

Statutes & Goals of the Association

Statutes:

Definition: Rules governing the operations of the association and which must be ratified by the general meeting.

Chapter 1

Article 1 : Name

Association Moto des Appalaches / Appalachian Motorcycle Association -AMA

Article 2 : Registered office

The registered office of the association is located in the county of Restigouche

Article 3 : Goals

The goals of the association are:

3.1 To promote good citizenship, security, mutual aid and motorcycle tourism, respecting laws and the right of all citizens.

To improve the image of motorcyclist in New Brunswick.

To organize social activities for the pleasure of motorcyclists.

To financially help the sick children of the Restigouche Region.

To maintain and encourage the good agreement between members of the association.

To represent and defend the rights and interests of its members, other motorcyclists and the public in general.

To fill all the specific mandates which are entrusted to him by the general assembly.

Article 4 : Operation

4.1 The operations of the association must be democratic and take, as a starting point, the status and rules by AMA.

The association is a bilingual association.

The general meeting must approve the association status.

The general meeting must approve any modification of the association status.

Article 5 : Members

Regular Members

To become a regular member of the association, the candidate must fulfill the following requirements:

To be owner of a motorcycle in conformity with the laws and rules of the road.

To endorse the objectives of the association and to commit themselves to respect the statutes, the rules and the driving code.

To have discharged its annual contribution.

Notwithstanding article 5.1.2, any regular member who ceases being owner of a motorcycle becomes an associate member if he pays his annual contribution.

The spouse (passenger) of a regular member is considered a regular member and will have all the rights and privilege of a regular member, provided that he informs the association at the time of its annual or written renewal, the name of spouse or passenger.

A regular member who changes spouse (passenger) during the season must inform the secretary of the association.

Associate or commercial members

The associate or commercial members will be invited to the activities of the association.

The associate or commercial members benefit all the rights and privileges of regular members, except for the voting rights at the general meeting.

Article 6 : Suspension and expulsion

6.1 The board of directors of the association can, by resolution, suspend for one given period or expel any member indefinitely:

6.1.1 Who does not pay his annual contribution;

Who does not follow the rules of the association.

Whose conduct or activities are considered to be prejudicial with the reputation of the association.

The suspension or expulsion becomes effective at the date of its significance to the respondent.

Article 7: Resignation

7.1 The written resignation of a member does not release him from its commitments entered before the date of resignation nor of the payment of any sum due to association.

Any regular member and associate or commercial member who does not renew his annual contribution, is considered to have resigned.

Chapter 2

Members General Meeting

Article 8 : Members power at the general meeting

The general meeting of the members, constitutes the supreme authority on any question concerning AMA

It elects the members of the Board of directors.

It can relieve any member of the Board of directors.

It can amend the present statutes.

It can adopt, reject or amend the rules.

It can restore any suspended or expelled member.

It can entrust, to the Board of director's, specific mandates.

It can delegate some power of the Board of directors, but can in no manner, alienate its supreme authority.

Article 9 : Quorum

The quorum for every general meeting of the members is of 20 members (regular member) entitled to vote.

Article 10 : Right to Speak

10 All the regular members have the right to speak at the general meeting.

Article 11 : Vote

11.1 At the members general meeting, only the regular members have voting rights.

At the general meeting, voting will be by open vote.

The decisions are taken with the majority of the votes of the regular members present.

In the event of equality of the votes, the president has a second vote or dominating vote.

Article 12: Frequency and dates

The regular members will meet in a general meeting at least once per year.

The election of the Board of directors will take place at the annual general meeting.

Chapter 3

The Board of Directors

Article 13 : Composition of the board of directors

The director of the board of directors must be a regular member

The director must follow ethics according to:

Respect members and other directors

Respect the opinions and ideas of members and other directors.

To listen

To share information

To work in group or teams

Be open-minded

Have positive Attitude

Respect the agendas

The AMA board of directors consists of: President, Vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and of 3 directors. The board of directors can associate any person to help in the exercise of his mandate or to invite any person to take part in his meetings; these persons cannot however in any case have voting rights.

Article 14 : Mandate of the Board of directors

The Board of directors of AMA has, as a mandate:

To see to the good functioning of AMA

To administer the goods of AMA

To exert all the powers defined by the status and rules;

To fill all the specific mandates which are entrusted by the general meeting;

To have the quorum (4 directors) of the Board of directors to vote any money withdrawn.

