



# *Winding Roads Victory Riders Chapter By-Laws*

Introduction: These by-laws exist for the creation and continuation of a Local Chapter of the Victory Motorcycle Club known as the:

**Winding Roads Victory Riders** Chapter of the Victory Motorcycle Club.

The by-laws presented here were approved, by vote, by Charter Members of the Winding Roads Victory Riders Chapter on April 12, 2008.

## **I. Article 1: Purpose and Mission**

- A. To provide an opportunity for the recreational gathering of owners, riders and passengers of Victory Motorcycles, located in and around the Southern Tier of New York & Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- B. To develop a relationship with local Victory Motorcycle dealers for the promotion of the Victory Motorcycle Club, Victory Motorcycles and local charities.
- C. To promote the Victory Motorcycle Club, the local chapter and ownership of Victory Motorcycles among new and established riders.
- D. To develop and encourage the camaraderie of Victory enthusiasts through the friendship and solidarity of the chapter members, at all times.
- E. To meet monthly and more often, as appropriate, year round, at a time and place mutually convenient for chapter members, for dining, riding and club business.
- F. To enhance the riding experience of Victory owners by promoting the safe use, operation, ownership and enjoyment of Victory Motorcycles by group rides, continuing rider education and other means.

## **II. Article 2: Membership**

A. Club membership is open to riders and enthusiasts of Victory motorcycles. Membership in this organization shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard for age, sex, race, religion or national origin. Membership is on an

individual basis, counting as one member for dues, if applicable. Each membership is allowed one vote.

B. All members shall have an equal stake in the club and its activities.

C. Membership shall be ongoing, but subject to termination with good cause, which could include the following:

1. Non-payment of local dues, if applicable, or VMC membership.
2. Criminal behavior during club events.
3. Agreement of 75% of the members of the local chapter.

D. All Chapter members must be members in good standing of the Victory Motorcycle Club (VMC) found at [www.theVMC.com](http://www.theVMC.com) .

E. VMC Local Chapter membership is limited to 1 (one) VMC local chapter.

F. All chapter members must have a signed VMC Local Chapter Membership Application and Liability Release Form (VMC Form #123) on file with the club Secretary.

### **III. Article 3: Structure**

A. From the membership at-large there will be as elected: President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. One person may be designated "Secretary/Treasurer".

B. The President shall have primary responsibility for the legal affairs, internal and external communication and day-to-day operation of the chapter. The President will preside at all meetings and appoint "ad-hoc" committees as deemed necessary. The president shall have the power to take actions and make determinations in the best interests of the chapter when needed, but will be required to adhere to the National VMC and Chapter approved by-laws.

C. The Secretary shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President, and to assist as needed by the President. In the event of the President leaving office the Secretary shall become President for the remainder of that term.

D. The Secretary shall keep all records of meetings, legal matters and other information as generated by the club and from all other sources. All records shall be available for inspection by any club member with reasonable notice. The secretary shall maintain all VMC Local Chapter membership and Liability Release Forms (VMC Form #123) on file.

E. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the club, including collecting dues from members (if required) and other intake of funds from any source, and maintaining bank accounts and all other financial records. All funds and expenses shall be accounted for and disbursements made as directed by the President.

F. President, Secretary and Treasurer will serve for two years per term from the date of election. Additional positions will be allowed as needed by the Chapter, and will serve similar terms.

G. Club financial obligations will be paid from Chapter Funds. Financial obligations will be undertaken only with approval of 51% of the voting members present during an official club meeting. To avoid financial burden on the chapter or individual members, financial obligations will not be undertaken if there are insufficient funds available. Financial obligations will specifically NOT BE THE OBLIGATION OF THE VMC.

## **IV. Article 4: Meetings**

A. General meetings of the club shall be at intervals not to exceed six weeks, with any meeting date not agreed to at the previous meeting requiring a one-week "good faith" notification. A central phone number or contact person shall be designated for all meeting information, and/or such information shall be posted on the Internet.

B. Any other meetings or activities of any kind relating to chapter business, held by club members or committees, shall have at least one Officer present, and will be held as needed.

C. Aside from overturning an action by an Officer, a simple majority of members present at meeting with quorum shall decide matters of the club.

## **V. Article 5: Group Rides, Rider Safety**

A. VMC Chapters may choose to ride as a group. Non-VMC or Chapter Members are welcome.

### **B. WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORMS (VMC form#124)**

A waiver should be signed for each ride participant (rider and passenger) prior to departure and maintained by the Chapter Secretary or designate.

### **C. RIDE COORDINATOR**

Each Group Ride will have a Ride Coordinator. That person, or their designee, should discuss in a pre departure meeting:

- The destination and possible route(s) should be communicated verbally and/or in distributed printed material. He also should indicate the estimated time of arrival at the established destination.
- Discussions of rider differences in group ride experience and that all riders should always stay in their riding comfort zone.
- Communicate that local Motor Vehicle laws always apply.
- Discussion of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's "Rules for Group Riding" should be addressed by this person. Distribution of printed materials, if available, is suggested by this committee.

- A final reminder that local Motor Vehicle laws always apply when riding (regardless of group size) should be reinforced, before departure of the Ride Coordinator.

D. The Chapter will procure, distribute, and review MSF Videos and Literature on Rider Safety on a regular basis. These activities are to be documented by the Secretary in the meeting minutes.

## **VI. Article 6: By-Law Amendment**

- A. Changes to the By-Laws will be made with approval from two-thirds (2/3 or 66%) of an affirmative vote of the entire voting members of good standing in the club, following a 30 (thirty) day review.