

By-Laws for Rumble Pack

A Women On Wheels® Chapter

March, 2010

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

Section I NAME

1. The name of this Chapter shall be “Rumble Pack” which, in these bylaws, may be referred to as “the Chapter”.
2. The Charter is issued by the corporation “Women On Wheels®” which, in these bylaws, may be referred to as WOW or “National”.

Section 2 PURPOSE

To uphold the Mission Statement as set forth by National and to welcome all ladies without prejudice with regards to experience or equipment.

To promote safe and sober riding, promote a positive image to the public and help to educate members for all members.

Section 3 National By-Laws & Code of Ethics

The Chapter’s By-Laws and Code of Ethics shall in no way supersede the documents National has set in place but are meant only to enhance these documents at the local chapter level.

Section 4 Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern Rumble Pack in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that RP may adopt.

It was voted on at the April 2009 membership meeting that the reading of the Minutes and Treasurer’s Report would be suspended for future meetings because they are published by email and a copy can be obtained by any member on the website. This amendment can be rescinded by a two-thirds vote of membership.

Section 5 Reimbursement

Members of the Board of Trustees (as described in these By-Laws), Chapter members or those acting on the behalf of either the Chapter or the Board will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing services for the benefit of the Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP IN RUMBLE PACK

Section I FULL MEMBER

Any woman who is a member of National in good standing may join the Chapter provided they do not possess any felony charges and are willing to submit to a background check.

Section 2 SUPPORT MEMBER

Any person who is a Support Member in National must meet the same requirements as a Full Member.

Section 3 Maintaining Membership

To remain a riding member of the Chapter, you must:

1. Remain a member of National in good standing.
2. Remain current with all monetary obligations to both individual members and the Chapter.
3. Maintain a current motorcycle insurance policy. Proof of insurance will be required at the March meeting or prior to rider attending first ride with group.
4. Maintain motorcycle in good repair.
5. Be licensed by the State to operate a motorcycle and maintain a current license status. If rider only holds a temporary permit Ride leaders must be notified prior to each ride.

Motorcycle ownership is not required to maintain a membership in the Chapter

Section 4 Suspension and Termination

Because membership in this Chapter is open to all National members in good standing and there is no “probationary period”, the membership of this Chapter reserves the right to ask a member who is in serious violation of the Code of Conduct, Road Rules or By-Laws to leave the Chapter.

Suspension and/or removal will only come after the following steps:

1. a one-on-one discussion with the member by designated Board members,
2. a written warning delivered to member by email or traditional mail, and
3. final step is a letter of termination sent by certified mail.

ARTICLE III. BOARD AND OFFICERS

Section 1 Board Members

The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members: two co-directors, a treasurer, a secretary, a Membership Coordinator and two past-directors. All members of the Board shall be full members of WOW.

Section 2 Elected Officers

1. Co-Directors:

Chapter will operate with two co-directors. The term is a two-year term with only one co-director being replaced during an election year.

Co-directors will share the running of the meetings, be valid signatories on club checks and work together to run the Chapter.

Receive and reply to website inquiries from the info@rumblepack.org.

2. Secretary:

- Will be responsible for taking the monthly minutes and provide those minutes to the Newsletter and Website coordinators to post.
- To preserve a permanent file of all past minutes, Chapter correspondence, past vote record and official documents of the Chapter.

3. Treasurer:

- Has custody of the Chapter’s funds
- Operate the 50/50 Raffle and collect donations at each meeting
- Be responsible for all money collected and for depositing those monies into a Chapter account.
- Disperse money as approved by the Board and/or Chapter.
- To ensure that Chapter funds are used for the benefit of all Chapter members and not for the sole benefit of one Chapter member.
- Prepare a written monthly account of all Chapter monies and monetary transactions.
- Preserve, in a permanent file, all monthly accounting records and other financial documents.

4. Membership Coordinator:

- Receive emails from the info@rumblepack.org and reply to with a welcome email and information for joining the Chapter and National Organization
- Maintain a roster that includes present members, support members, past members and potential members
- Help the Website Coordinator maintain current pictures and bios.

Section 3 Elections

1. Elections will be held during the October meeting.
2. Nominations will be taken at the September meeting or made by email to the Board of Trustees prior to the September meeting.
3. Nominees must be full members in good standing with the Chapter, maintain a current membership with National and have been a Chapter member for a minimum of one year. Nominees need not be present when nominated but must agree to accept the office.
4. Any member in good standing is eligible to vote. If a member will not be present at the election meeting, she may vote in absentia by emailing her ballot to the vote@rumblepack.org email address

Section 4 Committee Coordinators

1. Newsletter Editor:

Prepare and email a newsletter once a month and furnish the website coordinator a copy to post on the website

2. Ride Committee:

A group that will plan and prepare a Ride Calendar for the upcoming year based on suggestions from members.

