

## VMC Membership Committee - Proposed VMC Family Membership; October 2024.

### Preamble:

- Family Membership consists of at least one Active or Senior Member who pays a nominal membership fee for each child, per year, within the family group. Youth Members are aged 12 and under and do not have to work at club events or on club projects.
- Suggested Youth dues are \$10 per year. Junior dues remain \$25 annually.
- When a Youth Member reaches age 13, they become a Junior Member and pay the standard Junior membership fee. Junior members will work at least one six-hour workday a year at a club event or on a club project.  
When a Junior Member reaches age 19, they become Active Members and will pay the prevailing Active membership fee per year.
- All new Active and Junior Members must contribute two six-hour workdays in their first year of membership, working at a club event or on a club project. Thereafter, they must contribute at least one six-hour workday per year at a club event or on a club sanctioned project.
- Senior Members, aged 65 and older on February 1 of each year, continue to pay the standard Senior membership fee per year.

### Amendments to VMC BYLAWS

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 and posted on website for consideration and vote at the next regular monthly meeting on November 19, 2024.

## 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 2. **Members** may be of any sex and compete in any class.

Section 3. **Active members** shall be motorcycle or ATV enthusiasts.

They shall:

- a) Make application as per requirements of C – Admission, Section 1 (a-k)
- b) Pay annual dues as set for Active members – per Section B (sections 2,3)
- c) Enjoy all privileges of the club,
- d) Enter any event and pay member entry fees.
- e) Accumulate points towards:

- i) the Memorial trophy
- ii) any series trophies and
- iii) the activity award

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

They shall:

- a) make application along with their Parent or Guardian as per requirements of C – Admission Section 1 (a-l).
- b) Pay the nominal annual dues as set forth for Youth and Junior class members – per Section B-Section 2 (a-c)
- c) **Youth Members** will not accrue years towards earned Life Member status
- d) **Youth Members** are not entitled to vote at any meeting.
- e) Otherwise... see Active Members.

Notes:

- Youth Membership is limited to a ‘closely related family member’ under the age of 13 years (as determined at Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.
- 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. (*subject to review, consider minimum age 16-18 ?*).

Section 5). a **Family Membership Group** will consist of at least one Active or Senior member. That (adult) Member will pay the regular annual dues for their class, and for any number of closely related Youth and Junior Members to be included in the group.

- Youth and Junior members must be immediate relations to the Adult member, i.e.: sons or daughters or grandchildren of members.
- The Parent or Guardian shall:
  - a) make application for all members of the Family Group as per requirements of C – Admission Section 1 (a-k).
  - b) Pay annual dues as set for all persons included in the Family group.

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

They shall:

- a) Automatically become Senior members if already a member of the club. Otherwise, they shall make application in writing.
- b) Pay ½ annual dues set for Active members
- c) Otherwise... see Active members.

Section 7. **Life Membership** will be considered for:

- (a) members with 35 cumulative years of membership. Records will be difficult to track so the onus will be on individuals to bring the number of their years to the attention of the club, or
- (b) members whom the club sees fit to honour.

They shall:

- a) Not need to apply. They shall be voted as such by a ¾ majority vote at the end of the year they have accumulated 35 cumulative years of membership.

- b) Not be subject to Annual dues.
- c) Otherwise... see Active members

Section 8. **Honorary members** shall be persons who have rendered such service to the club or the community or the cause of motorcycling that the club sees fit to so honor them.

They shall:

- a) Not need to apply. They shall be voted in to the club by a ¾ majority vote at any regular meeting.
- b) Not be subject to Annual dues
- c) Not be entitled to vote at any meeting.

Section 9. **Total number of Club Members** may be capped at a maximum number as determined from time to time by the Club Executive:

- a) This number is to be reviewed each year and may be amended as determined by the Executive to be in the best overall interests of the club. Any change in cap is to be approved by simple majority vote at a Regular Monthly Meeting following the close of the annual renewal period.
- b) Initially the Membership Cap is set at 475 for the remainder of 2023 and 2024.

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 Member is unable to perform their annual Work Duty, they are required to inform the Membership Committee of a valid reason and request an extension or possible exemption. I.e.: physical incapacity, regular work 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.

