

AMERICAN THUNDER

BY-LAWS

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AMERICAN THUNDER Name & “Colors”

The name of the motorcycle group shall be “AMERICAN THUNDER” (hereafter referred to as “AT”). AT colors shall be represented in a “Banner-patch” (“upper rocker” patch) that resembles a typical Harley Owners Group Local Chapter “Banner-patch” which is positioned above the Harley Owners Group logo-patch.

American Thunder colors will not include a lower rocker (underneath HOG logo) that designates territory (i.e., California, Santa Ana, etc.), nor will it include a lower rocker bearing the words “motorcycle club” or the initials “m.c.”.

Elected Officers

The Elected Officers of American Thunder shall be Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four AT Officers shall constitute the Board-of-Directors.

Appointed Officers

Appointed Officers shall include, but not be limited to, Activities Officer, Publications Officer, Legal Affairs Officers, Safety Officer, Group Photography Officer, Road Captain(s), and a Group Historian. Officer appointments shall be made at the sole discretion of the Board-of-Directors. Each Appointed Officer shall hold his/her post at the pleasure of the Board-of-Directors, until he/she resigns, or is removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Term of Office

All AT officer positions shall be for a calendar year period and will terminate on December 31st of the year of service.

Election of Officers

Officers of AT shall be elected annually, by the general membership at the AT meeting designated herein. Nominations for Officers will be held during October’s monthly AT meeting. Elections for Officers shall be held at November’s monthly AT meeting. The newly-elected officers shall assume their duties at the first monthly AT meeting of the new calendar year.

AT members in good standing may vote on the nominated parties or write in the candidate of his/her choice at the November AT meeting or prior to such meeting via e-mail or USPS mail. Winners will be determined by a majority vote of all ballots received by the date of the November AT meeting..

Each Officer shall hold his/her office at the pleasure of the general membership until he/she shall resign or be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve, or his/her successor shall be elected and qualified to serve.

Removal of Officers

Upon affirmative vote of a majority of the general membership or by a majority vote of the members of the Board-of-Directors, any Officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and his/her successor may be elected and/or appointed, as the case may be, at any regular monthly AT meeting or at any Board-of-Directors meeting. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board-of-Directors. Any such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice, or at any later time as specified therein, unless otherwise specified in said notice. Acceptance of a resignation by the Board-of-Directors shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Dues

The amount of annual dues to be paid by AT members will be determined by the Board-of-Directors each year. Dues may not be increased more than 20% over the prior calendar year's dues without approval by the general membership in the same manner as prescribed below for Amendments to By-Laws. All AT members are responsible for payment of such dues within the first quarter of the calendar year. All new AT members must show proof of membership in good standing in the National Harley Owners Group (HOG) at the time of application for membership.

Elected Officers are exempt from paying dues for the term of their elected office.

Officer Expenses

Officers shall be entitled to reimbursement for costs incurred on behalf of AT's direct operating and/or AT event expenses. These expenses include, but are not limited to, printing, postage, and supplies. Reimbursement shall be reasonable, and such expenses shall be subject to approval by the Board-of-Directors.

General Membership Group Meetings

AT meetings for the general membership shall take place monthly. All AT members are urged to attend. Meeting places may be moved from time to time by consent of the Board-of Directors. Meeting time, date, and location shall be advertised in advance in each monthly AT newsletter.

Board-of-Directors Meetings

A Board-of-Directors meeting shall precede each monthly AT meeting scheduled for the general membership. The four Elected AT Officers must attend each Board meeting. AT issues voted on by the Board shall be decided as follows: Each member of the Board-of-Directors shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of a tie, decisions shall be tabled until all Appointed Officers are contacted by the Board-of-Directors and asked to participate in the voting process; whereupon each Appointed Officer shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of a tie amongst all officers, the issue voted upon shall be presented at the next AT general membership meeting for a vote by the general assembly.

The time, date, and location of the Board-of-Directors' meetings shall be published in advance in each monthly AT newsletter.

Amendments to By-Laws

Changes to the by-laws may be introduced at any monthly AT meeting by any AT Officer or member. Proposed changes to the By-Laws will be introduced at monthly AT meetings and/or presented in the AT newsletter, if possible, prior to the introduction of such changes at AT meetings. Amendments shall be voted upon at the following monthly AT meeting, or members may vote prior to the date of such meeting by e-mail or via USPS mail. Ratification shall be by a two-thirds majority vote of the ballots cast for that amendment.

Membership Termination

A member's association with AT may be terminated by the Board-of-Directors for violation of any of the terms and conditions represented in the AT By-Laws and/or AT Charter (for example, violation of "colors" policy). Additionally, a member's association with AT may be terminated upon discovery by any AT Officer, sponsor, and/or other AT member, of said member's involvement in any sale, distribution, or use of illegal drugs during participation at AT meetings, events, and/or associated AT activities at the discretion of the Board-of-Directors.

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