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Warthogs Motorcycle Club Constitution and Bylaws

Where used in this Warthogs Motorcycle Club Constitution and Bylaws, words in the masculine also shall be read and construed as in the feminine in all cases where such construction would so apply.

Club Purpose

Our primary goal in becoming a Public Safety Motorcycle Club is to develop a bond between Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Correctional Officers and Officers of the Court, and to assist Officers and Firefighters and their families in time of need.

Trademark

The trademark consisting of the name "Warthogs M/C" and the warthog skull with flames shall henceforth be referred to as "Colors". The Warthogs M/C Colors are a registered trademark owned by the Detroit Chapter of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club.

Article 1 Club Name

The organization shall be known as the "Warthogs Motorcycle Club" and henceforth referred to as "WMC".

Article 2 Club Composition

Section A. Framework

1. The Warthogs Motorcycle Club was founded by the Detroit Chapter on May 8, 2001.
2. The Detroit Chapter incorporated under the name "The National Chapter of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club" on June 9, 2003 and will do business as the "Detroit Chapter Warthogs Motorcycle Club".
3. A Charter Chapter is one that has been approved by the Detroit Chapter and inducted into the Warthogs Motorcycle Club.
4. This WMC Constitution and Bylaws shall be the fundamental law of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club.

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5. The Chapter Operating Policies in conjunction with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws shall govern the conduct of each Warthogs Motorcycle Club Chapter.

Section B. International Board of Presidents

1. The International Board of Presidents shall be comprised of individual WMC Chapter Presidents and shall henceforth be referred as "IBP".
2. The IBP shall meet annually during the WMC Rendezvous to discuss and vote on pertinent issues and proposals and present their chapters vote on all validated proposed amendments to the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
3. Excluding any proposal to change or modify the WMC Constitution and Bylaws, all motions, decisions or resolutions under consideration during the IBP meeting will be decided by a majority vote.
4. Each member of the IBP shall have an equal standing regardless of how many members he represents in his respective chapter. Each member of the IBP gets one (1) vote.
5. The IBP shall have no authority over any WMC chapter.
6. The IBP member of the chapter hosting the annual Rendezvous shall preside over the IBP meeting.
7. In the event that multiple chapters host the annual WMC Rendezvous together, the affect IBP members will decide which one of them will preside over the IBP meeting.
8. In the event that an individual chapter President is unable to attend the annual IBP meeting, he may designate an alternate member in good standing to cast votes on behalf of his chapter. The alternate may be designated by the President at any time prior to the beginning of the IBP meeting.
9. If the President or designated member of his chapter is not able to attend the annual IBP meeting, the chapter President may submit his chapter's vote on proposed Article or Amendments to the IBP no later than thirty (30) days before the annual IBP Meeting.
10. Absentee votes not received by the IBP on or before the 30 day deadline will not be accepted.

Section C. Constitution and Bylaw Committee

1. A Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of one (1) member of the International Board of Presidents from each State or Province. Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be appointed during the Annual IBP meeting.
 - a. Presidents from each State or Province will caucus to determine who among them will represent that State or Province.
 - b. Once each member is chosen the committee will be appointed.
 - c. The appointed committee will vote for a chairman and report the name of the chairman to the IBP before the close of the annual IBP meeting.

- d. Committee members will continue to serve for one (1) year regardless of whether or not they continue to hold office of President for their home chapter.
- e. Should a committee member resign or is not able to fulfill his one year commitment, that State or Province shall appoint an alternate to attend the IBP meeting.
2. The International Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall review all motions to amend the WMC Constitution and Bylaws before posting them for review by the WMC club members for adaptation. The International Constitution and Bylaws Committee responsibilities and limitations shall be to:
 - a. Validate that all submitted motions are:
 1. Legal
 2. In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order
 3. Are not in conflict with or supersede the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
 4. Are constantly worded and formatted with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws
 5. Follow standard documenting rules for adding amendments to the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
 - b. Review motions to amend the WMC Website without delay when they are received and confirmed to be valid by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
 - c. Post validate motions on the WMC Website without delay when they are received and confirmed to be valid by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
 - d. Post the minutes of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee meetings on the WMC Website.
3. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will maintain a master copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and ensure its integrity.
4. The members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will then caucus to determine by consensus which member will serve as Chairman of the Committee. Once selected, the Committee will report back to the IBP the name of the member chosen to serve as Chairman. The Chairman will be selected during the IBP Meeting.
5. Each State or Province may waive its right to be represented on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
6. Any State or Province representative who resigns from the WMC, requests to be removed from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or is unable to attend the IBP meeting, shall be replaced by an alternate designated by the State or Province.
7. The Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws committee will forward an up to date copy of the WMC Constitution and Bylaws to the Detroit Chapter Webmaster for posting on the WMC Website.
8. Within one week of validation of a proposal to amend the WMC Constitution and Bylaws by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Chairman of the committee will post all valid proposals on the WMC Website for review with their chapters to establish their chapters vote on each amendment proposal.

