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**PINOY HARLEY RIDERS CLUB
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I – OBJECTIVES

- a) To promote a safe and responsible motorcycling to all members by organizing rides and family-oriented activities
- b) To participate, promote, and augment activities with national and local organizations
- c) To encourage membership participation among other motorcycling events

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications

The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for membership in the PINOY HARLEY RIDERS CLUB (PHRC, Mother Club, the Club):

- a) Must own, operate, and ride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.
- b) Must be of Filipino heritage with good moral character.
- c) Must have a valid motorcycle driver's license (an M1 endorsement for a two-wheeled motorcycle), current registration and vehicle insurance as required by law.
- d) Must not have any felonies on record including and not limited to pending federal offense or awaiting trial.
- e) Must not have any affiliation or connection to any biker clubs that could potentially harm the PHRC.
- f) All requirements stated in Section 2. Membership Initiation and Admission

Section 2. Membership Initiation and Admission

- a) Applicant (Prospect) must:
 - a. Must satisfy Section 1. Qualifications
 - b. Sign a Waiver/Release Liability form (kept current every renewal period)

- b) Applicant (Prospect) must be presented to the membership by a sponsor (an active PHRC member) during a PHRC Monthly Meeting.
- c) Prospects will not have voting rights and are not allowed to wear the PHRC patch. Prospect must:
 - a. Complete a 4-month probationary period
 - b. Attend 3 PHRC monthly meetings during probation.
 - c. Ride in 2 PHRC organized ride/event during probation
 - d. Must ride to all meetings during probation
- d) After completing probation, Prospect must be voted in unanimously by all members present. The President will confirm the membership and require the Prospect to pay the initial membership fee, yearly dues and purchase a set of PHRC patches.
- e) Returning PHRC members, after a long absence or non-member status must comply with Section 2.a) and must be voted in unanimously by all members present. The President will confirm the membership and require the returning member to pay the initial membership fee and yearly dues.
- f) After one (1) year of non-payment of yearly dues, a member will be reassessed as a new member subject to payment of initial membership fee and yearly dues.

Section 3. Club Membership in Good Standing

Members in good standing must meet the following criteria to be considered an active member with voting rights and privileges:

- a) Member must meet all requirements of Article II, Section 1
- b) Member must comply with PHRC By-Laws

Section 4. Initial Membership Fees and Yearly Dues

- a) A one-time initial membership fee of \$75.00 is due from new and returning members at the time of their acceptance into the club. The yearly due of \$75.00 is due from all members on January 31st of each year or payable in three (3) installments.
 - \$ 25.00 due January 31st, (late if paid after Feb 28)
 - \$ 25.00 due April 30th, (late if paid after May 30th)
 - \$ 25.00 due August 31st, (late if paid after September 30th)
- a) Failure to pay after the grace period by any member shall constitute being dropped from the rolls and considered inactive. A member will be temporarily removed from the PHRC yahoo group's mailing list.

- a. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged after each grace period. All privileges will be re-instated upon full payment of amount due plus the late fee.

Section 5. Membership Suspension & Termination

Conduct of inappropriate and/or undesirable behavior by any member will result in membership suspension or expulsion. The decision to suspend a member shall come solely from the Board of Director. The decision to remove a member from the club will be through a membership vote requiring approval from two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members present. A review prior to the decision may include an explanation, a defense, and an appeal by all participating parties.

Section 6. Non-Members

Non-members are allowed to participate as guest in Club sponsored events when invited by a PHRC member and do not have to pay any fees. All guests must sign the Waiver/Release of Liability Form.

Section 7. Sub-chapters

Any sub-chapter being considered for approval must meet the following minimum requirements:

- a) The founder of the sub-chapter must be a current member of PHRC club
- b) Approval by the Board of Directors
- c) Adherence to the PHRC By-laws
- d) Six (6) approved members with four (4) elected officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer)
- e) Separate accounting and management of funds
- f) Located outside a 100-mile radius from the Mother Club or another sub-chapter
- g) Initial membership fee of \$75.00 per member is due and payable to the Mother Club
- h) All PHRC products and merchandise must be purchased through the Mother Club

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of four (4) past Mother Club presidents to a one (1) year term. The current Mother Club President and current sub-chapter presidents shall automatically become members of the Board of Director. The

Chairman of the Board will be elected by the Board of Directors whose tenure will be for a period of one (1) year.

Outgoing Mother Club president shall automatically become a member of the Board of Directors. If past presidents are no longer members of the club, deceased, or loss the capacity to perform the job, the current president will appoint a replacement(s).

