

# **PILGRIM SANDS TRAIL RIDERS INC.**

## **Constitutional Bylaws**

### Preamble:

We, the members of the Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders Incorporated hereafter “the Club”, in order to foster the responsible enjoyment of motorcycle trail riding and promote good relationships with the community and with other trail users, hereby establish the following Articles and Resolutions to enhance this purpose.

### Article I; OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The membership will elect a group of seven officers known collectively as the Executive Committee. This committee will self-organize and agree on the respective duties of each officer. The Executive Committee is charged with ensuring that all business of the club is properly conducted.
2. The Executive Committee will elect a Chairman who will preside over club meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
3. President Emeritus – This is a ceremonial position with no responsibilities or officer powers. It is not mandatory that this position be filled, but if it is to be filled it will be done at the annual election.

### Article II; ELECTIONS

1. Elections will be held yearly at the first meeting in October.
2. Officers will be elected by a simple majority of eligible (dues paid) members present.
3. Nominations will start no sooner than 3 months prior to elections, and will be accepted at any regular meeting prior to the election meeting.
4. Members must be present to be nominated to an elective office, or delegate someone to confirm his or her nomination to be placed on the ballot.

### Article III; MEMBERSHIP

1. Associate Membership is open to any responsible person who has paid their annual dues. Full Membership is awarded with 35 activity points earned during either the previous or current calendar year.
2. Membership may be withdrawn from any member for conduct detrimental to the goals as stated in the preamble by a simple majority of eligible members at any meeting where a quorum exists. Membership may be reinstated after six months by a two-thirds majority.
3. Members are encouraged to join the New England Trail Rider Association (NETRA) and the American Motorcycle Association (AMA). Membership in either or both of those organizations may be required to participate in certain club activities.
4. Members are expected to participate in and work to support the Club's activities. Active members may receive awards and/or free or reduced Club dues or admission to Club activities.

#### Article IV; MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings will involve the entire membership and will be called to order by the Executive Committee Chairman, or another officer as appointed by the Chairman.
2. A group of 9 or more Full members (including officers) shall constitute a quorum. Only Full members have voting rights.

#### Article V; FINANCIAL

1. The Club will be a non-profit organization. There will be no limit to the amount of money in the treasury, but at no time will any discretionary expenditures be allowed if the balance is at or below one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) except for operation expenses of the Club.
2. All financial decisions will be made with the best interests of the Club; no individual member should benefit personally at the expense of the Club.
3. Dues will be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per calendar year for membership (whether individual or family). Dues are to be paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
4. Any out of pocket expenses incurred by any member due to the conducting of official business, will be reimbursed by the Treasurer. However any questionable reimbursement will be put to a vote of the general membership for approval.

## Article VI; ACTIVITIES

1. The Club will emphasize recreational type activities such as:
  - A. Trail rides
  - B. Turkey Runs
  - C. Youth activities
  - D. Competitive events
  - E. Others

## Article VII; BY-LAW REVISIONS

1. A two thirds majority vote, of any general meeting that has a quorum is necessary to make by-law amendments.
2. By-law amendments cannot be moved (called to a vote) during the same meeting at which the motion is made. The vote for such motions will be allowed at the next general meeting and the membership must be notified of the motion prior to said meeting.