9. If a proposed amendment is deemed not to be valid by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Chairman will return the proposal to the chapter who proposal it with a explanation as to why it was rejected.

Article 3 Chapter Responsibilities

Section A. Detroit Chapter shall:

1. Post the WMC Constitution and Bylaws for public viewing on the [WMC Website](#).
2. Approve and authorize the formation of new Warthogs Motorcycle Club State/Province Boards. This will also apply to countries outside North America.
3. Approve and authorize the formation of new Warthogs Motorcycle Club Charter Chapters.
4. Make an announcement of a new Charter Chapters to all other WMC chapters.
5. Procure and distribute all clothing items that display the WMC Colors on the back of the item when these items are fashioned in such a way as to resemble WMC members Colors.
6. Procure and distribute WMC colors to be worn on the back all members' vests.
7. Provide Certificate's of Acceptance recognizing each Warthogs Motorcycle Charter Chapter.
8. Provide a Warthogs Motorcycle Club Chapter Handbook to all Charter Chapters. This handbook will include, but is not limited to, the Club History and Goals, WMC Constitution and Bylaws, an example of a Chapter Operating Policy, US and Canadian trademark agreements, group riding waiver, steps to obtain non-profit incorporation, Prospective Membership Application form, New Charter Chapter Application form, and contact information for pertinent Detroit Chapter members. The handbook will also include electronic media containing all the above stated documents and information.
9. Revoke or suspend any Warthogs Motorcycle Club Charter Chapter that fails to maintain the integrity of the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
10. Maintain a roster of all chapters' Board of Directors and all WMC members.
11. Maintain a Detroit Chapter website. The website shall include:
 - a. A page for each chapter with the nicknames and email addresses of the chapter's Board of Directors and a link to their website.
 - b. A page with links to WMC official documents and forms.
12. Shall submit a report on the status of the Registered Trademark to the IBP during their annual meeting. This report should include any modifications made to the registration during the previous year.

Section B. All Chapters shall:

1. Sign a document indicating they agree to abide by and maintain the integrity of the WMC Constitution and Bylaws and the trademark agreement.
2. Establish individual chapter operating policies. Each Warthogs Motorcycle Club chapter shall complete their version of a document known as the "Chapter Operating Policy" and keep it with a copy of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club Constitution and Bylaws. The Chapter Operating Policy will not override or conflict with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
3. Consider forming a State/Province Board if two or more Charter Chapters are in the same State or Province.
4. Be responsible for the proper conduct and licensing of any and all fundraisers, raffles, or events that raise monies for their chapters and do so in accordance with Local, State/Province, and Federal laws.
5. Include their chapter name on all notices, flyers and calendar entries of events, fundraisers, raffles, etc.
6. Require all chapter members to obey all Local, State/Province and Federal laws.
7. Use the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order to settle any procedural disputes which will prevail in all cases not in conflict with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
8. Dispose of all assets to a charitable organization if at such time their Warthogs Motorcycle Club Chapter should disband. The said charitable organization must be recognized as exempt from Federal taxes under Internal Revenue Service Tax Code 501-C and should be identified in their Chapter Operating Policy.

Article 4
Expulsion of a Chapter

Section A. Process of Expulsion

1. Any member who alleges that a chapter is conducting itself in a manner that conflicts with the Warthogs Motorcycle Club Constitution and Bylaws must send substantiated proof of such allegations to the President of the Detroit Chapter.

The Detroit Chapter Board will proceed with the possible expulsion as follows:

- a. The Detroit Chapter Board will have a discussion with its general membership about the allegations.
- b. If the allegations cannot be substantiated a letter will be sent to the accused chapter President informing him of the allegations and that they cannot be substantiated.
- c. The allegations will be provided to the chapter in question by means of a written notification in a certified letter with return receipt. The accused chapter will have (30) thirty days to contest the accusations.
- d. If the allegations can be substantiated, a 2/3 vote of the Detroit Chapter members present at a general meeting are required to expel a chapter.