## **B – DUES:**

Section 1. **An initiation fee:**

- a) Shall be paid by each applicant. The amount of the initiation fee shall be reviewed in May, or earlier, so that any change(s) can be voted on in June, or earlier. The amount will be posted on website in Governance > Policies and Procedures Manual.
- b) This fee shall entitle each new member to a Club Emblem or Crest as may be available from time to time. Applicants are advised to familiarize themselves with Club General Rules of Competition and Cycle Park Property Etiquette Guide, posted on the Club website at: <https://vmc.bc.ca/index.rules> and here <https://vmc.bc.ca/Cycle-Park-Rules-VMC-property-general-rules-and-etiquette.pdf>

## Section 2. **Annual Dues:**

- a) for Active, Junior and Youth members shall be reviewed each year in May, or earlier, so that any change(s) can be voted on in June, or earlier.  
The amount will be posted on website in Governance > Policies and Procedures Manual <https://vmc.bc.ca/portal/governance/>
- b) Club Rule Books and Cycle Park Property Etiquette Guide are posted on the Club website at: <https://vmc.bc.ca/index.rules> and at <https://vmc.bc.ca/Cycle-Park-Rules-VMC-property-general-rules-and-etiquette.pdf>

## Section 3. **Method of Dues Payment:**

- a) Any member whose dues are not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February shall no longer be a member of the Club. It will be at the discretion of the Executive whether or not to accept a late payment as long as such lateness is not in excess.
- b) Dues will be paid:
  - i. On-line by an electronic payment process acceptable to the Treasurer.
  - ii. by e-transfer as advised.
  - iii. by mailing a cheque to the Club.
  - iv. by handing the payment by Cheque or in Cash to the Treasurer or Membership Committee Chairperson at a Monthly Meeting.
  - v. If payment is made by mailing a cheque said mail piece must be postmarked no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - vi. If a member chooses to hand this payment to another member for delivery, it is still the responsibility of the member paying to get it to the Treasurer, not the responsibility of the member to whom the payment was handed.
- c) Any dues payments received late will not be processed.
- d) A member who forfeits his membership in the club by reason of non-payment of dues shall not be entitled to reinstatement as a member except by applying for admission as a new member (see B-Dues Section 3 (a)).

### **C – ADMISSIONS: - New Membership Applications:**

Section 1. **Applications** for new Active, Senior, Junior and Youth and Family Group members shall be made **Online**, by submitting the applicant's fully completed application form with all required contact information (address, phone number, e-mail address), including a signed and dated electronic waiver. Family class applications and e-waiver to be completed by the Primary (adult) Applicant.

- a) Form to be submitted on-line (or by email only if as may be the practice at such time), to the Membership Committee in advance, and no less than five days prior to the next Regular Monthly Meeting at which the Applicant makes it known that they wish to attend and introduce themselves. See b)
- b) If Membership roster is full the Applicant will be advised of their position on the Wait List and advised to await further communication.
- c) When space allows for new member intake, Wait Listed applicant(s) will be invited to attend a regular monthly meeting in-person, at which time the applicant will be asked to stand for introduction to all members present.
  - At the same meeting when the applicant is introduced, membership will consider the application and vote on it.
  - When an application is approved the applicant will be granted conditional status (Youth, Junior, Active or Senior accordingly).
- d) If a new Member Candidate is unable to attend the specified monthly meeting for Introduction as scheduled their name will be moved to the bottom of the wait list.

- A Member Candidate is entitled to request a deferral from attendance for Introduction. Deferral may be granted only if ongoing work or prior family commitment requires them to be out of town.
  - Member Candidate must make it known then at which Regular Meeting they are available to attend to be introduced and voted upon.
- e) A Sponsor is required. The Sponsor's presence at the Regular Monthly Meeting when Applicant is introduced is suggested although not mandatory.
- i) Sponsor must have been a VMC member for no less than one full year.
  - ii) No Sponsor shall nominate more than three Applicants as a Member in each calendar year. (Applicant may be an Individual or can include multiple Family Members which will be counted as one for the purpose of Sponsorship limitations.)
- f) All applications for membership shall be accompanied by the Initiation Fee.
- The full year's annual dues become payable immediately upon admittance as a conditional member.
  - If for any reason the Applicant does not pay the full annual dues (including initiation fee) immediately following the Regular Monthly Meeting, applicant will face immediate reversal of any membership granted.
- g) Each new Active and Junior Member is required to contribute a minimum of two days (6 hours min/day) in their first year of membership, working on club sanctioned activities, projects and events.
- i. Required Work-Duty activity is to be recorded by the new Member as directed.
    - It is each new Members' sole responsibility to ensure that their work duty is properly logged both on the New Member Report Card and also logged Online or as otherwise set out.
    - Accurate Self-Reporting is key in this regard.
  - ii. See Article 1 – A, Section 10. a) - d)
- h) new Junior Members are required to participate in work parties as above along with their responsible parent.
- i) new Senior Members are similarly encouraged to be involved and contribute (see A Section 1-b above).
- j) All new conditional Junior, Active and Senior members are required to attend a Monthly Meeting followed by an Orientation Day session at the next scheduled Orientation Day dates, and in all cases within the same year they are accepted as a member.
- k) No Gate Key / Fob access will be provided to a conditional member until both the Orientation Day and Work Duty requirement has been properly completed and logged. Failure to properly complete all requirements may lead to revocation of membership.

At times when Membership has reached the Cap, applicants are advised to submit their completed Application Form at <https://vmc.bc.ca/join-the-vmc/> to be placed on the Wait List.