

BY-LAWS  
OF  
STATE LINE RIDERS, INC.

ARTICLE I - TITLE AND OFFICERS

The title of the organization shall be "STATE LINE RIDERS, INC." and its principal office shall be in the Town of Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS

**PRINCIPLES:** The STATE LINE RIDERS, INC. shall be a democratic non sectarian and non-political organization.

**OBJECTS:** The aims and objects of the State Line Riders, Inc., shall be:

To bring about and foster a spirit of unity, comradeship, and clean sportsmanship among its members. To educate members in the observance of the law and order, and in traffic regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles. To promote legitimate sporting events, club runs, etc. To acquire and hold such property as club rooms, furniture and trophies, purchased or donated, for the good and welfare of the club. To educate public opinion regarding the aforementioned aims and objects and to solicit their support for clean sporting events. To assist motorists who have met with accident or experienced trouble with their vehicles wherever possible. To operate entirely independently of any policy influence from manufacturers, dealers or other who might bias the operation of this club.

ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

1. CORPORATE POWERS:

The corporate powers of this club shall be vested in a board of seven directors who shall be members in good standing, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: (OFFICERS)

The directors, of which there shall be seven including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster, Land Steward and Sergeant at Arms, shall be elected by ballot on the first meeting night of each year by the members of the club, to serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. Their terms of office shall begin immediately after their election.

3. VACANCIES:

Vacancies in the board of directors shall be filled at a regular meeting by a vote of the club members not later than one month following such vacancies.

4. POWER OF DIRECTORS:

The Directors shall have the power to:

1. Call a special meeting of the members of this club when they deem it necessary.
2. Call a special meeting at any time upon the written request of five (5) club members.
3. Conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the club and to make rules and

regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the states or the By-Laws of the club, for the guidance of the officers and management of the affairs of the club.

#### 5. DUTIES OF DIRECTORS:

The duties of the directors shall be to see that a complete record of all meetings is kept and to present a full statement of the general condition of the club at the regular meetings; to supervise the officers; and see that the membership cards are issued. And they shall see that every member in good standing receives an absentee ballot at least seven days before the annual election.

#### 6. OFFICERS:

The officers shall be, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster, Land Steward and Sergeant at Arms. Officers shall be at least 18 years of age. They shall be elected by the active and live members; of which sixty percent must vote to make the election valid, and they must receive a majority vote. Nominations shall be held on the first meeting night of December and the elections shall be held on the first meeting night of January. Voting shall be by secret ballot. If any members cannot be present during the elections, the absentee ballot may be used if mailed to the club with the envelope clearly marked "ballot" on the outside.

#### 7. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

##### PRESIDENT:

The President's duties shall be:

1. To preside at all meetings of the members and board of directors.
2. To appoint all other committees not otherwise provided for.
3. To personally represent the club on proper occasions and business contracts.
4. To assist all other officers with their duties if necessary.
5. To vote only when one vote is necessary to break a tie.

##### VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Vice-President's duties shall be:

1. To perform the duties of the President in his absence or when the President wishes to step down from the chair.

##### TREASURER:

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

1. To collect dues.
2. To collect all other money due the club.
3. To make payments from the club funds only when so ordered by the club.
4. To give a report of the financial status of the club at least once a month.
5. To sign all checks drawn on the club bank account.

##### SECRETARY:

The Secretary's duties shall be:

1. To receive and read to the members all mail communications and to attend to all club mail

correspondence and to perform all other duties as may be required.

2. To keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the meetings of the general membership of the club.
3. Maintain membership application and renewal forms and a list of the names and physical address members.

#### WEBMASTER:

The duties of the Webmaster shall be:

1. Maintain a web hosting account and a regularly updated club website with news, events and information concerning the club.
2. Maintain an email list of members and a public email address for the club and monitor that email address, daily if possible, and respond to electronic communication and inquiries from within the club and outside the club on a timely basis.
3. Work with the Secretary to maintain a member list, with members physical addresses, in an electronic form, to be used for printed physical mailings to the club if/when necessary and/or for printing annual membership cards.
4. Facilitate communication between club members where possible, while protecting the privacy of club members to the greatest extent possible, while also promoting the good image and activities of the club.
5. Carry out these duties in an impartial, unbiased and unprejudiced way, free from any influence of parties or groups within the club or people, vendors or organizations outside the club.