- e. If the Detroit Chapter decides to expel a chapter, written notification by means of a certified letter with return receipt will be sent to the President of the expelled chapter indicating expulsion and the rationale thereof.
2. When formal expulsion from the WMC is mandated, the expelled chapter will:
 - a. Cease and desist from the WMC.
 - b. Forfeit their colors, patches and any WMC property to the Detroit Chapter within (30) thirty days of expulsion notification.
 - c. Will have no right, title, interest or claim in any assets of the WMC.
 - d. Relinquish any rights to a refund of fees or contributions by the expelled chapter to the Detroit Chapter.
 - e. Dispose of all assets to a charitable organization. The charitable organization must be recognized as exempt from Federal taxes under Internal Revenue Service Tax Code 501-C and should be identified in their Chapter Operating Policy.
 3. The Detroit Chapter will notify all WMC chapters of the expulsion.
 4. If the expelled chapter President fails to comply with the request to return any and all property owned by the Detroit Chapter within (30) thirty days, the Detroit Chapter will file a criminal complaint with the state police of the expelled chapters location requesting larceny charges be filed against the chapter's President and or its general membership. No member from that chapter may transfer during the time of the allegations to another chapter to escape the pending decision of the Detroit Chapter.

Article 5 **State/Province Boards**

Section A. State/Province Board Composition

A state or province that has two or more Charter Chapters may establish a State/*Provincial* Board.

1. Each chapter in the state or province shall appoint one (1) member to represent their chapter on the State/*Provincial* Board.
2. The location of the State/*Provincial* Board is at the discretion of the State/*Provincial* Board members.

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Section B. State/Province Board Authority

1. A State/Province Board does not have governing authority over any chapter in their state or the Warhogs Motorcycle Club.
2. A State/Province Board has the authority to approve and authorize the formation of new Warhogs Motorcycle Club Charter Chapters in their state providing the new Charter Chapter complies with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.

Section C. State/Province Board Responsibilities

1. State/Province Boards shall provide the Detroit Chapter with names, phone numbers and email addresses of their Board members. The State/Province Board shall also provide the Detroit Chapter with an official post office mailing address and or email address. This address will be used for official correspondence to the State/Province Board.
2. Upon approval of a new Charter Chapter, the State/Province Board shall:
 - a. Immediately notify the Detroit Chapter of the new Charter Chapter.
 - b. Provide copies of the New Charter Chapter Application form to the Detroit Chapter. Only the New Charter Chapter Application form found on the Detroit Chapter website may be used.
 - c. Not proceed with planning a patching party until the Detroit Chapter has obtained Colors for the new chapter members, assembled a Chapter Handbook, and created a Certificate of Acceptance and Charter Chapter Agreement for the new chapter.
 - d. Provide information regarding the new chapter patching party to the Detroit Chapter.
3. State/Province Boards will maintain a roster of all state/province chapter's Board of Directors and members. This information will also indicate if each member is a public service member, 10 percent member, or honorary member. State/Province Boards must also keep up to date contact information for all chapter Board of Directors in their state. This information shall be provided to the Detroit Chapter upon request.

Article 6 **New Charter Chapters**

Section A. Request for New Charter Chapter

1. Completed requests to establish a new WMC Charter Chapter must be submitted in writing to the Detroit Chapter.
2. The New Charter Chapter Application form must identify the members that will hold the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. A minimum of three members is required to start a new Charter Chapter.
4. A New Charter Chapter Application form is available on the Detroit Chapter website.

Section B. Requirements for Members of a New Charter Chapter

1. All members of the new Charter Chapter, including transferring members from other chapters, shall complete a Prospective Membership Application form so it can be submitted to the Detroit Chapter.
2. Application fees are identified in the Prospective Membership Application form.
3. New prospective membership application fees will be sent to the Detroit Chapter.
4. Members in good standing that are transferring from an existing chapter are not required to pay the application fee.

5. A Prospective Membership Application form is available in the general membership section of the Detroit Chapter website.

Article 7 **Chapter Membership**

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Section A. Requirements for Membership

1. Membership of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club is open to all active or retired Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Correctional Officers and Officers of the Court.
2. 10% of the individual chapter's membership can be non public servants who otherwise meet the requirements for membership in that chapter.
3. All WMC members, including prospects, must own and operate an American made V-Twin motorcycle manufactured by a North American owned company. They must possess a valid motorcycle operator's license and motorcycle insurance. In the case of co-owned motorcycles, only one owner may apply for WMC membership.
4. Individual chapter members pay a one time new membership fee to the Detroit Chapter as identified in the Prospective Membership Application form.