3. Historian:

Maintain a library of photographs for Chapter use only.

4. Sunshine Committee:

Will send cards for birthdays and special events. See Article VI, Number 4.

These committees may be added to or deleted as the growth of the Chapter dictates.

Article IV – Meeting and Other Procedures

- 1) The quorum of the Chapter shall be not less than one third of the Chapter membership. A quorum is required to conduct a Chapter vote.
- 2) All voting, unless otherwise specified, shall be by the majority of those casting a ballot, whether in person or by online vote, and must be an active National member.
- 3) These By-Laws may be amended or added to by a proposed amendment being submitted in writing at a regular meeting. The proposed amendment must be published in one newsletter prior to be voted upon. It shall require a majority vote of members in good standing.

Article V **Operating Rules:**

- 1) In lieu of dues, and in accordance with National's guidelines, Rumble Pack does not charge dues but rather offers attendees an opportunity to participate in a 50/50 raffle and/or donate at monthly meetings. Attendees are encouraged to participate in either or both.

- 2) For events and/or rides where deposits are required, the deposit will not be refunded. This financial obligation is the responsibility of the attendee and must be paid on or before the designated due date.
- 3) The officers and designated members are authorized to purchase supplies as needed for the Chapter. Receipts must be presented to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
- 4) Members and those associated with the Chapter shall work, but not participate in, Chapter sponsored fund raising events.
- 5) Currently, Ride For Kids, benefiting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, is Rumble Pack's official Charity. Members, participating in other charity events, may use Rumble Pack emails to solicit donations from their fellow riders but not at Chapter meetings or events.
- 6) Club officers and committee chairs are authorized to spend up to \$25.00 for a gift for hospitalization or serious illness of a member. The death of an immediate relative of a Chapter member will also result in a similar gift/donation. Relatives are defined as spouse, significant others, children, parents, parents in-law or siblings.
- 7) A Chapter email will be assigned once a member attends two (2) meetings or two Chapter events or any combination thereof.
- 8) Members are asked to refrain from consuming alcohol or drugs when representing the Chapter.
- 9) Conflict Resolution: All conflicts will be resolved using the same method as disciplinary steps in Article II, Section III.
- 10) Members not compatible with the purpose of the organization shall have their membership revoked in accordance with National's guidelines and as described in these By-Laws in Article II, Section 3.
- 11) Chapter Operating Rules may be amended by a majority vote of members attending a regular meeting.

Article VI – Ride Rules:

- 1) Ride calendar will contain open and member only rides. Open rides are open to everyone – members, support members, friends and family. Member only rides are open to only those ladies who are full members of WOW.
- 2) Riders are asked to arrive on time and ready to ride at designated meeting places. If a member is going to be late or a change in plan is necessary, they must contact their POD leader or designated ride leader.
- 3) A member who consumes alcohol or drugs during a ride will be asked to leave the ride.
- 4) While it is a member's choice, said member is responsible for following all state helmet laws.
- 5) PODs are the Chapter's way of grouping riders by area to alleviate the need for someone to ride alone. They will be used when necessary to get everyone to a central meeting place.
- 6) The designated Ride Leader has the authority to make all necessary safety decisions. Group size will determine the number of assistant Ride leaders necessary. The planner of an event will not necessarily be the ride leader. In order to lead a ride, the Rumble Pack Ride Committee will establish and train a Ride Leader Training.
- 7) During a trip, if motorcycle breaks down, the riders in attendance will make sure that rider and bike are in a safe location, contact with help has been made and the ride will proceed.
- 8) Members are asked not to participate in overnight events when they are ill. If a participant becomes ill during an event, there are Chapter first aid kits available with minimal over the counter medications. Serious illnesses will be handled in the same manner as motorcycle breakdowns (see Article VI, Section 2).
- 9) Members are responsible for their own expenses. Borrowing from other members is discouraged as it leads to problems within the Chapter. Financial responsibilities left unpaid will result in suspension of membership privileges – attending rides and events – until financial obligations are met.
- 10) When travelling, if a member or members choose to leave the group and travel on their own, they must notify the ride leader/planner and take on all financial responsibilities for expenses incurred.
- 11) It is the goal of this Chapter to encourage safe and responsible riding among its members. These By-Laws are only a guide and are to be treated as such.
- 12) Chapter Ride Rules may be amended by a majority vote of members attending a regular meeting.