

New Zealand Goldwing Riders Inc.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

12th December 2018

Club Bylaws effective from 12th December 2018

Etiquette:

1. All motorcycles, other than a Gold Wing, attending a Gold Wing Rally or event are discouraged, but not forbidden.
2. All non-Gold Wing vehicles (including cars) should remain at the rear of the Gold Wing group but in front of the tail-end Charlie.
3. Where practicable, all non-Gold Wing vehicles will remain clear of the Gold Wing group for photo opportunities

TITLE

1. This club shall be called THE NEW ZEALAND GOLD WING RIDERS INC., hereinafter called "the Club".

OBJECTS

2. To encourage friendship and co-operation between all those who own or use the Honda Goldwing motorcycle, Honda Goldwing motorcycle trike conversion and Honda Goldwing motorcycles with side car outfits.

3. To regularly distribute to members a newsletter / magazine which shall report upon the activities of the Club and its members and upon such matters which may be of interest to the members.

4. To co-operate with other motorcycle clubs and motoring organisations in the promotion, furtherance and protection of all matters consistent with the objects of the Club and with motorcycling in general; and to encourage a spirit of mutual co-operation and understanding between all such organisations and the public in general.

MEMBERSHIP

5. Members of the Club shall be by application in writing to the Secretary and shall be in the following categories;

(a) ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any person who rides a Honda Goldwing motorcycle.

(b) JOINT MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any two persons who regularly ride and / or travel as a passenger on a Honda Goldwing motorcycle.

(c) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to the spouse / partner of a deceased / separated Ordinary or Joint member who, for any reason, is temporarily or permanently unable to ride a Honda Goldwing motorcycle. Associate membership shall be granted by the National Committee.

(d) BUSINESS SUPPORTIVE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to those business organisations who wish to support the objectives of the Club and its members. Full particulars of these members shall be advertised in each issue of the Club newsletter / magazine and included in the Club register of members.

(e) LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be granted to members who have rendered signal service to the Club or the community in general. Life Membership is subject to the recommendation of the National Committee, and to the approval of the members able to vote at any general meeting of the Club. Life Membership entitles the member to all privileges of an Ordinary Member.

(f) All classes of membership, except Business Supportive Memberships, carry the same rights and privileges of Ordinary members.

6. Membership of the Club may be terminated for the following reasons;

- (a) Death of the member.
- (b) Resignation from the Club.
- (c) Subscriptions unpaid three months after due date.
- (d) Improper conduct by a member which is likely to bring the Club and any member(s) into disrepute.
- (e) Any member(s) affected by 6(d) shall at all times be given the right of natural justice.

7(a) Termination of membership is subject to appeal to a general meeting of those members able to vote at any general meeting of the Club.

7(b) Any Club member who has had their membership terminated shall not be eligible to participate in any Club activity or event.

PRIVILEGES

8. Every member shall receive free of charge, a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club, a membership card, a membership register, and any subsequent amendments to the Constitution and Rules, which at all times remain the property of the Club and must be returned when the member leaves the Club.

9. Every member shall be entitled to wear the badges and colours of the Club.

10. Every member shall receive, when published (on payment when any charge is made) all journals, newsletters, magazines and other literature published for general circulation, by or on behalf of the Club.

11. Every member shall be entitled to take part in any Club sponsored activity.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

12. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Immediate Past President (1 year), Vice President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer together, with such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the efficient running of the club.

13. There shall be a National Committee consisting of the President, Immediate Past President (1 year), Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer together with such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the efficient running of the club, plus no more than five (5) Ordinary members.

14. All officers and the committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and should any office become vacant, the National Committee may appoint a member to fill such vacancy. Any office bearer ceasing to be a member of the Club shall, in effect, cease to be an office bearer.

15. Candidates for office or committee must be either Ordinary or Joint members of the club. Only Ordinary or Joint members may propose and second any candidate for office or committee.