Section B. Duration of Membership

1. WMC membership will continue as long as a person maintains membership in good standing.

Section C. Requirements for Membership in Good Standing

1. A member in good standing must be a fully patched member.
2. All chapter members and prospects will be required to comply with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws and their individual Chapter Operating Policy.
3. WMC members are expressly prohibited from commencing or being a member of any motorcycle club other than the WMC. Motorcycle club shall not include motorcycle benefit organizations, such as American Motorcycle Association (A.M.A.), Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), or A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E).
4. All WMC members will be supportive of other WMC Chapter activities and events.
5. Members will ensure that the Secretary of their individual chapter has their current address, telephone number and notify their Secretary of any changes.

Section D. Resignation of Membership

1. The membership of any member of the WMC will terminate after the member has submitted a written request for such termination to their respective Board of Directors. Their Board will respond in writing and/or verbal form to said request.

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Section E. Life Time Membership

1. Any chapter member who maintains active membership in good standing for a period of ten (10) consecutive years shall qualify as a Life Time Member. Life Time membership will entitle the individual to retain the WMC Colors in the event of retirement from the WMC while in good standing. **Lifetime members will be required to pay Chapter dues unless otherwise noted in the Chapter Operating Policy.**

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Section F. New Prospect

1. An individual who desires membership in the WMC shall have a chapter member in good standing as a sponsor. The sponsor has to have personal knowledge of the prospect candidate. The sponsoring member shall introduce the prospect to his chapter. Chapter members should take this opportunity to question the candidate regarding his qualifications and reasons for wanting to join the WMC. A motion will be made by his sponsor to accept him as a prospect. Approval as a prospect shall be by majority vote of those present at a regularly scheduled chapter meeting.
2. An individual who wants to be a prospect but does not have a sponsor or know any members must become familiar with the chapter members by attending events and activities and should make his intentions known to that Board and chapter members. When and if the Board feels the candidate is ready to become a prospect they will assign a Sergeant at Arms to sponsor the candidate. The candidate will be invited to a general meeting. Chapter members should take this opportunity to question the candidate regarding his qualifications and reasons for wanting to join the WMC. A motion will be made by his sponsor to accept him as a prospect. Approval as a prospect shall be by majority vote of those present at a regularly scheduled chapter meeting.
3. A completed Prospective Membership Application form with all the information and fees indicated on the application shall be submitted to the Detroit Chapter for the prospect.
4. Prospects will not have voting privileges in the WMC.
5. Prospects will be responsible for any lawful task assigned to them by their Board or their sponsor.
6. Probationary period and prospect limitations:
 - a. The term of the probation period shall be determined by each individual chapter and will be defined in their Chapter Operating Policy.
 - b. Prospects will wear the Warthogs' rocker and State/Province rocker on the back of their vest. For the front, the prospect will wear an American or Canadian flag, an American or Canadian Always Remember or Firefighter Fighters patch. A prospect patch will be worn in place of their nickname patch. Chapter name, year joined, and Warthogs patches will also be worn. Wearing the WFFW patch is optional.
 - c. Prospects are not to wear the 3-patch Colors on the back of any clothing item to be fashioned in such a way as to resemble WMC members Colors until they have completed their probationary period and have been accepted as a full member.
 - d. Prospects will have no nickname or handle.

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Section G. Acceptance of Full Membership

1. At the completion of the prospects probation period, the prospect's sponsor will open a discussion at their chapter meeting regarding the acceptance of the prospect as a full member. A majority vote by the membership present is required to accept the prospect as a full member. The prospect must attend this meeting. Revised 10/09/06
2. If accepted as a full member:
 - a. The center Warthogs patch will be awarded to the prospect.
 - b. The prospect will be given a nickname that has been selected by the chapter members.
 - c. A Warthogs Motorcycle Club "Challenge Coin" will be given to the prospect to carry at all times.

