



## **Bylaws' Kentucky Vulcan Riders Association**

### **Kentucky Chapter 1 - 12**

The Vulcan Riders Association is an international association founded to provide a means for riders worldwide of Kawasaki Vulcan's to meet and ride in chapter based and inter-chapter activities.

## **Bylaws' of the Kentucky Vulcan Riders Association**

### **I. NAME:**

The name of the Association shall be the Vulcan Riders Association hereafter referred to as the Association. The Association shall also be known as the VRA. The name of the Chapter shall be known as the Kentucky Vulcan Riders Association, hereafter referred to as KVRA.

### **II. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Association is to promote responsible motorcycling activities for its members by conducting chapter activities and encouraging the participation of its members in these activities while maintaining a family-oriented atmosphere.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **FULL MEMBERS**

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### **IV. DUES:**

#### **Full Members:**

Dues for full members shall be \$20.00 annually. Payment shall be due at time of registering as a member and payable yearly upon the anniversary month of March 1<sup>st</sup> of each successive year.

Full Membership includes one 4" National VRA Patch for each membership paid in full. Membership Dues will be prorated per quarter; members joining in fourth quarter will pay full membership dues however it will include the following year paid in full.

### **V. CHAPTERS:**

#### **a. CHAPTER NAME AND AFFILIATION:**

The Vulcan Riders Association is the governing body of all VRA sanctioned activities. Each local chapter, however, will operate as an independent organization providing services to their chapter members on a "not-for-profit" basis. Each chapter is required to adhere to this charter and all operational policies as well as local laws. Where the Association Charter and local laws conflict, local law will always prevail. The affiliated chapter will be named after its respective city or locale. The Association reserves the right to approve chapter names. If at any time the Association determines that a chapter is not adhering to this charter or the spirit of this charter, the chapter affiliation may be rescinded.

**b. CHAPTER REGISTRATION:**

Each chapter is required to pay an annual registration fee to the Association (if required). The registration fee shall be determined by a majority vote of the Association Executive Committee.

**c. KENTUCKY VRA CHAPTER OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Association requires all chapters to have the following primary officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. No member may fill more than one of these positions simultaneously. Other Officers may be appointed as needed. An appointed officer may simultaneously hold a position as an elected primary officer. Only full member riding a Kawasaki Vulcan is eligible for the position of Elected Officer. Appointed Officers are not required to ride a Kawasaki Vulcan.

**ELECTED OFFICERS:**

**President** - The President shall be the nominal head of the Chapter. The President is to chair all meetings. The President or the President's nominee shall represent the KVRA Chapter at all functions and public events.

**Vice President** - The Vice President shall generally assist the President and assume the duties of President in the President's absence.

**Secretary** - The Secretary shall convene all meetings and be responsible for the minutes of their proceedings. The Secretary shall circulate copies of the minutes of meetings to other bodies as directed by the Executive Committee. The Secretary or the Secretary's delegate shall be a member of all sub-committees. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the KVRA and maintain contact with all affiliated bodies and inform the KVRA of matters related to them. The Secretary shall keep control of all records and other documents relating to the KVRA Chapter.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall keep account of the finances and assets of the KVRA Chapter. At the end of each financial year, the Treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet and statement of accounts. All financial matters must be referred to the Treasurer.

**APPOINTED OFFICERS** (To be appointed as necessary):

**Road Captain** - Ensures all riders and rides are legal before all runs; is responsible for planning routes for all planned runs; leads all runs or designates someone to lead the runs.

**Sergeant At Arms** - Maintains order at KVRA Chapter meetings and activities. Assists Road Captain at activities and runs.

**Other Officers** - appointed as necessary by the KVRA Chapter to perform functions deemed by the Chapter as necessary.

**Charter Members** – Charter members shall be the members who attended first two meetings which included 10 members total and duly noted in recordings as such. Consideration of a charter member is those that paid full membership dues the year of start up.

**d. ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICE BEARERS:**

The Office Bearers of a Chapter shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall be made in writing or by email to the Secretary by two members with Full Membership rights, accompanied by written/verbal or email consent from the nominated person. Nominations will be received between January 1 and January 27th. Persons nominating or being nominated must have Full Membership rights.

The membership will be notified of the nominees, via email, no later than January 22. Voting for the election of Office Bearers shall be by secret ballot by members with Full Membership rights during the February club meeting. Voting shall take place only if there are two or more nominations for a position. The term of office shall be from March 1 through February 28 of the following year. A person is not eligible to simultaneously hold more than 1 (one) Office Bearer position.

**e. VACANCIES IN CHAPTER COMMITTEE:**

A vacancy in the office of a committee member occurs if the member:

Dies, ceases to be a member of the KVRA Chapter, resigns from office, is absent from three consecutive Executive Committee Meetings without reasonable excuse. Casual vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled by majority vote at a General Meeting.

**f. REMOVAL OF CHAPTER OFFICE BEARERS:**

The chapter may, in a General Meeting, by resolution, remove any office bearer from the Executive Committee, before the expiration of the member's term of office.

**g. CHAPTER MEETINGS:**

**i. The Annual General Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting shall immediately follow the General Meeting. In addition to any other business, the business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

- a: confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting;
- b: receive from the Executive Committee reports on the activities of the Association during the preceding year;
- c: elect members of the Executive Committee; and
- d: receive and consider the audited statement of accounts and any other reports required to be submitted to members.

**ii. Regular Meetings:**

General Meetings shall be held at an agreed interval not greater than every three months.

Executive Committee Meetings shall be held at least monthly, at a time and place agreed by the Executive Committee. General Committee meetings shall be held at least quarterly at a time and place agreed by the General Committee.