The Board of Directors will function as follows:

- a) Approve sub-chapter applications
- b) Maintain sub-chapter alliance
- c) Preside over membership suspension proceedings
- d) Resolve conflict between members as it relates to the club if needed

Section 2. President

The President shall oversee all Club meetings and ride activities, uphold the PHRC by-laws and serve as the PHRC representative and liaison between members and other organizations that the Club conducts business with.

Section 3. Vice-President

The Vice-president shall assist the President in carrying out the duties of the office. In the absence of the President, the Vice-president shall assume those duties.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for the administration and clerical needs of the Club. The Secretary shall provide and maintain a list of Club members and officers and provide and distribute any reports on Club activities. The Secretary shall be the keeper of all Club records.

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursements of funds for the Club. The Treasurer shall provide a written or oral financial statement to the Club on a monthly basis and maintain a separate savings or checking account on behalf of the Club.

Section 6. Ride Administrator (Lead Road Captain)

The Ride Administrator (Lead Road Captain) shall be appointed by the President as needed and will plan and implement all Club rides. The Ride Administrator (Lead Road Captain) will be responsible for training and selection of Road Captains who will manage/help all club rides. They are in charge while the Club is on the road.

Section 7. Standing Committees and Other Officers

Standing committees and other officers may be created or appointed by the President or elected by the general membership as needed.

ARTICLE IV – Meetings and Ride Events

Section 1. Meetings

The PINOY HARLEY RIDERS CLUB shall have monthly meetings. The President or any member of the Board of Directors can call a meeting from time to time as needed.

Section 2. Ride Events

Official rides and meetings identified in the annual PHRC Ride Schedule allows for only Harley-Davidson motorcycles ridden by members and guests. Non-Harley-Davidson motorcycles may be ridden by members and guests on unofficial Club rides. Guest riders must sign a Waiver/Release of Liability form.

Section 3. Notification

The Club members shall be notified of general business meetings and/or other meetings and events through the Website, e-mail or by telephone. Only PHRC members and member's guests are allowed to attend the general meeting.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elections/Nominations

- The nomination and election for all club officers shall be held at the yearly November meeting.
- Nominee for officer shall be a member of the club for least one (1) year at the time of election.

Section 2. Installation of Officers

Installation of new officers shall be held each January. In-coming and outgoing officers shall meet prior to assuming office in order to define and familiarize themselves with their responsibilities.

Section 3. Special Elections

Special elections to fill vacant positions may be called by the officers as needed.

Section 4. Voting

- a) Spouses of active members are considered non-voting members and are allowed to wear the PHRC patch

ARTICLE VI – CLUB COLORS

The patch representing membership in the organization is often referred to as “the club colors” or simply “the colors”. The colors are treated with great respect and reflect a member’s allegiance to his fellow bikers. To disrespect the colors would be tantamount to disrespecting the entire group. As such, this violation would be seen as a very serious offense.

Section 1. Members Action

“Members shall not act in a manner, which would bring any negative image upon the club or himself while wearing the colors.”

Section 2. Wearing of Club Colors

- a) "The Club Colors" must be worn at all times during club meetings, official club functions and rides. A \$10.00 non-wearing fee will be imposed for failure to wear the Club Colors during these events.
- b) While it is understood that some members may own and ride other motorcycle brands "The Club Colors" may only be worn while riding their Harley Davidson motorcycles.
- c) “The Club Colors” shall remain the property of the club unless a member has been in good standing for a period of 10 years. After the 10 year period, the Club Colors shall become the property of such member.
- d) If a long established member (10 years or more) had to leave the club and he is in good standing at the time of his departure, he is allowed to take the colors as a memento ONLY. He will not display (i.e., wear) the colors in public.
- e) If a member is dismissed from the club for negative reasons, the colors are to be returned to the club regardless of the length of membership.

Section 3. Placement of Club Colors

- a) “The Club Colors” shall be sewn on to back of the members motorcycle vest (not a jacket). It will be centered or (approximately 3-4 inches from the base of the riders neckline)
- b) There will be no other patches or embroidery around it (as viewed from the back)

ARTICLE VII – BY-LAWS AUTHORITY

Section 1. Adoption

This document and the general membership shall govern the operation, function and organization of the PINOY HARLEY RIDERS CLUB. To become effective, this document must be read and distributed to the general membership of the Club at a regularly scheduled meeting, be voted on and accepted by a majority of those members present.

Section 2. Amendments

Amendments to the By-Laws shall be proposed and submitted in writing to the President and shall be presented to the general membership at a regularly scheduled meeting. Adoption of the Amendments will require a vote and acceptance of the proposed changes by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members present.

Section 3. Resignation

Any officers who are not able to perform their duties for a successive period of three (3) months shall be required to render their resignation and a replacement shall be voted by the general membership at the next club meeting.