

TOURING FRIENDS MOTORCYCLE CLUB  
BY-LAWS 01/09/2012

**ARTICLE I**

**MEETINGS**

Section 1. ***Place of Meetings.*** Meetings of the members shall be held at the Brooklyn Fire House, Lewistown, Pennsylvania or at such other place or places, either within or without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as may from time to time be selected by the Officers.

Section 2. ***Meetings.*** Meetings shall be held once or twice monthly at the designated location, at a time and date designated by the Officers.

Section 3. ***Special Meetings.*** Special meetings may be called at such times and locations as may be required by the group to conduct club business.

Section 4. ***List of Members.*** The club shall maintain a list of all active members of the club. The list shall maintain names and addresses of all members.

Section 5. ***Voting.*** All *FULL* members in good standing shall be entitled to vote on any provision or rule change or amendment thereto. Votes shall be by voice vote unless otherwise required by law or rule.

Section 6. ***Meetings.*** Meetings shall be conducted in an orderly manner and shall devote time to club business only.

**ARTICLE II**

**OFFICERS**

Section 1. ***Officers.*** Officers shall be members in good standing and consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Three Trustees and a Chaplain.

a. No two immediate family members, i.e. Husband, Wife, Brother, Sister, Son or Daughter shall hold any offices at the same time.

Section 2. ***Term.*** All Officers shall be elected annually. The Term of the each Office shall be from Jan 01 to Dec 31 of each year.

Section 3. ***Election.*** A special election to fill any vacancy shall take place at a regularly scheduled meeting and shall be by ballot vote or by an appointment in interim by the President. First Nominations will be held in September with the Second Nominations being held in October. The Election being held on the First meeting in November.

Section 4. **Powers.** The officers shall be empowered to do all lawful acts as outlined in these bylaws in furtherance of the benefit of the club.

Section 4a. Officers shall be permitted to perform any and all acts necessary on an informal basis but shall be required to report said matters to the Board of Officers at the next regular meeting.

Section 5. **Liability.** So long as any officer is acting in a proper and legal manner, no officer shall be held criminally or civilly liable for any acts on behalf of the club.

Section 6. **Officer Status.** Any Officer having missed three (3) consecutive or more meetings shall be brought before the remaining officers to determine the status of that Officer

Section 7. Supplies purchased for Club business by the President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary, shall be reimbursed upon proper receipts being provided.

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. The club shall donate to the meeting house an agreed amount of money to compensate The meetinghouse for use of the facility for holding meetings.
2. Supplies purchased for any club activity by any member, with prior approval, shall be reimbursed by the club upon proper receipts being provided.
  - a.) A yearly audit of the books will be conducted by the Trustees and a member in good standing, with said findings being reported to the Board of Officers.
3. Fundraisers. From time to time the club shall engage in Fundraising Activities.
  - a.) Any member participating in the fundraising, shall be individually responsible For any funds collected and distribution of goods or services solicited.
  - b.) All funds shall be accounted for from each member and on whole by the club.
4. Members.
  - a.) It is understood by all members of Touring Friends Motorcycle Club, that to Participate in any riding venture each member or participant shall be fully insured

- b.) All rides organized by the Club shall maintain a roster of all members and Participants identifying the member or participant, and their insurance Coverage.
- c.) All riders are voluntary in nature and the Club shall be fully indemnified by Any act or accidents by members or participants.
- d.) All members and participants in order to participate in a ride, must Acknowledge the voluntary nature for said participation by signing a waiver And indemnification form, along with a statement stating that the signee has a VALID/CURRENT License, Registration, Inspection and CURRENT, In Force Insurance for the vehicle they are operating.

#### DISMISSAL

- e.) Members may be subject to disciplinary action or dismissed from the club for the following reasons:
  - i. Misconduct detrimental to the good of the club as determined by club officers.
  - ii. Misappropriation of club funds
  - iii. Violating club rules or bylaws
  - iv. Conviction of a criminal or traffic code violation detrimental to The good of the club as determined by club officers
  - v. Anything not covered by the above that is detrimental to the Club as determined by the Board of Officers
- f.) Dues. Members shall be assessed an annual dues for membership. Dues must be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of each February. Dues must be paid and current at all times of any club event or ride unless otherwise discussed with senior officer. The first meeting in March of each year will be the cutoff date for payment. After that time you will be required to reapply for Membership. NO GRACE PERIOD!
- g.) Resignation. Members may resign in writing at any time. If they desire Reinstatement they must resubmit an application for membership as though They had never previously been an active member.

- 5. Amendments. Amendments of these bylaws may be incorporated into these By-laws after proper discussion and vote at any regularly scheduled meeting.

**Amendment #1** - Accepted 3-8-04 - Once you are a member of the club, in order for you To maintain that membership, you must pay your yearly dues and you must participate in two Functions and/or meetings per year.

The operator of a motorcycle upon paying yearly dues you must present a valid operator's license (with proper endorsements) along with proof of current vehicle insurance. Upon your first ride you must again show proof of current vehicle insurance and have a proper Inspection sticker affixed.

**Amendment #2** - Accepted 3-8-04 - In order to be considered for membership in the club, You must fill out an application and be sponsored by a current Club member who is in good standing, pay a fee of \$10.00. Your application will be brought In front of the club members at the next scheduled meeting for consideration but will not be finalized until it passes a background check. A decision will be made, at the next meeting, by Membership vote whether or not to accept you as a member. If you are accepted as a new member, notice will be sent to you and at that time you will need to pay an additional \$10.00, as new Membership dues are \$20.00.

**Amendment #3** - Accepted 8-22-05 - Social Members, must pay a \$10.00 application fee, upon acceptance you will need to pay an additional \$5.00 Membership fee and an additional \$5.00 for a T-shirt. Have no vote in decisions of the club, can hold no office, and are permitted to attend meetings. To switch from Social member to Full member, part way thru a Membership year, you must pay an additional \$5.00 (Full Membership is \$10.00). At the beginning of the next fiscal year you would pay the Full Membership dues.

**Amendment # 4** - Accepted 8-22-05 - Junior Members, members' children 18 & under May join club as Junior Member at a cost of \$5.00/year. Are permitted to attend meetings But have no vote in decisions of the club, can hold no office. At age 16, must transfer to Either a social member or regular member. All Junior Members over the age of 18 will classified as a Junior Member unless they hold a valid Class M License. At that time they must transfer to either Social of Full Membership.

**Amendment # 5 - Lifetime Membership;**

Any member who has maintained 15 years of good service may be presented to the Board of Officers for inclusion into a lifetime membership. This decision will be made by the full Board of Officers.

Any pervious violations/ misconducts of the Rule and By-Laws shall be taken into consideration for the request of Lifetime Membership and may be used to extend the time period for consideration