Section H. Honorary Membership

1. A member who desires an honorary membership shall submit a written request to his Board of Directors stating his reason for the request.
2. A member who desires an honorary membership shall have been a fully patched WMC member in good standing for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the request.
3. Their Board will review each request for honorary membership on a case by case basis at their first Board meeting after receiving the request. Revised 10/09/06
4. Upon approval by a chapter's Board, the request will be presented to their chapter membership at their next general meeting. A majority vote from the members present at their chapter meeting will be needed to approve the honorary membership.
5. Honorary members:
 - a. Will pay dues at a reduced rate determined by their Board as described in their Chapter Operating Policy.
 - b. Are not authorized to vote on WMC issues or hold any office.
 - c. Will not exceed 10% of their individual chapter membership.
 - d. May attend general meetings and runs as they choose.
 - e. Will wear an honorary member patch on the right front of the member's vest below the year designation.
 - f. Will be reviewed by their Board on an annual basis to determine if the existing honorary memberships will be continued or terminated.
 - g. Must maintain the integrity of the WMC Constitution and Bylaws and their chapter's Chapter Operating Policy.

Section I. Number of Members

1. Each chapter will determine the maximum number of members for their chapter.

Section J. Suspension and Expulsion Procedures

1. The individual chapter Board or President will have the authority to suspend or expel any member of their chapter for reasons in this section.

2. Fines and the duration of a suspension will be defined in each chapter's Chapter Operating Policy.
3. The suspended or expelled member will be advised that he may appeal this action and may request a hearing with his chapter membership to be held at the first scheduled chapter meeting following such action. The suspension or expulsion will remain in effect pending the results of the hearing.
4. Reasons for Suspension or Expulsion:
 - a. For conduct which, in the opinion of their Board or President disturbs the order, dignity, business, welfare, interest, and harmony or impairs the good name or popularity of the WMC.
 - b. Failure to pay a duly levied fine or annual dues.
 - c. Any member charged of a criminal matter will be suspended until the matter is adjudicated.
5. Appeal of a Suspension or Expulsion:
 - a. Upon request for a hearing, the member will be given the opportunity to state his point of view. A discussion will take place between the member, his Board and his chapter members.
 - b. Upon the completion of the hearing the member will be asked to leave the room. The general membership must approve the action taken by the Board or President with a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a general membership meeting. If the chapter membership does not support their Board or President then the member will be reinstated with full privileges.
6. Rights Upon Suspension or Expulsion:
 - a. Membership, including Life Time Membership, will cease upon suspension or expulsion from the WMC. The member is required to forfeit his Colors, patches and any property of the WMC to the Board of Directors of his chapter. The member will have no right, title, interest or claim in any asset of the WMC. Upon expulsion, any rights to a refund of dues, fees or contributions by the member made to the WMC are forfeited.

Section K. Reinstatement from Suspension

1. A suspended member wishing to be reinstated must submit a written request to his Board of Directors.
2. The suspended member must pay any fines specified as part of the suspension or monies owed to his chapter before reinstatement.

Section L. Non-Transferable Membership

1. Membership in the WMC may not be transferred or reassigned to another person. This also applies to any WMC property, name and WMC Colors or patches.

Section M. Membership Meetings

1. Individual chapters shall have meetings of the general membership at least monthly.
2. Special meetings of chapter members can be called by their President or by any two Board members of an individual chapter and will be held at such times and places as may be ordered by their Board or President.
3. Notice of special meetings will be given as far in advance as possible.

Article 8
Chapter Board of Directors

Section A. All WMC Chapters will be governed by their Chapter's Board of Directors

Section B. Composition of a Chapter's Board of Directors

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

The President and Vice President can only hold one **Chapter** Board office each. The Secretary and Treasurer responsibilities can be combined for one Board member if the Board of Directors has only three members. Revised 10/09/06

Section C. Election to an Office of the Chapter's Board of Directors

1. Each chapter's Board of Directors shall be elected from their chapter membership.
2. A candidate for a chapter Board office must be a WMC chapter member in good standing.
3. The offices of President and Vice President will be limited to active or retired Public Safety Officers.
4. An election committee shall be appointed by the individual chapter membership. The committee must consist of two or more chapter members in good standing of the said chapter. Members of the election committee shall not be running for a Board of Directors office.
5. Nominations for the chapter Board of Directors must be made known to their chapter membership at least one month prior to the Board election.
6. Elections shall be held at the first scheduled chapter meeting in **December for Chapter Board positions unless a special election is needed to fill a vacancy.** Revised 10/09/06
7. Absentee ballots shall be submitted to the election committee prior to the vote.
8. All chapter members in good standing shall have one vote in their individual chapters.
9. A chapter Board officer shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at the election meeting including absentee ballots.

