

DELAWARE VALLEY NORTON RIDERS CHARTER AND BYLAWS

An organization dedicated to the preservation, restoration, engagement of other motorcyclists and the public, as well as the riding of motorcycles manufactured by the Norton Motorcycle Company of Great Britain.

Preamble

It is the opinion of many motorcycle enthusiasts that the Norton Motorcycle Company of Great Britain produced some of the finest designed, crafted and handled machines in the history of motorcycling. It is also the opinion of many of these enthusiasts that these machines were created to be ridden and enjoyed.

It is, therefore, deemed proper and fitting for people who are of a like mind and in a regional location, to gather in good fellowship and promote their mutual interest in the craft and machines produced by the Norton Motorcycle Company.

Let it be known then that the Delaware Valley Norton Riders LLC (DVNR) motorcycle organization is formed and established with this intention.

It is fondly hoped that through the efforts of this organization, many fine examples of these motorcycles will be restored, maintained, ridden, and shared with other motorcyclists and the public at large. It is additionally desired that these machines will be preserved for the enjoyment of all for many years to come as a testament to the fine design, craftsmanship, handling and character that made them a constant winner both on the racetrack and with the public.

In view of the foregoing, it is rightful that the attached Constitution and Bylaws govern the Delaware Valley Norton Riders Corporation. (DVNR).

Now it is known to all that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Valley Norton Riders Corporation organization as appended herewith forms this CHARTER.

Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Valley Norton Riders Corporation

Article I - PURPOSE

The aim and interest of the Delaware Valley Norton Riders shall be a not-for-profit use and display of motorcycles manufactured by the Norton Motorcycle Company of Great Britain or any motorcycle manufactured using the Norton name or badge. Members are also encouraged to participate in the education and sharing of knowledge as well as buying, selling, restoring, and riding of Nortons. Members are further encouraged to aid in the manufacturing and trading of parts and literature with other Members, other motorcyclist, and the public at large to further promote and ensure the continuance of Norton Motorcycles.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Eligibility

Membership is open to any individual who supports the purpose and objectives of the Club. Ownership of a Norton motorcycle is not a prerequisite for membership.

Section 2 – Classes of Membership

- (a) Active Member – A Member in good standing who has paid the annual dues.
- (b) Family Member – Spouse or domestic partner and dependent children (under the age of 21) of an Active Member; such members enjoy the privileges of Club participation but do not possess voting rights.
- (c) Honorary Member – Person who is not a DVNR Member but provides assistance or camaraderie to the club in some form such as hosting meetings or events, providing technical assistance or parts, or motorcycle repair. Honorary membership shall be granted to a person upon the recommendation of any Member in good standing, and upon final approval by majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting when a quorum exists. Honorary Members will be added to the club roster and email list but do not possess voting rights.

Section 3 – Dues

Dues shall be charged for membership annually. Annual dues shall be determined by November of the preceding year, payable on or before May 1. Members not paid by May 1 may be removed from the roster and club email list. Reinstatement shall occur upon payment of current dues.

Section 4 – Rights and Privileges

Active Members in good standing may attend meetings, vote, seek elected office, and participate in all club events. Members and any person interested in membership shall be provided a copy of the club charter and bylaws upon request.

Section 5 – Conduct

Members are expected to act in a respectful, responsible, and safe manner consistent with the values of the Club. All members shall abide by these Bylaws and conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will in no way negatively reflect upon, nor be detrimental to the aim and purpose of the Delaware Valley Norton Riders. Individual members will assume all liability that may arise from and conduct or misconduct attributable to them. The Delaware Valley Norton Riders LLC. will not be responsible for any liability lawsuits brought forth by the conduct or misconduct of any member or by the action of any vehicle owned by an individual member or a participant in a DVNR activity.

Section 6 – Membership Suspension or Cancellation

Any Member may be suspended or removed from the Delaware Valley Norton Riders for due cause by a majority vote of Members present at a club meeting where a quorum is present. Dues paid will not be refunded to any person suspended or removed from the club.

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

The elected officers of the Club shall be:

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Secretary
4. Media Officer
5. Legislative/Safety Officer

Members may hold more than one office concurrently except that the President and Treasurer shall not be the same Member. The club president may form committees for specific purposes such as club events or club activities.