Article 15 : Expenses for the Board of Directors

15.1 The administrative expenses authorized beforehand, by the board of directors, relating to the association, will be refunded.

Article 16 : Mandate of the president

The president is the executive director in chief of AMA

He convenes and chairs all the board meetings, as well as the general meeting.

He signs all the official documents of AMA

He signs all the cheques, with the treasurer.

He sees that each member of the board of directors fills carefully their assigned task.

He acts as official representative of AMA

He exerts all the powers and fills all the mandates which are entrusted to him by the Board of directors or the general meeting

Article 17 : Mandate of the vice-president

17.1 The vice-president replaces and exerts all the power and all the functions of the president in the event of temporary or permanent absence or of his incapacity.

He seconds and assists the president in the performance of his duties.

He exerts all the power and carries out all the mandates, which are entrusted to him by the Board of directors or the general meeting.

Article 18: Mandate of the secretary

18.1 The secretary has the responsibility and guard, of all the books, paper and files of AMA

Takes care of the regular correspondence of AMA.

Draws up the reports of the general meeting and board meetings.

Keeps up to date the statutes and rules.

Holds up to date the list of the members of AMA

Certifies any official copy of the documents of AMA

Exerts all the power and fills all the mandates, define by these statutes & rules, which are, entrust to him by the executive or the general meeting of the members.

Article 19 : Mandate of the treasurer

19.1 The treasurer has the responsibility and the guard of the funds, property and values of AMA.

Holds the accounting journals of AMA, has the responsibility of it.

Deposits without delay the money and the cheques belonging to AMA in a bank, caisse or financial institution determined by the board of Directors.

Carries out any payment by cheque, which is jointly signs by him, with the president or the vice-president.

Prepares the financial statements of AMA

Holds up to date the inventory of the goods of AMA

Exerts all the power and fills all the mandates, which are entrusted to him by the Board of directors and the general meeting.

Article 20: Mandate of the director

20.1 The director has the responsibility for a particular sector of activities as defined and adopted by the

Article 21 : Election of the board of directors

Any regular member of AMA is eligible on the board of directors

The board of directors is composed of 7 directors.

Four (4) directors, 1, 3, 5 & 7 will terminate their mandate on odd years, whereas three (3), directors, 2, 4, & 6, will terminate their mandate on even years.

At the general meeting, members will nominate the number of necessary directors

After the general meeting, the directors will meet for the election of the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Article 22 : Meeting of the Board of directors

The board of directors of AMA will meet as needed

The president convenes the board meetings at least 24 hours in advance, in a verbal or written way.

The quorum of the board meetings must be composed of the president or vice-president and 3 directors.

Article 23 : Duration of mandate of the Board of directors

The term of the members of the Board of directors is one two (2) years term.

Any vacancy (within the Board of directors after the election at the general meeting) can be filled with the discretion of the board of directors in place, on a temporary basis for the term of the office.

Article 24 : Resignation

24.1 The resignation of a member of the Board of directors will be in force at the date fixed by the Board of directors.

Is regarded as to have resigned, any member of the board of directors which:

24.2.1 Has resigned, was suspended or expelled of AMA

24.2.2 Or which will not attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Board of directors without valid reason.

Article 25 : Special general meeting

A special general meeting can be convened by at least 10 regular members.

Rules

Rule No. 1 Registered Office

1.1 The registered office of AMA will be the address of a post office in the Restigouche County

Rule No. 2 Form for adhesion and renewal

2.1 All members must fill and sign the adhesion form once a year at the time of renewal in order to confirm their adhesion and the respect of the statutes and rules of the association.

Rule No. 3 Annual Contribution

3.1 The annual contribution for a regular member, owner of a motorcycle is 35.00\$ payable to AMA. The spouse of the regular member, owning his motorcycle, will pay 5.00\$ if he wants his member card.

3.2 The annual contribution is payable before March 15 to insert name in the booklet.

Rules No. 4 General

Any correspondence must be signed, so that the Board of directors can follow-up.

A board meeting must take place before December to inform the new directors.

The new directors start their duty at the first meeting, after the general meeting.

The statutes and rules of AMA must be given to the new directors.

Rules No. 5 Consumption

5.1 AMA is not responsible at all, for any person who consumes alcohol during an activity.