16(a) Nominations of candidates for office or committee must be made in writing to the secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Where no written nominations have been received then nominations from the floor of the meeting may be made.

16(b) Notices of Motions and remits must be in writing, in the correct form, to the secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the AGM, and must show the printed name and signature of the proposer and seconder, who must be financial members.

17. The National Committee shall be authorised to appoint any temporary sub-committee deemed necessary to organise a special activity of the Club.

18. Meetings of the National Committee shall be held as and when required, but at least once a year.

MANAGEMENT

19. The management and control of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the National Committee which may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Club in General Meeting.

20. The National Committee is empowered to purchase or acquire for the Club any real or personal property, or any right or privilege which the Club shall decide to purchase or acquire, at such price and generally upon such terms and conditions as they think fit, and give and execute mortgages over the lands purchased or acquired for the balance of the purchase monies upon such terms and conditions as the National Committee shall think fit, and further to borrow or raise monies upon mortgages of real or personal property of the Club or any parts thereof or upon debentures or mortgage debentures of the Club, and to issue such debentures or mortgage debentures charging the whole or any part of the assets of the Club and to execute mortgages to secure such debentures or to borrow from banks or other persons with or without security.

21. The National Committee shall enter into all such negotiations, contracts and agreements in the name and on behalf of the Club as may be considered expedient for the purpose of the Club. It shall invest the funds of the Club on

real or personal property in such manner as it thinks fit, and shall do all such additional acts as the Club is authorised by its objects to perform.

22. The National Committee shall provide a Common Seal for the Club and make regulations for its safe custody and use, and make and execute all such instruments and assurances as may be necessary, provided that the Common Seal of the Club shall not be affixed to any instrument except in pursuance of a resolution of the National Committee for the time being, in the presence of one member of the National Committee and the Secretary for the time being. This Common Seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary of the Club.

23. A quorum for meetings of the National Committee shall comprise five (5) members.

24. The minutes of every meeting of the National Committee and of every General Meeting of the Club shall be circulated to every member of the Club as soon as practicable after the meeting, and one (1) copy shall be filed at the office of the Secretary.

DUTIES

25. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club and in the President's absence of the Vice President shall preside.

26. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President in the discharge of the President's duties and in the President's absence to officiate in the President's stead.

27. In the absence of the President and the Vice President it shall be the duty of a member who may be elected thereto by a majority of the members present, and able to vote, to take the chair at any meeting of the Club.

28. It shall be the duty of the Secretary -

(a) To keep a true record of all meetings of the National Committee and of the Club in books provided for the purpose.

(b) To file all documents, records, reports and communications with the Club, in books provided for the purpose.

(c) To conduct the correspondence of the Club.

(d) To notify those members, liable, of every meeting except standing meetings.

(e) In case of inability to attend any meeting, to cause the meeting books and papers to be conveyed to the place of the meeting.

(f) To do all things that are within the general duties of the Secretary.

29. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer -

- (a) To receive all monies due to the club and pay, as soon as practicable and without deduction, to the account of the Club.
- (b) In the case of a Club Event ensure the payment for accommodation, meals, and other activities is made with the authorisation of two approved signatories.
- (c) Excluding the case of subsection (b) above, shall not incur a liability in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500), nor make a payment in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) without the prior approval of the National Committee.
- (d) All financial transactions shall be recorded in a book or journal, or electronic device, in such a manner that will clearly show at any time the true financial position of the Club.
- (e) To produce at each meeting of the National Committee a statement of accounts, and at the Annual General Meeting a Balance sheet of the receipts and expenditure of the past financial year, and a report generally upon the finances of the Club.

MEETINGS

30. The Annual General meeting shall be held, where practicable, during the third (3rd) weekend in November in each year and at such meeting the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts along with other reports shall be submitted for adoption and any other business as may be deemed necessary may be conducted.

31. The venue for each Annual General Meeting shall be decided at a previous meeting not more than two (2) years ahead, and not less than one (1) year ahead, and whenever possible the meetings shall alternate between the North and South Islands.

32. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by order of the National Committee, or on a requisition signed by at least ten (10) financial Ordinary or Joint members, or three (3) members of the National Committee; such requisitions to state clearly the object of the meeting.

33. Fourteen (14) days notice of an Annual and seven (7) days notice for a Special Meeting shall be given to the members by advertisement or otherwise, stating the object and business of such a meeting.

34. No member of any committee shall be allowed to vote on any question in which the member is personally interested.

35. Every Ordinary and Joint member, who is financial at the time of a meeting, shall have one (1) vote. The Chairman shall, where there is an equality of votes, have a casting vote in addition to that person's individual vote.

36. The Chairman shall, where a ballot is not expressly provided for in these rules, decide any question upon a show of hands in the first place provided however, that any three (3) members may demand a ballot.

37. Any question shall be decided by a simple majority, except those who add it, delete from, or alter in any way the Constitution and Rules which must be decided by three-quarters (75%) of the votes recorded. A Notice of Motion of any proposed addition, deletion or alteration to the Constitution and Rules shall be given to members in circular or advertisement convening the meeting.

CLUB FUNDS

38. The funds and property of the Club shall be solely devoted to the objects specified in Articles 2, 3, & 4 hereof, and no pecuniary gain shall be derivable by any member from the operations or property of the Club except as a salaried officer or in the course of a normal commercial relationship.

39. If upon the winding up of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Club but shall be given to some other motorcycle Club or motoring organisation having similar objects, or to a recognised charity, to be determined by a majority of members of the Club at the time of its winding up.

40. The club books shall be reviewed after the end of the financial period and a balance sheet showing the true financial position shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

The National Committee is empowered to arrange an audit of the books at any time.

41. No honorarium shall be paid to any officer of the Club except on a recommendation of the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

42. Subscriptions for each membership category shall be set, by the members eligible to vote, each year at the Annual General Meeting.

43. Subscriptions (as set in clause 42) fall due on the day following the Annual General meeting, and are to be paid within three (3) months of this date. Members who have not paid their subscription within three (3) months of this date may have their membership cancelled.

44. The financial year of the Club shall be from the 1st September to the 31st of August.

45. Should the National Committee find, at any time, that there is not sufficient funds at their disposal to carry on the affairs of the Club, they shall call a Special General Meeting and place the financial position and their

suggestions for meeting the same before such meeting, which shall have the power to make a levy or call on the members equal to the estimated amount of such deficiency, and notice of such levy or call shall immediately be posted to every Ordinary or Joint Member. Any member failing to pay such levy or call after the expiration of two (2) calendar months from date thereof, shall at the discretion of the National Committee, have their membership cancelled upon, insufficient explanation being given by such member. Provided always that such a levy or call shall not exceed half (50%) of any current subscription rate in any one (1) year.

GENERAL

46. Any Ordinary or Joint member who cease to fulfil the requirements of their membership shall remain Ordinary or Joint Members till the end of the financial year, at which time they may, if eligible, apply for Associate membership.

47. Any financial member of any overseas Club, owning or riding a Goldwing motorcycle, while visiting New Zealand may be afforded the privileges of the Club and take part in any organised Club event.

48. No member of the Club shall publish, or caused to be published, any letter or document referring to the Club or purporting to be published in its name, without the prior written permission of the National Committee. Any liability arising from any publication made without such permission shall be entirely the responsibility of the individual or individuals concerned.

49. No member shall behave in such a manner as to bring the Club, or any member, into disrepute.

50. The National Committee shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and Rules, have the power to make and enforce such by-laws as they from time to time may consider necessary for the efficient working of the Club.

51. The Treasurer will be responsible to produce a report showing income and related expenses for any official Club Event. This event should be published in the official Newsletter as soon as practicable, and preferably within 3 months after the event.

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

52. The edition of the Constitution and Rules of the New Zealand Goldwing Riders Inc shall come into effect on the 1st of December 2016.