Section 2 – Duties

1. President – Leads the Club, presides over meetings, forms committees and appoints members to said committees, ensures coordination of activities, and distributes notices. Assists other officers.
2. Treasurer – Receives, deposits, and disburses funds, maintains financial records, prepares annual financial report, and safeguards club assets. Assists other officers.
3. Secretary – Organizes rides and events, assumes the duties of the President when necessary. Keeps official records, prepares meeting minutes, handles correspondence, maintains membership roster, and distributes notices. Assists other officers
4. Media Officer – Responsible for all DVNR media including newsletters and internet presence.
5. Legislative/Safety Officer – Responsible for relationship with the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and the International Norton Owners Association (INOA) and to advise Members of regulation or safety issues which may come to the membership's attention.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Nominations

Nominations for officers shall be opened at the September meeting and remain open through the November meeting.

Section 2 – Election Procedure

The election of officers shall be held at the November meeting. Voting shall be by a show of hands, or written ballot. A majority of active Members present is required to elect. A quorum is necessary for an election. If a quorum does not exist at the November meeting, the current officers remain in office and the election will be held at the next meeting where a quorum exists.

Section 3 – Term of Office

Officers shall serve a one (1) year term beginning January 1. Officers may succeed themselves without limitation.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Regular Meetings

Regular membership meetings shall be held monthly or as otherwise determined by the President. The meetings shall be held on the third Sunday of the month unless club activities or other events warrant moving of the meeting date.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President or by written request of not fewer than seven (7) active Members. Written or electronic notice shall be provided not less than seven (7) days in advance.

Section 3 – Annual Holiday Party

The December meeting shall be designated as the Annual Holiday Party.

Section 4 – Quorum and Voting

Seven (7) Active Members at a monthly meeting shall constitute a quorum to determine club activities and expenditures. Each active Member shall have one (1) vote. A majority of those present shall decide all questions unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

The President may appoint standing committees to carry out recurring activities of the Club, including but not limited to:

- (a) Events Committee
- (b) Technical Committee

Section 2 – Special Committees

Special committees may be established by the President or Executive Board for specific purposes and shall terminate upon completion of their assignment.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Section 1 – Authority to Expend Funds

Expenses will be paid by the Treasurer. Expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall require notice to the President. Membership shall be notified of expenditures of \$500 and above via the club newsletter and/or at the next club meeting.

Section 2 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

Section 3 – Audit

The financial records of the Club shall be reviewed by a committee of Members if requested by the club membership via a majority vote at a club meeting where a quorum is present. The review committee shall be appointed by the club President. A review shall not occur more than once per calendar year.

ARTICLE VIII - ACTIVITIES

Section 1 – Members who have not paid their dues for the calendar year in which any DVNR event is scheduled will be ineligible to participate in said events.

Section 2 – Activities that the DVNR plans to participate in will be discussed and scheduled during the January and February meetings of each year, and at any other meeting as activities arise. These activities will be documented and published monthly via email or internet website.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active Members present at any regular or special meeting whereby at least 15 active Members are present. Notice of any proposed amendment has been provided to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance via the membership email list and internet website.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Secretary, Treasurer or President to manage the meeting. Topics to be discussed shall include: old business, new business, a financial report, upcoming activities, and the good of the membership.

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, and as specified in these Bylaws. Specifically: Any Member in good standing and present may, upon recognition by the Chair, present an issue in the form of a motion. A club official opens the discussion. Members must raise their hand to be recognized. Everyone who wants to speak will be given the opportunity to do so. When the club official recognizes a Member, that Member has “the floor” and their turn to speak. Other Members will do their best not to interrupt anyone who has the floor. When discussions are through, the person who made the motion is allowed to change or amend the language of his/her original motion. A second club Member must second the motion before a vote can be held, after which the club official calls for a vote. The first vote is “Those in favor” (Ayes, Yes, show of hands). The second vote is “Those opposed?” (Nays, No, show of hands).

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Section 1 – The dissolution of the DVNR shall be carried out, and its affairs shall be wound up upon the affirmative vote, consent, or agreement of two thirds (2/3) of the Members in attendance at any duly invoked meeting whereby at least 15 active Members are present.

Section 2 – Upon dissolution of the Delaware Valley Norton Riders LLC, and after payment of all liabilities, all remaining assets shall be transferred to the parent organization, the International Norton Owners Association (INOA).

Adopted by the membership of Delaware Valley Norton Riders LLC in the year 2026.