

# **Bylaws of The Northern California Norton Owners Club (NCNOC)**

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## I. Name

The name of the club shall be "The Northern California Norton Owners Club", hereinafter called "the Club".

## II. Objects

The object of the club shall be to promote and encourage the preservation, restoration, use and development of Norton motorcycles in sporting activities, events and rides.

The term "Norton" shall include motorcycles with at least either the engine or frame being originally designed and manufactured as a Norton, by Norton Motors Ltd. and its predecessors and successors in the United Kingdom, or by Norton Motorsports, Inc. in the United States.

## III. Membership

- A. Membership in the Club shall be open to all British motorcycle enthusiasts. It shall not be a requirement for regular membership in the club that the candidate own a Norton motorcycle.
- B. Each candidate for regular membership in the Club shall complete the Clubs application form and submit this, together with the appropriate fee to the Secretary of the Club, who will evaluate the application with regard to the requirements for Club membership. If the applicant is thought to be not eligible for membership under these By-Laws, the Executive Committee of the Club will be asked to vote on the application.
- C. The candidate shall be deemed accepted unless a majority of the Executive Committee votes against acceptance. Upon acceptance, every applicant shall be immediately entitled to the privileges of membership. In the event of an application being refused, the candidate shall be so informed and the membership fee refunded.
- D. The membership application form shall include a general release by the applicant of the Club and its officers from liability for any cause of action whatsoever in connection with the applicants participation in Club activities. Refusal of the applicant to sign the release shall result in denial of the application.
- E. Membership shall be deemed to extend from the first day of the month in which the application is approved for one calendar year.

## IV. All regular members of the Club shall be entitled to:

- A. receive a copy of each issue of the Club magazine, the Norton Notice;
- B. receive notice of and attend any general meeting of the Club;
- C. propose motions and vote on any motion brought before the Club at a general meeting;
- D. serve as a Club officer or member of the Executive Committee if so elected;
- E. participate in all sporting and social activities of the Club;
- F. any other privileges which may result from affiliation of the Club with other organizations.

## V. Honorary membership.

Persons who, by unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee, have rendered outstanding service to the Club or to the sport of motorcycling in general, may be proposed for honorary membership of the Club, and approved by a majority vote of regular members at a general meeting of the Club. Once approved, honorary membership shall continue for the life of the member unless reversed by the same

voting procedure. Honorary members shall be entitled to all benefits of regular membership except the right to propose and vote on motions, and to serve as an officer of the Club.

## VI. Membership fee

- A. The Executive Committee shall determine the sum to be paid by regular members as the annual subscription of the Club. The majority approval of a general meeting shall be required for the imposition of any levy in addition to the annual subscription.
- B. If any members subscription is in arrears more than 30 days, notice will be given that membership in the Club will be terminated. Following this notice, the members name will be removed from the Club register and all privileges of membership will cease for that person.

## VII. Officers of the Club

- A. The following officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, to be held in December of each year:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Newsletter Editor  
Rides Coordinator  
Recording Secretary  
Quartermaster (paraphernalia)  
Public Relations Officer

- B. Officers shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club, at which time they are eligible for re-election.
- C. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined for the purpose of efficiency or filled by separate officers if desired. The posts of Vice-President and Rides Coordinator may be similarly combined.
- D. Any vacancy among the officers of the Club may be filled by the Executive Committee appointing any regular member of the Club willing to so serve. Officers so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

## VIII. Executive Committee

- A. The administration of the Club and its activities shall be under the general jurisdiction of an Executive Committee, composed of the following Club officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.
- B. The Executive Committee shall meet when necessary or convenient, but never less than once in any three months. All members of the Committee shall be informed in advance of any meeting. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall require the presence of at least three of its members, one of which must be the President or Vice-President who will serve as Chairman of the meeting.
- C. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote unless otherwise specified herein. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman will cast the deciding vote. Non-Executive officers may attend and participate in Committee meetings, but may not vote.

## IX. Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

- A. The Committee shall publish the Club magazine, at intervals of not more than two months, and distribute it to all members of the Club entitled to receive it.

- B. The Committee shall maintain a complete register of all members of the Club, and retain the signed application form of each member.
- C. The Committee shall be responsible for administering the finances of the Club and shall keep adequate records of all transactions. The Committee shall present a statement of the finances of the Club at the Annual General Meeting, and at other times as deemed necessary. A checking account shall be maintained in the name of the Club, requiring the signature of two members of the Executive Committee on each check. Any single expenditure exceeding \$250 shall require the approval of a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Club, following suitable discussion.
- D. The Committee shall make required arrangements for the social and sporting activities of the Club, and shall have the authority to sign contracts required in the pursuit thereof. Any contract committing the Club to more than \$250 expenditure or liability shall require the approval of a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Club, following suitable discussion.
- E. The Committee shall maintain liaison with manufacturers and other clubs and organizations whose objects are consistent with those of the Club. Such liaisons may include complimentary exchange of newsletters and paraphernalia, within reasonable limits.
- F. The Committee shall have the authority to associate the Club with other suitable organizations. Any formal affiliations or changes thereto shall require the approval of a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Club, following suitable discussion. A list of such affiliations will be maintained by the Committee, and affixed hereto as Appendix A.

#### X. Infraction of rules and prejudicial conduct

- A. Application for, and consent to membership in the Club shall be deemed acquiescence in and submission to the rules of the Club. No member shall be absolved from the effects of the rules, regulations and by-laws on the allegation or plea that the member has not received a copy of them.
- B. Infraction of the rules, regulations and by-laws at any Club event by a member shall be investigated and adjudicated by the Executive Committee, who may appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms if deemed necessary. If after investigating the Committee finds that the infraction was serious, direct and willful, they must notify the member of the complaint and give ample opportunity for response. After evaluating any evidence offered in defense, they may impose such penalty as they see fit, including expulsion from the Club.

#### XI. Meetings

- A. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in December of each year, at which the officers of the Club are elected. Ample notice will be given to each member of the Club of the time and place of this meeting. Each regular member of the Club is entitled to one vote for each of the Club offices. In the event of a tie in any election, a coin will be flipped.
- B. The Club will hold regular monthly meetings whenever possible. Notice of the time and place of each meeting will be given in the Club magazine whenever possible. A concise record of all meetings will be made by the Recording Secretary. This record will be published in the Club magazine as soon as possible following the meeting.
- C. The regular meetings of the Club will be chaired by the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President or Secretary of the Club. Transaction of Club business involving expenditure or more than \$250 or signing of contracts resulting therein shall require a quorum of at least 10 regular members in addition to the chair.
- D. Any motions presented at a regular meeting of the Club will require a majority vote of the regular members present. In the event of a tie, the chair has the deciding vote.

#### XII. Amendment of the Club By-Laws

These rules shall become effective, and may be amended, repealed, or supplemented by, majority vote of the membership at two consecutive regular meetings of the Club, following suitable discussion and publication of the proposed change(s) in the Club magazine.

## Appendix A

The Norton Owners Club of Northern California is affiliated with the following organizations:

Norton Owners Club (Great Britain) - Branch affiliation

International Norton Owners Association - Chapter affiliation