#### LAND STEWARD:

The Land Steward's duties shall be:

1. To head the Land Committee in locating, researching and the acquisition of lands for club use.
2. The Land Steward will also be responsible for the conservation, maintenance and use of all lands owned, leased or otherwise in the possession of the State Line Riders, Inc.
3. The Land Steward, with the Land Committee, will oversee use of State Line Riders, Inc. lands within the rules set forth for the property by the State Line Riders, Inc.
4. Decisions made by Land Steward and the Land Committee thought to be contrary to the best interest of the State Line Riders, Inc. can be disputed by a member in good standing, and shall be brought to the attention of the club President in writing. If the President decides that action is warranted, a call for majority vote of the general membership at the next regular meeting to reverse the decision made by the Land Steward and Land Committee shall be taken.
5. The Land Committee shall consist of no more than 6 members in good standing, with the Land Steward being the tie breaking vote for all committee votes. The Land Steward shall give regular land status updates to the general membership. Committee positions will be filled annually on a volunteer basis; if more than 6 members volunteer a general election shall take place to name the committee.

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS:

The Sergeant at Arms duties shall be:

1. To assist the President in keeping order.
2. To make preparations for voting.
3. To guard the club from intrusions during meetings.
4. To have charge of the visitors.

5. To carry out such other duties as may be required of him.

#### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

##### 1. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to anyone of good character and responsible age, who is fully acquainted with, and is interested in, the policy and aims of the State Line Riders, Inc.

##### 2. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

Active membership shall be open to any active motorcyclist or motorist who wishes to participate in club or open invitation events. Active members shall have voting powers.

##### 3. NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP:

Non-resident membership shall be open to all former members who have moved one hundred miles or more away from Hoosick Falls, or to members who are serving in any branch of the armed services.

##### 4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Life membership shall be open to any person who has been an active member in good standing for fifteen years, and is acceptable to the directors. Life members shall retain all the privileges of active members.

##### 5. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

Honorary membership shall be available to any person who has rendered distinguished service to the club or by virtue of position has advanced the interest of the club or motorcycling in general.

##### 6. MEMBERSHIP RULES, DUES, & PRIVILEGES:

1. Each candidate for membership must be proposed and seconded and must be personally know to the proposer and seconder, both of whom shall be members in good standing.

2. A member in good standing and not indebted to the club may resign his membership by giving notice to the Treasurer, who shall report at the first following meeting of the club. A member who has thus resigned shall forfeit all rights and privileges of the club and shall forfeit all right, title, or interest in or to the property of this club.

3. The board of directors may suspend or expel a member by unanimous vote at any meeting of the board for failure or refusal to discharge his indebtedness to the club or for conduct prejudicial to the welfare, interest, order, or character of this club.

4. Each member upon his election and after he has signed the Roll Book of this club shall receive, and there shall be issued to him a due card, showing that he is a member in good standing of this club, in order that he may obtain the privileges of the club. It shall be the duties of the members to carry the club due card with them at all times. It is also the duty of each member to notify the Treasurer of any change in address.

5. The board of directors may reinstate any member expelled for nonpayment of dues upon receipt of TWENTY (\$20.00) DOLLARS.

6. The non-resident membership shall be dues free providing he or she was a member in good standing at the time of application for non-resident membership.

7. Honorary and Non-Resident members shall be exempt form all dues. They shall be entitled to social privileges of the club, but can not hold office or have voting powers.

8. Any member whose dues shall remain unpaid shall receive a notice from the Treasurer informing the member that in January, his membership dues must be paid. An email and/or public

posting on the clubs public website shall constitute notification of when annual dues are due.

## ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be altered or amended at a meeting of this club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a regular meeting, posted and read to members at three previous meetings.

## ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

### 1. MEETINGS:

Regular meeting of this club shall be held on Thursday evening of each week at 8:00 p.m. except during the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March; the meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month.

### 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Application for membership, and the election of new members.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Reading of communications.
6. Bills.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Treasurer's report.
10. Adjournment.

### 3. RULES OF ORDER:

1. When the President takes the chair and sounds the gavel and shall say "The meeting will please come to Order."
2. On roll call, each member shall answer to his or her name.
3. The minutes are read, and errors are corrected and the minutes are accepted.
4. Candidate for new membership shall be voted upon by the members by secret ballot and will be accepted by 90% vote.
5. All committees report each week unless otherwise designated.
6. Communications are read, but no action shall be taken until the class of business is in order.
7. Bills shall be disposed of by majority vote of the members present.
8. All unfinished business shall be mentioned and further or final action taken.
9. New business is brought up in the form of a motion, and must be seconded by another member. If it is not seconded, it is not to be entertained. The President shall state every motion before putting it to a vote and if there is no further discussion, he shall say, "Is the club ready for the question?" The President shall declare the result of the vote. When a member desires to speak on a question, he must first rise and address the President. He must confine himself to the question under debate. The President shall determine who is entitled to the floor. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to postpone. All questions shall be decided by majority vote.
10. The Treasurer shall report on the financial condition of the club up to the present meeting. He shall read the names of all members over 60 days in arrears in dues.
11. If there is confusion or disturbance at any time, the President may call for a point of order.