Section D. Term of Office for Chapter Board Members

1. The chapter Board of Directors shall be elected for a term as defined in the Chapter Operating Policy, with a term commencing on January 1 of the year following the election.
2. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve on the chapter Board of Directors.

Section E. Duties and Responsibilities of the Chapter Board of Directors

1. Oversee the management of property owned by their chapter and report to their membership monthly.
2. Maintain control over the individual chapter's usage of the Colors.
3. Maintain the integrity of the WMC Constitution and Bylaws and their chapter's Chapter Operating Policy.
4. Appoint as necessary, all agents and employees of their chapter who, except as may be otherwise provided by lawful contract, shall serve only with the approval and consent and solely at the pleasure of their Board of Directors. The chapter Board of Directors shall fix and determine salaries and duties and have the power, except as otherwise provided, to regulate the same.
5. Perform all other such assignments as may be ordered by their chapter membership or as may be in the best interests of their chapter and the WMC or as defined in their Chapter Operating Policy.
6. Sign and date their Chapter Operating Policy when it is initially created. Thereafter they will sign and date their Chapter Operating Policy when their new Board members are elected.
7. Be responsible for maintenance and control all individual chapter records, fees and functions therein.
8. Appoint or dismiss Optional Officers.
9. Notify the Detroit Chapter when a new chapter Board of Directors member is elected.

Section F. Chapter Board Officer Duties

1. President shall:
 - a. Preside at his general membership and Board of Directors meetings.
 - b. Maintain order and require strict compliance with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws and his Chapter Operating Policy and such rules and regulations that may be adopted pursuant therein.
 - c. Nominate, and with the advice and consent of the other members of his Board, appoint the chairmen and members of all standing and special committees, and serve as an ex-officio member thereof.
 - d. Sign all contracts and other official documents authorized by his Board of Directors or general chapter membership, in partnership with his Secretary.
 - e. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by his Board or chapter membership.

- f. At the expiration of his term of office, deliver to his successor all tools, documents, materials and pertinent information in his possession pertaining to his chapter and the office of President.
2. Vice President shall:
- a. In the absence of the President, discharge the duties of his President.
 - b. Preside at his chapter and Board of Director meetings at the request of his President.
 - c. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by his Board or his chapter membership.
 - d. Be responsible for updating and maintaining his Chapter's Chapter Operating Policy.
 - e. At the expiration of his term of office, deliver to his successor all tools, documents, materials and pertinent information in his possession pertaining to his chapter and the office of Vice President.
3. Secretary shall:
- a. Maintain all books, documents, papers, and records of his chapter not otherwise entrusted, temporarily or permanently to other officers or to standing or special committees.
 - b. Transcribe all minutes of his chapter and his Board of Directors meetings, and submit them for approval or amendment at the next Board or chapter meeting.
 - c. Maintain a roster of all his Charter Chapter members.
 - d. When so required, will conduct the general correspondence of his chapter.
 - e. Issue a newsletter quarterly which will provide updates on events and developments of interest to his chapter membership.
 - f. With his President, attest and sign all duly authorized and approved contracts of the individual chapter and keep copies thereof in his chapter files.
 - g. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by his Board or chapter membership.
 - h. Provide to the Detroit Chapter, names, phone numbers and email addresses of his Board of Directors.
 - i. At the expiration of his term of office, deliver to his successor all tools, documents, materials and pertinent information in his possession pertaining to his chapter and the office of Secretary.
4. Treasurer shall:
- a. Be the custodian of all funds and property of his individual chapter.
 - b. Issue all checks authorized by his chapter for disbursement of funds.
 - c. Keep an itemized record of his chapter's receipts and disbursements.
 - d. Deposit his chapter's funds collected in a bank or institution approved by his Board.
 - e. Execute all other such assignments as may be ordered by his Board of Directors or his President.
 - f. Oversee his chapter's financial books and report to his membership monthly.
 - g. Annually conduct his chapter's financial review and report the completion of the review to the Detroit Chapter. At the expiration of his term of office, deliver to his successor all money, securities, books and records and information in his possession pertaining to his chapter and the office of Treasurer.

Section G. Chapter Board of Directors Meetings

1. The chapter Board of Directors will meet at least monthly. Additional meetings can be called upon petition of three (3) Board of Director members. A quorum of three (3) members, one of whom must be the President, shall be present and necessary for the transaction of business.

