include Youth and Junior along with one or more adult members.

Section 3. **Active members** shall be motorcycle ~~<delete or ATV>~~ enthusiasts.

Section 4. **Youth** (1-12 years of age) **and Junior members** (13-18 years of age) shall be motorcycle ~~<delete or ATV>~~ enthusiasts who are sons or daughters or grandchildren of members.

Notes:

- Youth Membership is limited to a 'closely related family member' under the age of 13 years (as determined at Jan. 31st, when annual memberships must be renewed).
- When a Youth Member (1-12 years of age) has reached the age of 13 they will be reclassified as a Junior Member when renewing for the following season.
- Junior Membership is limited to 'closely related family member' under the age of 19 years (as determined at Jan. 31st, when annual memberships must be renewed).
- Upon reaching the age of 19 a Junior Member (13-18 years of age) shall be reclassified as an Active member and pay dues as an Active Member.
- ~~<delete this entire sentence>~~ **Any rider under the age of 19 who does not have a parent or guardian as a club member must apply to join as an Active member.**

Section 6. **Senior members** shall be motorcycle ~~<delete or ATV>~~ enthusiasts who are 65 years of age or older (as determined at Jan. 31st, when annual memberships must be renewed).

Section 10. All **Active and Junior Members** are required to contribute a minimum of one day (6 hours min/day) annually to **Work-Duty** on a club sanctioned activity, project or event.

- a) Junior Members are required to contribute and participate in work parties as above along with their responsible parent or other Active member(s).
- b) Youth, Senior, Honorary and Life Members are all encouraged to contribute and provide work duty, committee assistance or event support in some form as they are able.
- c) It is each Members' sole responsibility to ensure that said work duty when completed is properly logged using the club's website facility or as otherwise set out.
 - "Accurate Self-Reporting is key in this regard."
- d) Work Duty Exceptions:
 - i. If an Active or Junior member is unable to perform their annual Work Duty, they shall inform the Membership Committee of a valid reason and request an extension or possible exemption. I.e.: physical incapacity, regular work <added or school> required them to be away from home for extended periods throughout the full year.
 - ii. Exceptions: will only be granted under situations of hardship or duress, at the discretion of the Membership Committee in consultation with Executive.