**iii. Special Meetings:**

A Special General Meeting may be called by a request made in writing to the Executive Committee signed by at least ten full members, stating the purpose of the meeting.

A Special Executive Committee Meeting may be called by a request made in writing to the Secretary, signed by at least three General Committee members stating the purpose of the meeting.

Upon receipt of such requests the Secretary shall within seven days convene a meeting for a date not more than twenty-one days after receipt of the request.

**h. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

No item of business shall be transacted at a General Meeting, Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, unless a quorum of members entitled to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.

**i. ADJOURNMENTS:**

An unfinished item of business at a General Meeting may be adjourned to a Special General Meeting or to the next General Meeting, subject to the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting.

**j. QUORUM:**

A quorum for a General Meeting, Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting shall be present at least one (1) Office Bearers and a minimum of 50 percent of original chapter members. If a quorum is not present within thirty minutes of the appointed time for a meeting, that meeting shall not proceed.

**k. VOTING:**

Issues shall be decided by a majority vote, this majority being determined by a show of hands from those entitled to vote. Any Full Member can demand a secret ballot on any vote taken at a meeting. Any person with Full Membership rights but unable to be present may communicate their vote in writing to an Office Bearer prior to commencement of the meeting. Any member with Full Membership rights, but unable to be present may appoint another Full Member to act as their proxy. Notice of this is to be given in writing to an Office Bearer prior to commencement of the meeting.

**l. CHAPTER FINANCES:**

The funds of the chapter shall be derived from annual subscriptions of members, sales of stock, donations and any such other source as the Executive committee determines, subject to confirmation by majority vote at a General Meeting. The funds of the KVRA Chapter shall be banked in the name of the chapter in a financial institution decided upon by the Executive Committee. Checks or withdrawals shall be signed by one Office Bearers. All income of the KVRA Chapter shall be used to fund its activities and further its aims. No money may be paid to any member as remuneration but compensation shall be given for authorized expenses.

**m. CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP:**

Chapters may seek sponsorship from a local Vulcan dealer or other sponsorship. Chapter sponsorship may take the form of financial sponsorship of the chapter and/or chapter events, and discounts to chapter members on purchases or other sponsorship arrangements. In return, the sponsoring dealer is entitled to on-sell membership to the chapter with the sale of Vulcan motorcycles, and may display Association logos and symbols in the sponsor's business premises and at legitimate trade shows. The sponsor is also entitled to display and demonstrate products at official chapter rallies.

**n. CHAPTER DISSOLUTION:**

If the chapter is dissolved for any reason, the assets and properties remaining after the settlement of all just debts shall not be disbursed to members but shall be given to bodies with similar aims to the Association and/or to a recognized charity. The recipient organization is to be determined by resolution of the members of the Association at or before the time of the dissolution.

## **VI. ASSOCIATION FINANCES:**

The Association shall derive funds from the annual chapter registration fees, sales of merchandise, sales of stock, donations and any other source as the Association Executive Committee determines. Funds shall be banked in the name of the Association. All income of the Association shall be used to fund activities and to further its aims. No money shall be paid to any member as remuneration but compensation shall be given for authorized expenses.

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## **VIII. LOGOS AND SYMBOLS:**

All Association logos are copyrighted and the copyright rests with the Association Executive Committee. The right to use copyrighted logos and symbols is extended to chapters upon receipt of an annual chapter registration fee. Use of logos and symbols by any other third party requires permission from the Association Executive Committee.

### **i. Wearing of Logo's and Symbols of Chapter**

1. Officers are required to wear a recognizable chapter patch, logo, pin; shirt (specific logo & shirt color) at all hosted events, rides, meetings, or attended by group as a group effort, in order to be recognized as Officer of Chapter. Patches, pins, can be worn anywhere visible. No requirement as to size.
2. Full Members are required to wear chapter shirt, pin, (specific logo & shirt) at all hosted events, rides, meetings, or attended by group as a group effort in order to be recognized as Member of Chapter. Patches, pins, can be worn anywhere visible. No requirement to size.

## **IX. AMENDMENTS:**

These by-laws may be amended as needed by a majority vote of the Charter Members in standing.



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#### Addendum A

#### III. MEMBERSHIP:

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**Full Membership/Associate Membership Amendment – Wherein Membership is granted to a couple, as spouse or significant other – riding two up, or their own motorcycle, we find the following:**

- 1.1 *a) Wherein should any member separate and/or cease to be a couple via a legal decree, then membership shall be valid only to the party for whom membership was originally granted.*
- b) Should the alternate member choose to purchase a motorcycle and reapply as a member, then we the KVRA find the following – membership shall not be granted to the alternate party for a cooling off period of 6 months to 1 calendar year. At the time of application, standing KVRA officers shall determine the length of waiver.*
- c) In the event the alternate member attempts to rejoin as a spouse or significant other of a new potential member or existing member, that membership will be considered and voted upon by the standing officers of the KVRA, taking into account the best interest of the chapter and section b. will still apply.*
- d) Membership approval or denial in under the aforementioned circumstances will be voted upon by the standing officers of the KVRA, taking into account the best interest of the club. As always the “Harmony and the Best Interest of the Chapter” in all circumstances are priority.*



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\*Removed the title Associate Membership - in return all members of the KVRA are considered full members regardless of motorcycle brand, with full voting rights and privileges. Associate fees are removed. Membership dues are \$20.00.

\*\* Maintain VRA integrity for Officer Positions - Only Kawasaki Vulcan Riders can hold the position of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

\*\*\* Unanimous Vote.