

# **Motor City Beemers Motorcycle Club By-Laws**

## **BMW Motorcycle Owners Club of America #231 BMW Riders Association #209 Last Amended Dec 2012**

**Article 1)** The Organization shall be known as the Motor City Beemers (MCBeemers)

**Article 2)** The purpose of the organization shall be to pursue, promote, and protect the interests of BMW motorcyclists. To develop better and more enthusiastic relations with the general public and the operators and riders of all motorcycles.

**Article 3)** The officers of the organization shall be a president, vice-president, treasurer, newsletter editor / secretary, ride coordinator, and web master.

The duties of the president shall be:

- To preside at all meetings of the organization
- To have general supervision of the affairs of the organization
- To appoint any person of committee not otherwise ordered by the organization
- To personally represent the organization on proper occasions and business contacts
- To assist all other officers of the organization with their duties.

The duties of the Vice-president shall be:

- To assist the president with his duties and preside in the presidents absence.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- To collect dues from all members.
- To collect all other money due the organization.
- To maintain organization financial records and deliver reports.
- To pay financial obligations on a timely basis.
- To moderate the Yahoo eGroup.

The duties of the Newsletter Editor / Secretary shall be:

- To keep a record of the meetings of the organization.
- To send out notices of regular or special meetings.
- To handle all organization correspondence.
- Oversee the publication of the monthly newsletter.
- To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.

The duties of the ride coordinator shall be:

- To coordinate the monthly rides and meeting speakers
- To assist ride planners with preparing ride routes and ride documents.

The duties of the web master shall be:

- To maintain the Internet web site in general.
- To post pictures, ride routes and other information as needed.
- Moderate the Yahoo eGroup.

The immediate past president shall serve as an advisor to the executive board.

**Article 4)** The nomination of club officers will be held at the regular club meeting in November. Nominations may be made from members in attendance or if not in attendance, members may make a nomination in writing to the person selected to act as nomination chairperson. Written nominations must be presented to the nomination chair prior to the start of the November meeting. Voting will take place by the members in attendance at the regular December meeting. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to terms of office lasting one (1) year. Terms shall start and end under "New Business" at the January meeting.

**Article 5)** The club shall be operated by majority vote of the membership at regular meetings. All members in good standing shall have one (1) equal vote. All issues voted on must pass by at least 51%. Club officer shall act as the management and administration of the club and represent the club at formal functions.

**Article 6)** Membership is open to all persons interested in furthering the purpose of this organization. All members are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and by-laws of the organization. Failure to do so could be subject to dismissal. Violations will be handled by vote of the club officers.

**Article 7)** Annual dues of \$\$15.00 for an individual regular membership shall be for the calendar year from January to January. Associate membership(s) are available for family members and significant others of regular members at \$10.00. -All dues are to be collected by January 31 of each year. Unpaid members shall not have a vote at meetings and no or enjoy other club benefits until such time as dues are paid.

There will be a \$5.00 participation fee for all special events that are sponsored by the MC Beemers; these events currently included the Frankenmuth Chicken Dinner Ride and the Summer Steak Fry.

Members have the right to one (1) vote, hold office and enjoy all other club benefits.

Annual dues of \$10.00 for a single membership shall be for the calendar year from January to January. All dues to be collected by January 31 of each year. Unpaid members shall not have a vote at meetings and no other club benefits until such time as

dues are paid.

**Article 8)** Regular meetings shall be held the second Saturday of each month unless otherwise rescheduled for Holidays and other special occasions. Changes shall be noted in the club newsletter and web site before the meeting date.

**Article 9)** Any amendment or proposal to change the By-laws shall be submitted to the president, be published in the newsletter and be discussed at a regular meeting before a vote is called.

**Article 10)** In the event of dissolution of the Motor City Beemers, all funds in the treasury will be donated to a charity selected by the majority vote of the remaining membership of the club.

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