Section H. Removal of a Chapter Board member from Office

1. Any member of the chapter Board of Directors who is absent without an acceptable excuse from two (2) consecutive chapter Board meetings and/or regular membership meetings may be replaced at the discretion of their chapter membership.
2. A hearing shall be held at their regularly scheduled general chapter meeting for a decision to replace the Board member. This hearing is open to all of their chapter members in good standing. A two thirds (2/3) vote of their total chapter membership is required to remove an officer from the Board.

Article 9
Optional Chapter Officers

Section A. Optional Chapter Officers include, but are not limited to:

1. First Sergeant
2. Sergeant at Arms
3. Road Captains
4. Webmaster
5. Information Officer
6. Chaplin
7. Quartermaster

Section B. Appointment to Office

1. Optional Officers are appointed by each Board of Directors with a majority vote.

Section C. Removal from Office

1. A Chapter's Board of Directors can remove any of their Optional Officers from office with a majority vote.
2. There is no appeal procedure for Optional Officers.

Article 10
Colors

Section A. Warthogs Motorcycle Club Colors Specifications

1. The Warthogs Motorcycle Club Colors are for the sole use of WMC chapter members in good standing.
2. The Warthogs M/C Colors are a registered trademark owned by Detroit Chapter of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club. WMC members in good standing are allowed to use the WMC Colors as follows:
 - a. The name Warthogs M/C must appear with the warthog skull with flames as stated in Section 1 (c) of US trademark agreement {not to use the word Warthogs M/C alone, as a trademark or service mark, namely not to use the word alone on commercial goods or services or in other words, not to use "Warthogs" without the design element on goods for sale to the public. By way of explanation and not limitation, use of "Warthogs" as an abbreviation of the club name in news letters would not constitute trademark use, and therefore would be acceptable}.
 - b. Supporter items will never have the WMC Colors appear on the back of any clothing item, and are never to be fashioned in such a way as to resemble WMC members Colors.
 - c. The production and sale of items with the Warthogs M/C Colors for members or supporters may be done to benefit their individual chapter, not any individual member(s).

Article 11 Warthogs Motorcycle Club Vest Colors

Section A. Warthogs Motorcycle Club Colors Layout

- Members will wear the WMC vest Colors on black leather only. Patches will be worn in the following order:



Back of Vest

The top of the top rocker will be placed four inches from the top of the neck seam. The Warthogs Colors will be spaced one inch below the top rocker and one inch above the bottom rocker. This is required to keep all vest Colors uniform.

No other patches, pins or other decorations are allowed on the back of the vest between the side seams.

Front of Vest

The top of the American or Canadian Flag and the USA or Canadian Always Remember or Firefighters patches are to be placed at the same height. The flags should be 2.25 by 3.5 inches.

The chapter name goes 2 inches below the bottom of the flag. If you are a founding member or a charter member, this patch goes below the chapter name. The year joined is next. If you are not a founding or charter member the year goes below the chapter name.

Your nickname (or prospect) goes 2 inches below the bottom of Always Remember or Firefighters patch. Warthogs patch goes below your nickname. If you are a chapter officer, your office patch is next. If you do not hold an office you may put a WFFW patch under the Warthogs patch. The WFFW patch is optional.

Patches are stacked touching each other with no space between them.

Other patches, pins and decorations can be placed on the front of your vest, but not above the flag or Always Remember or Firefighters patches.



Article 12
Non-Profit Status

Section A. Non-Profit Status Objectives

1. The Warthogs Motorcycle Club was founded as a Non-Profit Police and Firefighters M/C. It is each chapter's responsibility to do the following for proper operation:
 - a. Establish Articles of Incorporation in their respective State/Province or Country.
 - b. File for the proper Non-Profit tax filing status.
 - c. File tax returns in accordance with Local, State/Province and Federal laws.
 - d. Each individual chapter is responsible for the proper conduct and licensing of any and all fundraisers, raffles, or events that raise monies for their chapters and must do so in accordance with Local, State/Province, and Federal laws.
 - e. Canadian chapters shall comply with their National, Province and Local laws.

Article 13
Chapter Autonomy

Section A. Objectives of Chapter Autonomy

1. Each new Charter Chapter operates independently from the Detroit Chapter and independently from all other chapters of the Warthogs Motorcycle Club while still bound by the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Each chapter is responsible for its own actions, conduct and is liable for any and all of their performed functions.
3. Charter Chapters and or their individual members do not pay annual dues or fees to the Detroit Chapter.
4. Individual chapters are authorized to use the Warthogs M/C Colors to benefit their individual chapter, not any individual member(s). Use of the registered trademark must be done in accordance with the WMC Constitution and Bylaws.
5. The Detroit Chapter reserves the right to suspend or revoke the use of the Colors, by any individual chapter or chapter member for violations of the WMC Constitution and Bylaws, violation of Local, State/Province, Federal laws, criminal offenses or conduct that brings discredit to the Warthogs Motorcycle Club.

Article 14 Amendment Process

Section A. **Items of the Amendment Process**

1. All proposals for amendment to the WMC Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted by a chapter. Motions submitted by individuals will not be accepted.
2. All motions and revisions of motions for amendment of the WMC Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted by the deadline stated in the WMC Constitution and Bylaws. Revisions or corrections to motions will not be accepted after the stated deadline.
3. All Warthogs M/C members will have a voice in the amendment process through their elected chapter President who serves on the WMC IBP. Each Chapter will have one (1) vote to cast on any proposed WMC Constitution and Bylaws change or addition.
4. New Articles and or Amendments to the WMC Constitution and Bylaws can only be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all WMC IBP members. The vote will take place at the WMC annual IBP Rendezvous meeting.
5. Validated motions of the Constitution and Bylaws Committees can be contested by any chapter within 14 days following their posting on the WMC Website:
 - a. It will be the burden of the contesting chapter to state the law or violation of Roberts Rules of Order for the contested motion.
 - b. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be required to either remove the posted motion or state a reference to Robert's Rules of Order or law that validates the motion is proper.
6. Any proposal for a change to the WMC Constitution and Bylaws shall:
 - a. Be submitted electronically to the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at least (90) days before the annual IBP meeting. Any Chapter may re-submit a revised proposal that was previously rejected by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee no later than ninety (90) days prior to the IBP meeting.
 - b. Be submitted to each member of the IBP at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting.
 - c. Be discussed by each member of the IBP and his chapter membership. The IBP member will cast his vote based upon his chapter membership vote.
7. Absentee votes:
 - a. If the President or designated member of his chapter is not able to attend the annual IBP meeting, the chapter President may submit his chapter's vote on proposed Articles or Amendments to the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee no later than thirty (30) days before the annual IBP meeting.

- b. Absentee votes not received by the IBP on or before the thirty (30) day deadline will not be accepted.

Amendments

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Warthogs Motorcycle Club Constitution and Bylaws

Detroit Chapter Board of Directors
April 12, 2005

President FRED Vice President Kir McKee
 Secretary William Joth Treasurer FL Bunde

The Charter Chapter Presidents, or designees, signatures below indicate concurrence with the Warthogs Motorcycle Club Constitution and Bylaws enacted on this date of June 25th 2005.

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| 2. Rochester <u>Doug "CRUISE" Upacii</u> | 14. Mt. Clemens <u>Phil BUF</u> |
| 3. Toronto <u>Nancy "the NIPPLE" Priest</u> | 16. Crooked River <u>Maximus (MAD MAX) Estimer Jr.</u> |
| 4. Jefferson Co. <u>Bob "TROUBLE" Towles</u> | 17. St. Lawrence <u>James (Joker) Barney</u> |
| 5. Lansing <u>h Roy "Astro" Gray</u> | 18. Madison <u>Eric (Eeyore) Jurg</u> |
| 6. Hudson Valley <u>Willie G. Spill</u> | 19. Sandusky <u>Murray (KAC) Burt</u> |
| 7. Pontiac <u>Steve (Yellow) Thren</u> | 20. Howell <u>Tom Miller</u> |
| 8. Burnt River <u>Burt Spect</u> | 21. Grand Rapids <u>Lawrence Andra (SPEEDWAYS)</u> |
| 9. Cincinnati <u>Don HAMMHEAD Mee</u> | 22. Dixie <u>STEEVE "COOKIE"</u> |
| 10. Downriver <u>Tom (Huck) Maubius</u> | 23. Hoosier <u>Bill (FUSE) Burt</u> |
| 11. Rubber City <u>Thomas (Huck) Jeth</u> | 24. Credit River <u>Francis "STAS"</u> |
| 12. Elmira <u>Steve Hook</u> | 25. Flint <u>Steve "Stone"</u> |
| 13. Springfield <u>Mark "MARQUEE" Fanson</u> | 26. Mid Hudson <u>Joe (Tony) Mealy "WORM"</u> |
- John Huber "Iron Bolt"
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